

# New perspectives for rural areas close to cities

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15: 00h Introduction by Willem Korthals Altes

15:10h The Versailles Plain's Association and peri-urban agriculture diversification by Camille Robert-Boeuf

15:30h Discussion

The Versailles Plain Association is an extremely important facilitating body in a complex area impacted by urban pressures and fragmented by institutional and administrative logics. This body brings together energies and projects of the various actors concerned by the future of the plain, its agriculture and its landscapes. It has succeeded in curbing the main threat that existed twenty years ago, an insidious urban sprawl, with the risk of an accelerated degradation of the landscape and agricultural qualities of this area. Beyond this risk, which now seems to be contained, the Association has succeeded in promoting structuring projects in the plain and is helping the gradual transformation of existing agricultural structures, their diversification and the installation of new activities related to agriculture or the processing of agricultural products. Thus, it promotes farmers' generational renewal and a more local agriculture in a very urbanised context.