Introducing the Baix Llobregat Agricultural Park
Barcelona, Spain

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Sonia is head of the Agricultural Spaces Unit (Natural Spaces Department) of Barcelona’s Provincial Council and is a member of the technical-scientific committee of the Agroterritori Foundation, which aims to foster initiatives for preserving, developing and managing peri-urban agricultural areas. The Parc Agrari del Baix Llobregat on the outskirts of Barcelona is one of her most important projects. She is a qualified Forest and Agricultural Engineer and is currently completing a Master’s Degree in Urban Planning at the Architecture Higher Technical School of Barcelona. She has worked as an expert with the European Commission (Directorate General of Agriculture) and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI) for her expertise in peri-urban agriculture.

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The Baix Llobregat Agricultural Park is located in the Llobregat Delta, 10 minutes west of Barcelona. The region has been the main supplier of fresh produce to Barcelona for many centuries. The park was founded in 1998 by a diverse group of organisations seeking to ensure the continuity of sustainable agriculture on Barcelona’s urban fringe in the face of increasing urban pressure. These organisations included the Provincial Council of Barcelona, the County Council of El Baix Llobregat, the Farmer’s Union in Catalonia and the 14 municipalities that have land in the region. The park contains 2,930 hectares of high-quality fruit and vegetable crops, in both open air and greenhouse production.