

Press Kit 2025



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About Barcelona Activa

Barcelona Activa is Barcelona's local development agency. Founded in 1987, it is a public commercial company integrated into the Economic and Economic Promotion Area of Barcelona City Council.

In the past year, Barcelona Activa has given support to over **57,000 people** and **7,000 companies**. In 2024, it had a **budget of 61,555,828.00 euros**.

Mission

To promote quality employment, entrepreneurial initiative, business competitiveness and diversification of the productive fabric, to achieve a sustainable, inclusive, and fair economic model.

Vision

To make Barcelona a leading city for working, entrepreneurship and living with social and environmental values.

Values

We are driven by the spirit of public service and professional and personal ethics, as well as equal opportunities and social progress. We collaborate within the organisation and with others to promote a social and sustainable economy at the service of people.

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All publications by
Barcelona Activa



Video of
Barcelona Activa
in 2 minutes

Strategic framework

Barcelona Activa bases its actions on the **Municipal Action Plan (PAM)** and **Barcelona Impulsa**, which establishes among its priorities the economic diversification of the city, supporting existing and emerging strategic sectors, especially those linked to climate change, while promoting science and research.

Furthermore, economic and productive activity in Barcelona is diversifying its offer in strategic activity sectors, which act as drivers of the economy and generators of innovation and employment. In that regard, Barcelona Activa focuses on boosting the following sectors considered to be strategic:



Visitor economy



Agri-food



Commerce and Market



Health



Technology



Creative industries



Social economy



Research, Transfers and Innovation



Economy for sustainability



Blue economy



Care economy

10 priority lines

Priority lines for a more equitable, sustainable, and competitive economy.

01 Sustainable and inclusive economic development

02 Diversification of the productive fabric

03 Quality employment in an inclusive and fair labour

04 An entrepreneurial, innovative, open and connected ecosystem

05 Digital, creative and internacional talent

06 Local cohesion

07 Data-driven, organisational excellence

08 An ideal environment for professional development

09 Promoting equality between men and women

10 Public-private collaboration

What we do

→ **We support people** throughout the job seeking process.

→ barcelonactiva.cat/treball

→ **We help businesses and organisations** to grow, forge links with their ecosystems and become more competitive.

→ barcelonactiva.cat/empreses

→ **We provide support to entrepreneurs** to turn their business idea into a viable enterprise.

→ barcelonactiva.cat/emprenedoria

→ **We offer training** for job seekers, entrepreneurs and professionals.

→ barcelonactiva.cat/formacio



Barcelona Activa in figures 2024



57,441
people attended to
(58 % women)



61.55 M€
Barcelona Activa
budget



Employment

33,656 people attended to

60 % women

30 % young people under the age of 30



Entrepreneurship

1,452 projects supported

603 companies created through the
incorporation service



Digital talent

12,041 participants on technological
training courses

857 participants receiving technology
training at the IT Academy



Companies

6,802 companies attended

15 % of companies attended
belong to the retail sector

Network of Barcelona Activa facilities



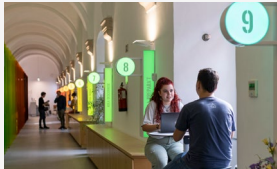
Headquarters

Located at 22@, it offers an auditorium for 200 people and various facilities.



Porta22

A 2,000 m2 space with services and resources for career development and employment.



El Convent

Barcelona Activa's facility for youth.



InnoBA

A municipal point for socio-economic innovation in Ca n'Andalet.



Entrepreneurship Centre

Facilities for the city's entrepreneurs, located in Poblenou.



Startup Lab

Our facilities for startups and newly-created innovative companies.



Business Support Office

It brings together a portfolio of permanent value-added services for business growth.



Cibernàrium 22@

Technology training centre for professionals and companies located in the MediaTIC building. The space offers a wide range of technology courses.



Cibernàrium Nou Barris

Digital training initiation centre located in the Technology Park.



Technology Park

Located in the Nou Barris district, this facility is specifically dedicated to supporting businesses in the technology sector.



LIDERA

Space for all professional women in Barcelona: workers, managers and entrepreneurs.



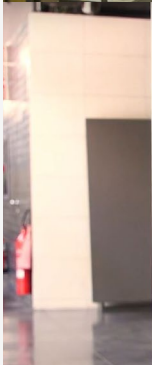
Access
the map



Apart from its own facilities, **Barcelona Activa is present in more than 50 locations across the city and its metropolitan area.**

Success stories

The experience of users.





Areas of action

With the aim of promoting quality employment for all, vocational and technological education and training, and supporting entrepreneurship and business growth, we organise our services and activities across various action areas.



Employment and Local Development



Business and Entrepreneurship



Training and Digital talent

Employment and Local Development



Barcelona Activa provides access to a range of services, programmes, and resources for job guidance, job seeking, and professional development.

We offer job guidance and personalised advice for job seeking and the latest information on the labour market.

And we support individuals throughout their professional journey, providing training and connecting them with companies.



All the information on the **Barcelona Treball** website

Facilities

Porta22

A free-access space where you can find a job, plan your professional future, and evolve in the labour market.

El Convent

Benchmark facility in employment and entrepreneurship for young people.

Facilities in the area

- Nou Barris Activa
- Sant Andreu Activa
- Sants-Montjuïc Activa

Employment and Local Development

Services

Barcelona Activa offers support in job seeking and professional development processes.

Information, advice and personalised guidance

to help you find a job, orientate your professional career, improve your skills or change jobs.

Online tools and resources

for job seeking and to help with self-management of professional improvement.

Technical-professional training

and work experience programmes to respond to all the demands of the labour market, with a special focus on those people who require more support.

Recruitment events and networking for your sector

to make the reality of the labour market more accessible and promote employment opportunities.

Job coaching, mentoring

and other methods for empowering people in their professional growth.



Employment Rights Defense Points

This is a free municipal service, in collaboration with trade unions and local organisations, that provides legal advice on labour issues for workers and employers.



Barcelona Activa and Local Development

At Barcelona Activa, we advocate for an economic strategy that promotes the local economy by taking into account the diversity of its various districts. We strive to ensure an economy rooted in the city's districts and neighbourhoods, one that has positive economic, social, and environmental impacts that benefit the local community. The **District Development Plans** serve as a roadmap for development at local level, taking into account the unique characteristics and initiatives of each neighbourhood in the city.

Business and Entrepreneurship



Barcelona Activa supports companies, organisations and self-employed individuals to improve their competitiveness and sustainability, promoting the creation of wealth and quality employment.

It also provides entrepreneurs with various advisory services, support for funding, training activities, support programmes and incubation spaces to bring sustainable, added-value business ideas to life.



Access the
**Barcelona Activa
Companies** website

Facilities

Business Advice Office (OAE)

A reference point for Barcelona businesses and SMEs, with a portfolio of permanent, added value services for business growth.

→ Oficina 22@

A one-stop shop for businesses, the self-employed, investors and professionals (from engineering, architecture, business administration, etc.) interested in developing a business activity in the 22@ area.

→ Barcelona International Welcome Desk

Support service for international talent wanting to come and live in the city or who have recently settled here. It facilitates the onboarding and settling in of foreign workers to help them implement their professional project.

Technology Park

Located in the Nou Barris district and managed by Barcelona Activa, the Technology Park is specifically aimed at supporting technology companies.

Entrepreneurship Centre

The facility where you can find information, expert advice, training classrooms, multimedia resources, and content to start a business.

Startup Lab

For highly innovative, recent startups.

La InnoBAdora+

For socio-economic innovation projects.

Business and Entrepreneurship

Services for Business

Business funding

Diagnosis and identification of financing needs and advice based on the available financial products.

Advisory services for companies and organisations

A service aimed at SMEs, self-employed individuals, entities and organisations from the social economy sector to grow.

Company set-up

Information and advice on digital procedures for setting up trading companies or registering individual entrepreneurs.

Talent management

Support and advice in detecting needs linked to the management, attraction and retention of talent.

Internationalisation and information on foreign trade procedures

Advice on new markets, foreign trade and international business.

Municipal information and procedures

Information and advice for managing municipal procedures when developing economic activity in the city.

Business landing

Advice for foreign companies setting up in Barcelona (legal establishment options, business incorporation procedures, immigration processes, etc.).

Location

Assistance in finding premises, the lease signing process, and organising schedules of visits.

Innovation and prototyping

Support, programmes, resources and activities to facilitate and strategically address the innovation process of companies.



Grants

Grants to help finance business projects and support hiring:

→ Crea Feina

→ Activa Autòno+

→ Impulsem el que fas



Support for the Social Economy

At Barcelona Activa, we promote and strengthen entrepreneurial and business initiatives within the field of the social economy. We offer advisory services, mentorship programmes, and incubation spaces.

→ SSE

Business and Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship

The services, resources and support are adapted to the different needs that the entrepreneur may have throughout the entire entrepreneurial process.



Ideation



Modeling



Planning



Implementation

Expert advice and support

throughout the entire validation process, the search for funding and the startup of the project or Social Economy initiative.

Digital information tools and resources

for working on the entrepreneurial project from wherever you want.

Meetings and activities

designed so that entrepreneurs can share their concerns and projects with others, both to enrich their projects and to conduct business.

Training

on entrepreneurship: short courses in different formats to learn about and work on different aspects related to starting up a business.

Programmes

of support for groups or economic sectors.



80 % survival rate of the companies incubated

Barcelona Activa has the highest survival rate for incubated companies, with 80% still active in their fourth year.



Training and Digital talent



The commitment to digital, young and senior talent is a municipal priority and one of our city's key strengths.

This is why Barcelona Activa offers training in person, online and via streaming for professionals and companies, as well as technological activities at all levels and for all city residents.



All the information
you need **at the**
Training website

Training

For employment

to address the job seeking process with greater guarantees and to develop key professional skills.

For companies

in areas including funding, business management, equality, marketing, sales, among others.

For starting a business

or strengthening a project with seminars on legal aspects, procedures, business management, etc.

Technology

basic, specialised and advanced ICT training for professionals, companies and for all city residents.

Training and Digital talent

Promoting digital talent

Barcelona Activa is committed to boosting the technological skills of city residents and companies as a key factor in generating a more competitive Barcelona, better prepared for the challenges of the future and which eliminates any form of digital exclusion.

Technological training:

BASIC Cibernàrium Antennas

Short courses to get started and advance in the use of the internet and technology, to improve both professionally and in everyday life.

ESPECIALISED Cibernàrium

Short and medium-length courses on a variety of subjects aimed at employees, entrepreneurs and job seekers.

ADVANCED IT ACADEMY

Intensive and mentored long-term training in web programming and data science. Once the training has been completed, Barcelona Activa then supports participants in the job seeking process.

Promoting scientific and technological vocations

Practical and engaging activities to promote scientific and technological skills and careers with a gender perspective among students, teachers and families.



More than
12,000 people trained
in digital skills



Further information on the
Cibernàrium website

Commitment to CSR

Barcelona Activa's commitment to sustainability is evident in all its actions, both internal and external. The organisation's Social Responsibility Policy integrates ethical, social, environmental and economic management, prioritising dialogue with stakeholders in order to jointly create shared long-term value. An annual sustainability report is prepared each year and is available on the corporate website.

Five strategic pillars that guide all our actions:



Good governance:
ethics and transparency



People:
organisational culture



Community:
impact on the region



Value chain:
responsible procurement



Environment

Barcelona Activa is a member of various initiatives promoting social responsibility. We are part of the Spanish Network of the United Nations Global Compact and actively contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established in the 2030 Agenda.



Pacto Mundial
Red Española

BARCELONA
AGENDA 2030



Access the
Barcelona Activa
CSR website



Access the
Annual sustainability
report

Equality and diversity

The gender perspective and the recognition of diversity are a feature of all Barcelona Activa's internal and external actions, forming part of our corporate values: equal opportunities and social progress.

Equality between women and men in the workplace

Barcelona Activa is committed to achieving gender equality and eliminating the inequalities faced by women in the workplace. It offers various programmes and services aimed at the public and the business ecosystem, with objectives that include supporting female entrepreneurs and business leaders, promoting STEAM careers, improving women's skills in ICT, reducing occupational segregation, breaking the glass ceiling, improving job quality, eliminating the sticky floor, easing work-life balance challenges, and addressing the gender pay gap.

Support and guidance for businesses

Through the Advice Service for Equality and Time Organisation, companies and organisations receive personalised support from expert municipal staff. We also offer online courses on equality plans, protocols to prevent and deal with sexual and gender-based harassment, and measures for better time management and a co-responsible work-life balance.

Recognition of cultural diversity

Barcelona Activa strives to contribute to the recognition of a diverse and plural society. It has plans, actions and programmes aimed at specific groups with the objective of eliminating discrimination on the grounds of functional diversity, racial, ethnic and cultural origin, age, sexual and gender diversity, new arrivals and people with mental health problems.

Training

EQUITEST: a free and open-access self-assessment test that helps companies identify their strengths and weaknesses in terms of gender equality.

LGTBI GUIDE for incorporating sexual and gender diversity in companies, which provides guidance for integrating LGBTI talent into both public and private organisations.

STUDIES that analyse the origins and causes of inequalities between women and men in the labour market, offering proposals to eliminate these disparities and enhance the employability of women.

Commitments

Barcelona Activa is a member of a number of organisations and initiatives that work in the defence of human rights, for gender equality, the elimination of discrimination and the reduction of inequalities, as well as a more egalitarian and sustainable society.



Xarxa de
Municipis
LGTBI de
Catalunya



Projects to promote female talent

Barcelona Activa offers a wide range of activities aimed at professionals, managers and entrepreneurs who wish to support women who want to grow professionally and empower themselves in favour of equal opportunities.



I WANT TO WORK IN MY DREAM JOB

Job coaching for women

Expert advice from a coach and for small groups of women so that they can discover their potential, define their professional goals and advance in their careers.

I WANT TO GROW WITHIN MY WORK ENVIRONMENT

Fes el canvi

Programme aimed at women, offering them training in management strategies and skills and facilitating networking, coaching and mentoring spaces.

Camí de la solidesa

Training and support for Social Economy organisations composed predominantly of women.

I WANT TO MAKE MY BUSINESS IDEA A REALITY

INICIA. Support for new projects

Training and individual mentoring to support women who have an entrepreneurial idea or who are starting a project and want to get it off the ground.

Women Mentoring Programme

Expert advice from mentors who offer guidance to women entrepreneurs.

Soft skills and digitalisation workshops

Activities to develop digital strategies and work on key skills in the entrepreneurial process.



LIDERA has obtained the **good practice** recognition within the framework of the European Commission's



1,535 women in 2024



FEEDBACK

9 Programmes

9.4 Personalised assistance



More information is available on the **LIDERA** website



Testimonials from women who have participated in **LIDERA**

Awards and collaboration with other organisations



The extensive local development efforts and the ongoing outreach by various leaders at Barcelona Activa have extended the agency's recognition beyond municipal boundaries, establishing it as a benchmark in the field of local development. In recent years, this leadership position has resulted in various recognitions and awards for the activities carried out by Barcelona Activa.

Recent awards

European Entrepreneurial Region award
from the European Committee of the Regions for our innovative strategy in promoting entrepreneurship.

Finalists in the Eurocities awards
in recognition of the IT Academy technology training programme.

Special Honourable Mention from the Alares Foundation
for the management of diversity and social and employment inclusion, in the framework of the 4th International Awards in managing human diversity and inclusive employment.

Roger Kaufman Award
in recognition of innovative local development policies.

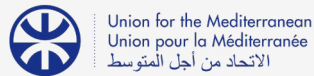
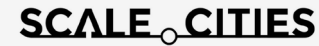
Award from the Innovation and Development Centre
of the Barcelona Official College of Nursing.

Honourable mention in the X Co-responsible Awards for Social Responsibility
for training and awareness-raising actions in Gender Equality and Diversity.

Second place at the Lifelong Learning Awards
of the Lifelong Learning Platform.

Awards and collaboration with other organisations

Collaborators



Barcelona Activa participates in international projects and networks to exchange good practices and strengthen the city's position at a global level

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