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The Spanish Urban Agenda has been drawn from the bottom up, as recommended by the international Agendas, taking into account the contributions of all the key actors in urban development.



PROCESS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SPANISH URBAN AGENDA

The long participatory process has been going on for more than a year and a half and began when a group of independent and multidisciplinary experts was set up in June 2017 to provide an initial draft to work on. And like any participatory process, its fundamental mission has been to give a voice to the various public and private stakeholders who, from the multiple perspectives of their respective interests, have wished to contribute to the common objective of the sustainable development of towns and cities.

The participation was organised around seven different working groups that, in turn, and at the request of the stakeholders themselves, led, in some cases, to several sub-groups and even bilateral meetings and contacts. These Groups and their composition are outlined below:

1 | WORKING GROUP WITH INDEPENDENT EXPERTS.

The experts selected by the Ministry of Development's Directorate General of Architecture, Housing and Land were as follows:

- Mr Ignacio Alcalde Marcos.** Architect. *Vice-President of the Metr poli Foundation.*
- Ms Alicia Torrego Giralda.** Physicist. *Manager of the CONAMA Foundation.*
- Mr Jorge Ozc rız Salazar.** Forestry Engineer. *Director of the Vitoria Environmental Consultancy.*
- Mr Jos  Mar a Ezquiaga Dom nguez.** Architect and Sociologist. *Dean of the Official College of Architects of Madrid.*
- Mr Pedro Mar n Cots.** Economist. *Director of the Observatory of Urban Environment of M laga.*
- Mr Jos  Fari a Tojo.** Architect with a Bachelor's Degree in Law. *Professor Emeritus at the Advanced School of Architecture in Madrid. UPM.*
- Mr Andr s Monz n de C ceres.** Civil Engineer. *Professor in Civil Engineering Department: Transportation and Territory - School of Civil Engineering. UPM.*
- Salvador Rueda Palenzuela.** Biologist, psychologist and environmentalist. *Director of the Urban Ecology Agency of Barcelona.*
- Mr Jos  Mar a Erquicica Olacitiui.** Architect with a Bachelor's Degree in Land Management. *Head of the Regional Management Service of the Basque Government's Directorate General of Territorial Planning, Urban Planning and Urban Regeneration.*
- Mr Fernando Nasarre y de Goicoechea.** Architect. *Ample public experience in managerial positions at all three levels of government, both in urban planning and housing.*
- Mr Juan Antonio Santamera S nchez.** Civil Engineer. *President of the Association of Civil Engineering.*

2 | INTERMINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP.

It was formally constituted on 27 February 2018, and in addition to the contributions that were made out loud during the meetings, written contributions were submitted by the Ministries of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment; of Energy, Tourism and the Digital Agenda; of Health, Social Services and Equality; of the Presidency and Territorial Administrations; and of the Interior. As part of the document's second draft, observations were made and comments were provided by the Spanish Climate Change Office of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition; the Ministry of Finance's Directorate General for European Funds; the Sub-Directorate General for the Integrated Management of the Public Water Domain, again from the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Sub-Directorate General for the Promotion of the Information Society of the Ministry of the Economy and Business. The State Secretary for Social Services, part of the Ministry of Health, Consumer Affairs and Social Welfare, provided contributions from IMSERSO, the General Directorate for Disability Policies and the General Directorate of Public Health.

Specific mention must be made of the bilateral meetings held, and which are still ongoing, with the Ministry of Finance's Directorate General for European Funds, a management centre that is key to ensuring that the strategic goals present in the Urban Agenda are specific and aligned with the goals pursued by European funds for urban development during the next programming period (2021-2027).

3 | WORKING GROUP WITH THE AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITIES.

The initial draft of the document was presented at the Sectoral Conference held on 15 March 2018. From that moment on, a Technical Working Group was convened with the Multilateral Committee of Directors General, which took place on 5 April of that year. On 30 May, a second Sectoral Conference was held to discuss the progress made with the initial draft. Formally, and beyond the contributions made at the two sectoral conferences and the multilateral meeting, comments and suggestions were formally received from the regional governments of Andalusia, Cantabria, Extremadura, the Basque Country and Valencia. The second draft of this much more mature text featured contributions from the Community of Madrid and the Board of Communities of Castilla la Mancha.

4 | WORKING GROUP WITH LOCAL ENTITIES (FEMP).

As part of the Collaboration Agreement signed between the Directorate General of Architecture, Housing and Land and the FEMP, on 13 April 2018, an initial open participation workshop was held in which collaboration from all the Local Bodies interested in being part of the participatory process was requested.

On 23 April, the FEMP created a technical group consisting of representatives from town and

provincial councils representing the territorial and population variety of Spain. This group is grounded not only in these two criteria, but also in aspects such as experience in urban issues, participation in other working groups, the ability to provide different viewpoints, etc. The city councils of La Coruña, Alfaro, Avilés, Barcelona, Guadalajara, Madrid, Murcia, Salamanca, San Cristóbal de la Laguna, Santander, Terrassa, Teruel, Valencia, Vigo, Villanueva de la Serena, Vitoria-Gasteiz, the Menorca Island Council and the councils of Barcelona and Cordoba were actively involved in this group. A second meeting, held on 6 June, and a final one on 17 October 2018, put the finishing touches on one of the groups, of all those that took part in the participation process, that was most actively involved in the Urban Agenda. All the representatives from each of the Local Entities made contributions to each and every document that makes up the content of the Urban Agenda: diagnosis, strategic framework, indicators and action plan. Specifically, an interesting course of action was pursued to localise and launch pilot projects to implement the Urban Agenda at the municipal level, both generally and on a thematic basis.

5 | WORKING GROUP WITH THE THIRD SECTOR, ACADEMIA AND CIVIL SOCIETY.

On 25 April 2018, the Urban Agenda Presentation Conference was held. Open to all, it featured a high level of participation. Given the interest of some of its most relevant stakeholders in working through subgroups, a Sub-Working Group with the third sector was specifically formed.

It was created on 21 May 2018 and its members include Cáritas, the Spanish Committee of Representatives for Disabled Individuals (CERMI), the Spanish Refugee Relief Commission, the Fundación Secretariado Gitano, Provivienda, the Fundación Convivencia y Coste Social (CE-PAIM) and the RAIS Foundation. All these organisations contributed to and were active in the process of drafting the Agenda, which has now been expanded to the Agenda's implementation. The heavy involvement of Caritas and CERMI is particularly noteworthy.

6 | WORKING GROUP WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

The Urban Agenda presentation workshop for this specific group took place on 21 May 2018, after which the following bilateral working groups were created at the request of the stakeholders themselves:

- The Cities Committee of the College of Civil Engineers, on 4 June 2018.
- The Contemporary Architecture Foundation of Cordoba, on 7 June 2018.
- DigitalEs, Spanish Association for Digitisation, which brings together the main companies in the digital technology and innovation sector in Spain and the CEOE, on 9 July 2018.
- The Advanced School of Architecture of Madrid, on 16 July 2018.
- The Confederation of Housing and Renovation Cooperatives of Spain (CONCOVI), on 13 September 2018.
- The Board of Governors of Architectural Colleges of Spain, on 12 September and 15 November 2018.

The Spanish Association of Town Planning Specialists (AETU), on 11 December 2018.

Specific meetings were also held through other channels, mainly online with the Association for the Sustainability and Progress of Societies (APSYS), with Paisajes Transversal and with the Spanish Association of Town Planning Specialists (AETU), which gathered contributions from members of the Association of the Autonomous Communities of Aragon, Castilla y León, Castilla La Mancha, Extremadura, La Rioja and Madrid. The ENEL Group (Endesa) and the Instituto de Salud Carlos III also presented comments for consideration when drafting the text of the Urban Agenda.

7 | WORKING GROUP FOR THE URBAN AGENDA OF THE URBAN INITIATIVES NETWORK.

In order to specifically ascertain the opinion of those cities that had drawn up their Sustainable and Integrated Urban Development Strategy (EDUSIS), a questionnaire was sent to the members of this Working Group who had specifically expressed an interest in being a part of the Agenda's participatory process. In addition, a link to the group was published, along with information on the RIU Plenary Session held in Benidorm on 15 October. 21 replies were received from the town councils of Huelva (2), León, Orihuela, Rota, Calahorra, Sant Boi de Llobregat, Málaga (OMAU), Albacete, A Estrada, Torrent, Córdoba, La Coruña, Granada, Cádiz, Cuenca, Murcia, Paterna, Adra, Almansa and Martos. Finally, contributions were also received from the regional government of Valencia (2).

Many of the aforementioned town councils also showed an interest in implementing the Agenda by drawing up their corresponding action plans.