

*Access to Land and CSA, Brussels, 19-21 June 2017*



# Why is land an issue for CSA



# What is CSA?

*“Community Supported Agriculture is a partnership between a farm and consumers where the risks and rewards of farming are shared”.*

Local

Solidarity -based

Partnership

Between Producers and Consumers



# Why is land an issue at all?

## Background



- Loss of Agricultural land
- Financialisation of agriculture/  
increase of corporate capture of the land

# Why is land an even bigger issue for CSA?

## Urbanization

CSA are often atypical projects

- Beginning farmers
- Run as a collective

## Specific needs

- Pedagogical activities
- Open days on the farm

## Other cases

- Farmer wants the farm to be secured for organic farming
  - If the farmer is in a difficult situation and wants the CSA groups to bear the costs of land and building
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# Why can CSA bring solutions to the access to land issue?



- CSA is a way to secure tenancy and to support farmers' investments in land and infrastructure
  - CSA farms are fulfilling social and environmental commitments
  - CSA are a prefiguration of what could be a new deal between farmers and the societies
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