

Welcome to Barcelona

GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONALS RELOCATING TO
BARCELONA FOR THE 37TH AMERICA'S CUP



About this guide

The city of Barcelona will host the 37th America's Cup in September and October 2024.

This is a **practical guide** for international professionals who will be coming to Barcelona either to participate in the America's Cup or to carry out work related to preparation or execution of the event.

Nationals from the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland can reside and work in Spain without requiring any immigration permit. Their relatives, irrespective of their nationality, joining or accompanying them in Spain also benefit from this treatment. Nevertheless, certain formalities must be completed to acquire the status of resident in Spain. You will find specific information in the guide.

Nationals from other countries who are not relatives of a citizen from the EU, EEA or Switzerland must obtain an authorisation to reside and work in Spain. On 6 September 2022, the Spanish Government approved an immigration fast track for professionals involved in the America's Cup event, as well as for their relatives accompanying them in Spain. This new fast track is also explained in the guide.

Other local formalities are also required to become a citizen in Barcelona. The **Barcelona International Welcome Desk**, the new municipal service to support international talent arriving in the city, will guide you to ease your arrival and establishment in the city.

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01.

Barcelona, a renowned city



1st European city with the best strategy for attracting foreign investment

(FDi Intelligence, 2022-23)



World Capital of Architecture and organiser of the UIA Congress 2026



1st destination in the world to obtain Platinum Biosphere certification



City honoured with the European Entrepreneurial Region Award 2023

(Committee of the Regions, European Commission)



Host city of the America's Cup 2024



3rd preferred European city to locate a startup

(Startup Heatmap Europe, 2022)



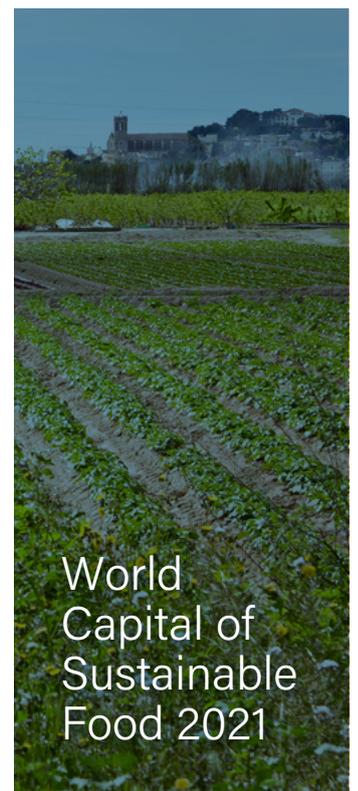
Best city in the world

(Telegraph Travel, 2022)



Permanent host city Mobile World Congress

(GSMA)



World Capital of Sustainable Food 2021

Population and area. 2021



	GENERAL POPULATION (INHABITANTS)	SURFACE AREA (KM ²)	DENSITY (PER/KM ²)
Barcelona	1,636,732	102.2	16,021.3
Metropolitan Area*	4,931,245	2,464.4	2,001.0
Catalonia	7,739,758	32,108.0	241.1
Spain	47,398,695	505,968.4	93.7

22.4%
of foreign
nationals in
the city

* Barcelonès, Baix Llobregat, Maresme, Vallès Oriental and Vallès Occidental districts.
Source: Barcelona City Council's Department of Statistics and Data Dissemination, Idescat, INE.

Gross Domestic Product at market prices* (GDP). 2020



	GDP MILLIONS OF EUROS	GDP PER INHABITANT THOUSANDS OF EUROS
Barcelona	70,248.1	42.6
Barcelona Metropolitan Region	173,334.9	35.4

* Statistical Review 2019. Valuation at market prices.
Source: Catalan Institute of Statistics.

Cost of living in cities around the world



2021 POSITION	1	2	3	4	...	84
CITY	Ashgabat	Hong Kong	Beirut	Tokyo	...	Barcelona

Source: Cost of Living survey. City Ranking 2021, Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

Preferred cities for establishing a new startup in Europe



CITY	2021 POSITION	% OF FOUNDERS
Berlin	1	37.4
London	2	33.1
Barcelona	3	20.0
Lisbon	4	16.4
Amsterdam	5	16.2

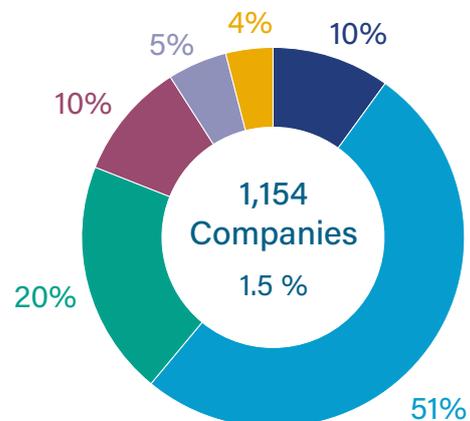
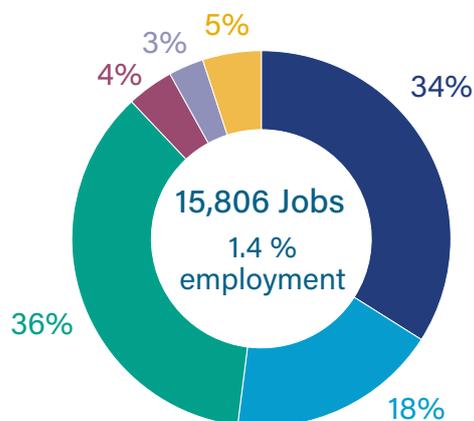
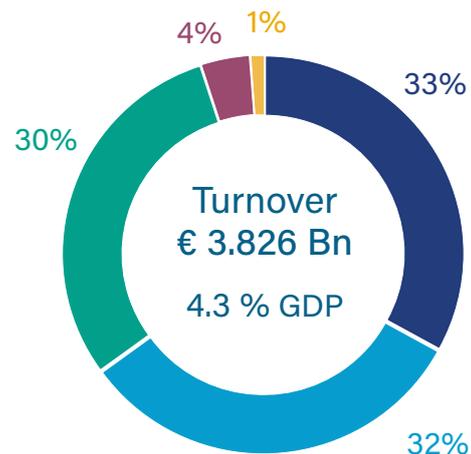
Source: Startup Heatmap Europe, 2022 StartUp Heatmap Europe Report.

The Blue Economy and Barcelona



The Blue Economy represents 4.3 % of the GDP in Barcelona and employs 1.4 % of the city

- Port activities
- Bioeconomy
- Maritime transport
- Construction and repair of vessels
- Culture, education, sport and knowledge in the marine scope
- Others



Source: Internal data of Barcelona City Council, 2019, from SABI data and Camerdata 2019.
Note: only direct values are considered.

Top sports cities in the world. 2021



POSITION	CITY
1	New York
2	London
3	Los Angeles
4	Barcelona
5	Paris

Source: Burson Cohn&Wolfe, Ranking of Sports Cities 2021.

Climate indicators for Barcelona



Daily mean
temperature 18,1 °C

Lowest minimum
temperature 2,8 °C

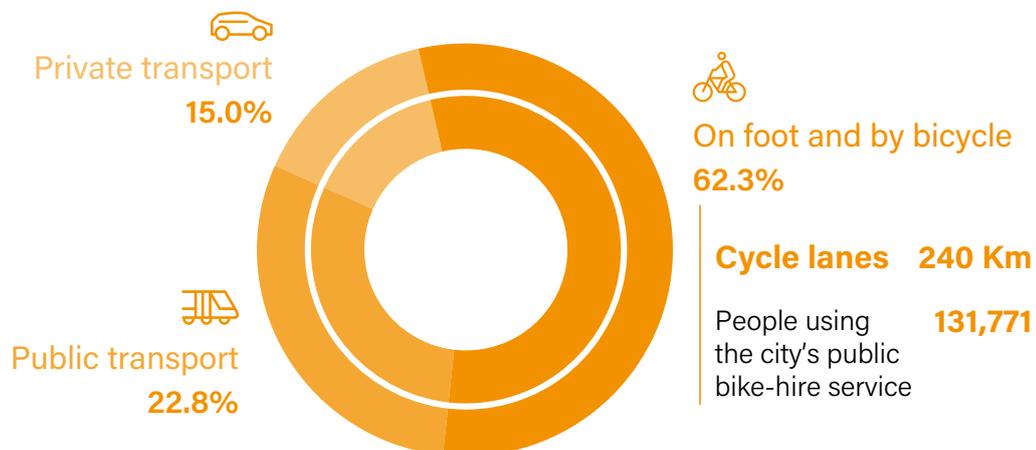
Highest Maximum
temperature 34,5 °C

Annual hours of
sunshine 2.800,3 h



Source: Department of Statistics and Data Dissemination, Barcelona City Council.

Modes of transport used for internal travel in Barcelona. 2021 (% of total)



Source: Working Day Mobility Survey 2020. Metropolitan Transport Authority (ATM).

Source: Director of Mobility Services, Barcelona City Council.

Cultural offer. 2021



Public libraries
(number and users in millions)
40/3.96

Performing arts, (theatres,
performing arts venues and
spectators in millions)
39/45/2.0

Commercial cinemas
(number/ rooms)
21/ 154

Heritage centres and large exhibition
centres (number, headquarters and
visitors in millions)
59/76/9.8

Civic centres (number/registrations
for workshops/attendees at activities)
52/58,000/184,000

Large auditoriums
(number/ spectators)
3/ 367,000

Source: Barcelona Institute of Culture and Barcelona City Council's Department of Statistics and Data Dissemination.

World Heritage sites in Barcelona



- Palau de la Música Catalana
 - Sant Pau Hospital
 - Parc Güell
 - Palau Güell
 - Casa Milà
 - Casa Vicens
 - The Nativity façade and the crypt of the Sagrada Família
 - Casa Batlló
 - Crypt of the Colònia Güell
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Source: UNESCO.



For further information about Barcelona and the blue economy, visit:

- [BARCELONA IN FIGURES 2021 / 2022](#) Main economic indicators for the Barcelona area
- [GOVERNMENT MEASURE DRIVING THE BLUE ECONOMY IN BARCELONA](#) Driving and promoting the blue sectors as a new economic pole for the city

Thinking about investing in Barcelona?

For companies

Do you want to expand your business in Barcelona?

The Business Landing Service offers you a complete assistance when setting up your business in Barcelona.

- Online company service Registration
- Support with recruitment and locating your business
- Connection with other agents in the business ecosystem

www.barcelonactiva.cat/businesslanding

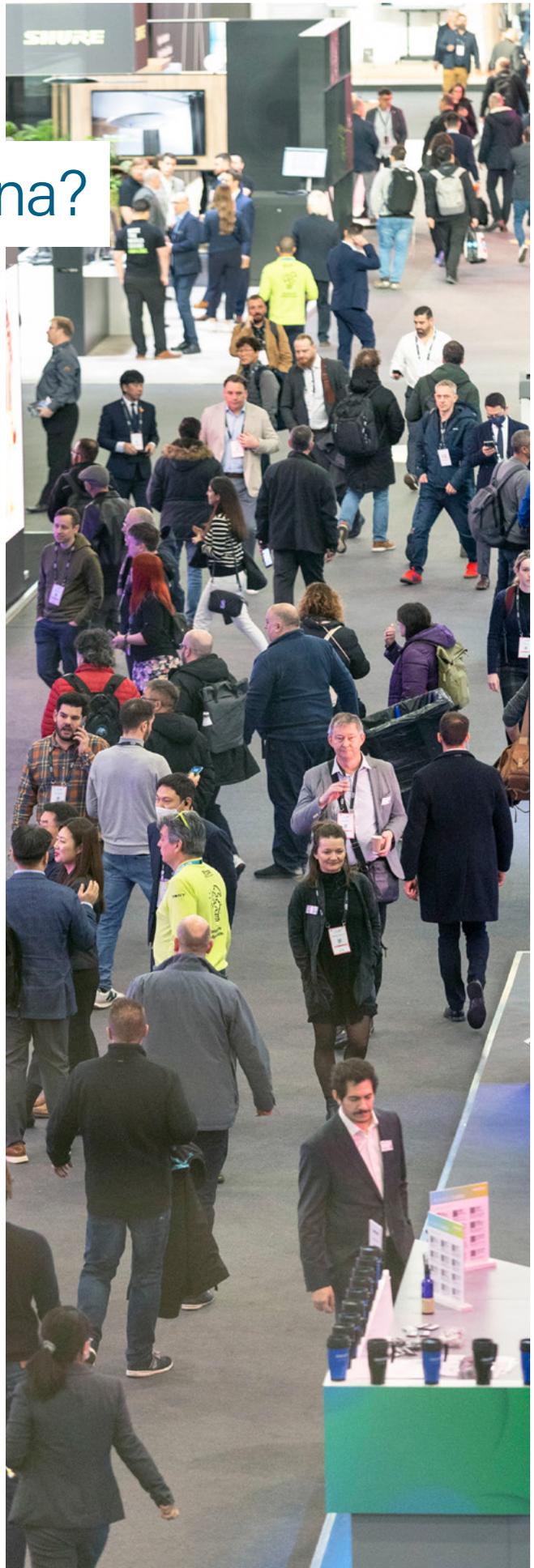
For entrepreneurs

Do you want to set up your business in Barcelona?

Barcelona Activa provides you with personalised plans that will guide you through while making your business activity in Barcelona a success and that will allow you to follow, step by step, the stages of setting up a business in Barcelona.

Sign up for a welcome session in English!

www.barcelonactiva.cat/entrepreneurship



02.

Barcelona International Welcome Desk

The Barcelona International Welcome Desk is a **support service for international talent** who want to come and live in Barcelona or who have recently settled in the city.

It is an initiative promoted by the **Barcelona City Council** with the support of the Spanish Government Delegation in Barcelona, the private non-profit association Barcelona Global and the business association 22@NetworkBcn.

The Welcome Desk is aimed at highly qualified professionals, entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, and university students, as well as their relatives accompanying them. **The purpose of the service is to ease people's arrival and establishment in Barcelona**, so that they can realise their full professional and personal potential.

More information at: www.barcelona.cat/welcomedesk





What can we offer you?

- **Practical information** on living in Barcelona
- **Specialised advice** on key topics, such as taxation or social security
- **Local procedures** for new residents in the city of Barcelona



How will we help you?

- In English or in one of Barcelona's official languages, Catalan and Spanish.
- In person or by video conference
- Free of charge



How can you contact us?

- You can make an appointment [here](#)



03.

Formalities to reside and work in Spain for professionals involved in the 37th America's Cup

Before reading this section, we advise you to look at the chart below in order to identify your specific circumstances. This will help you navigate through the section.

Professionals who are nationals from the EU, EEA or Switzerland

→ I will stay in Spain for less than 3 months

No registration as resident is required, although you might need an **Identity Number for Foreign Nationals (NIE)** for tax purposes (please, [see section 3.1](#))

→ I will stay in Spain for more than 3 months

→ I will reside in Spain alone

You must register as resident in Spain: **Certificate of registration as an EU National** ([see section 3.1](#))

→ I will reside in Spain with my relatives

→ My relative is a national from the EU, EEA or Switzerland

Your relative must register as resident in Spain: **Certificate of registration as an EU National** ([see section 3.1](#))

→ My relative is NOT a national from the EU, EEA or Switzerland

Your relative must apply for a **Residence card for family members of EU Nationals** in Spain ([see section 3.2.1](#))

Professionals who are not nationals from the EU, EEA or Switzerland

→ I have a relative who is a national from the EU, EEA or Switzerland

→ **My EU/EEA/Switzerland relative will join/accompany me during my residence in Spain**

You must apply for a **Residence card for family members of EU Nationals** in Spain ([see section 3.2.1](#))

→ **My EU/EEA/Switzerland relative will not join/accompany me during my residence Spain**

↳ **I will reside in Spain alone / I will reside in Spain with relatives who are not nationals from the EU, EEA or Switzerland**

You and your relatives must apply for a permit to reside and work in Spain: **A new immigration fast track has been approved by the Spanish Government for professionals involved in the 37th America's Cup and their relatives accompanying them in Spain** ([see section 3.2.2](#))

↳ **If permit approved, once in Spain:**

All foreign nationals who have a residence permit for more than 6 months must apply for an **Identity card for Foreign Nationals (TIE)** in Spain ([see section 3.2.2](#))

→ I do not have a relative who is a national from the EU, EEA or Switzerland

↳ **I will reside in Spain alone / I will reside in Spain with relatives who are not nationals from the EU, EEA or Switzerland**

You and your relatives must apply for a permit to reside and work in Spain: **A new immigration fast track has been approved by the Spanish Government for professionals involved in the 37th America's Cup and their relatives accompanying them in Spain** ([see section 3.2.2](#))

↳ **If permit approved, once in Spain:**

All foreign nationals who have a residence permit for more than 6 months must apply for an **Identity card for Foreign Nationals (TIE)** in Spain ([see section 3.2.2](#))



3.1.

Professionals with **nationalities from the European Union, Economic European Area** (Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein) and Switzerland

Must you apply for a residence and work permit to reside or work in Spain?

-  **No.** Nationals from countries in the European Union, the European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein) and Switzerland can reside and work in Spain without requiring an immigration permit.

Must you register as resident in Spain?



I will stay in Spain for less than 3 months

You are **not required to register as resident**, although you might need an identity number for foreign nationals (NIE) for tax purposes.

The **NIE or identity number for foreign nationals** is a personal, unique, and exclusive number assigned by Spanish authorities to foreigners who, for economic, professional, or social reasons are engaged in activities related to Spain, regardless of their place of residence. Examples of activities that require an NIE in Spain: buying an apartment, investing in a company, enrolling at school, etc. The NIE is assigned once and for life. It appears on all documents identifying the foreign national and must also be included in administrative records.



For information about how to apply for an NIE, please read the [information sheet](#) at the [Barcelona International Welcome website](#).



I will stay in Spain for more than 3 months

Nationals from the EU, the EEA and Switzerland who are going to stay in Spain for more than 3 months **must register as residents and apply for a Certificate of registration as an EU National**.



Certificate of registration as an EU National

This certificate is officially named Certificado de Registro de Ciudadano de la Unión, although it is commonly known as “green NIE”. It is not a personal Identity card since it does not contain any picture of yourself. It just proves your residence in Spain. If for whatever reason you need to prove your identity in Spain, you can use your passport or your national ID instead.

It is a **compulsory formality** for citizens from the **EU/EEA/Switzerland** who are going to stay in Spain for a period of **more than 3 months**. It is issued by the Police.

Certificate of registration as an EU national

It contains basic information about the resident: name, nationality, address in Spain and date of registration. It also contains the person’s identity number for foreign nationals in Spain (NIE number). If you do not have an NIE by the time you arrive in Spain, you will be assigned one at the time of issuing the certificate.

The NIE or identity number for foreign nationals is a personal, unique, and exclusive number assigned by Spanish authorities to foreigners who, for economic, professional, or social reasons are engaged in activities related to Spain, regardless of their place of residence.





How to apply for a Certificate of registration as an EU national



Individuals must apply **within the first 3 months of their residence** in Spain.



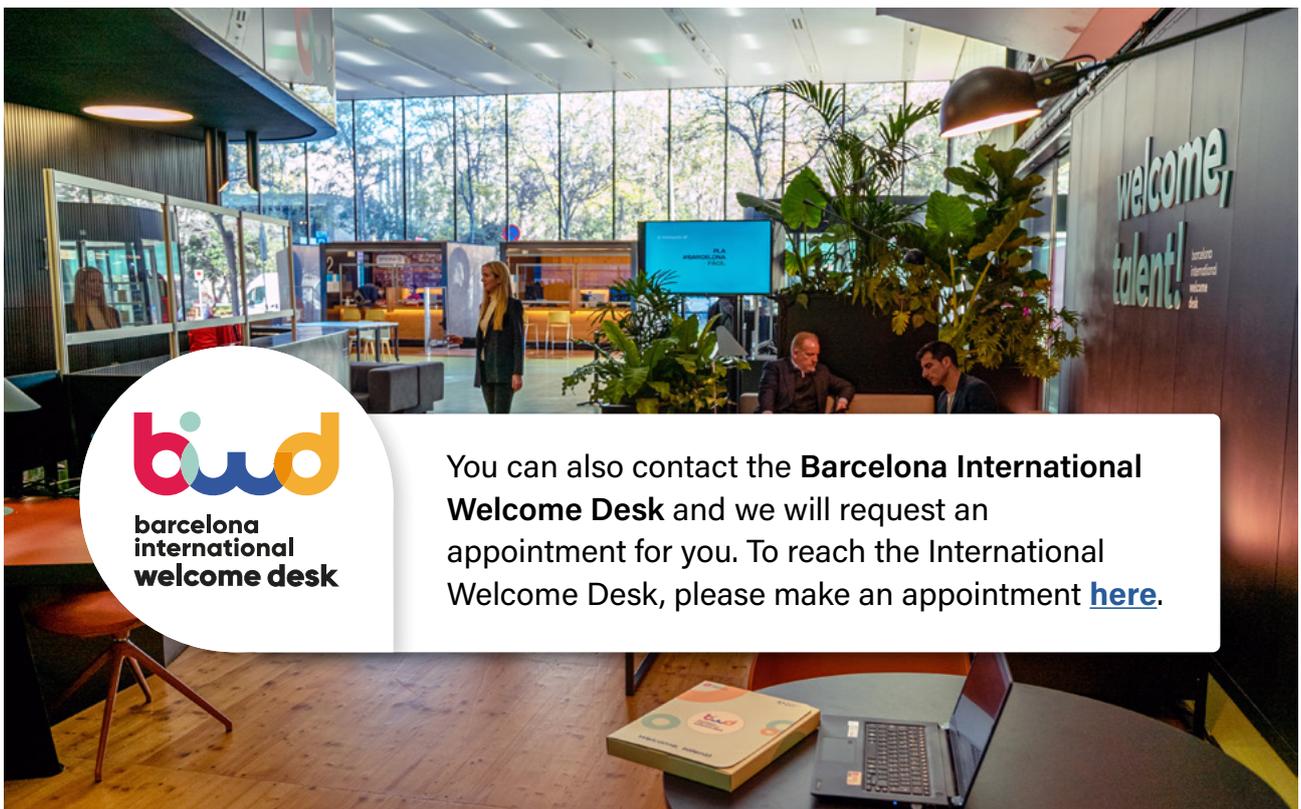
The formality must be completed **in person**, either by the citizen concerned or by a **duly accredited representative**.



Previous appointment at the Police Station is requested. You can apply online [here](#).



For detailed information about how to apply for the Certificate and the documents that you need to collect before your appointment, please read the [information sheet](#) at the Barcelona International Welcome website.



You can also contact the **Barcelona International Welcome Desk** and we will request an appointment for you. To reach the International Welcome Desk, please make an appointment [here](#).



Relatives: will your relatives be accompanying or joining you in Spain?

- ✔ **Yes**, I will be residing with my relatives who are not nationals from a country member of the EU, the EEA or Switzerland

▶▶ Please read section [3.2.1 of this guide](#).

- ✔ **Yes**, I will be residing with my relatives who are also nationals from the EU, the EEA (Norway, Iceland, and Lichtenstein) or Switzerland

Your relatives should also apply for a Certificate of registration as an EU national. The application procedure will depend on the specific circumstances of their residence in Spain:

- **If your relatives will be financially independent of you in Spain:**
They must apply for a Certificate of registration on their own.
- **If your relatives will be financially dependent on you in Spain:**
Besides the general requirements (official form, passport, payment of related fee), additional documents proving the family tie and the economic dependency will be required.



Documents submitted before Spanish Authorities must be translated into Spanish by a sworn translator and legalised.

In the case of multilingual standard EU forms, neither translation nor authentication is required. You can find more information about legalisation and translation of documents for official purposes [here](#).



3.2.

Professionals with nationalities from countries that **are not members of the European Union, the European Economic Area** (Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein) and Switzerland

3.2.1.



Professionals who are not nationals from the EU, EEA or Switzerland but will be residing in Spain with a relative who is a national from one of those countries

Will your relative from the EU/EEA/Switzerland be residing with you in Spain while you are working for the America's Cup event?

Yes. Please, keep reading this section.

No. ▶▶ Please read section **[3.2.2 of this guide.](#)**

You will be residing in Spain with your EU/EEA/Switzerland relative

Family members of nationals from the EU, EEA and Switzerland have the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States, **irrespective of their nationality, when they are joining or accompanying their EU relative in Spain.** They can also work in Spain.

Who are considered as relatives of EU/EEA/Switzerland nationals?

The following members, when they accompany or join his/her family member from the EU, EEA or Switzerland: the spouse or partner, relatives in the ascending and descending lines, and dependent members of the family.



Residence card for family members of EU Nationals

Family members, **when they join or accompany an EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen and are going to reside in Spain for a period of more than 3 months**, must apply for and obtain a Residence card for family members of EU nationals. This is a **compulsory formality** to prove they are legally in Spain.

Card for family members of EU nationals (TIE)

The Residence card contains basic personal data, a photograph, and the person's identity number for foreign national in Spain (NIE). If you do not have an NIE yet, you will be assigned one at the time of requesting the Residence card.

The NIE or identity number for foreign nationals is a personal, unique, and exclusive number assigned by Spanish authorities to foreigners who, for economic, professional, or social reasons are engaged in activities related to Spain, regardless of their place of residence.





How to apply for a Residence card for family members

Four-step application



Your relative from the EU/EEA/Switzerland must first register in Spain and obtain a **Certificate of registration as an EU National**. Please read [section 3.1 of this guide](#) on EU citizens.



Once your EU relative is registered, you can apply for **being recognised as a relative**. You must apply to the Immigration Authority, and you will need to wait for a resolution.



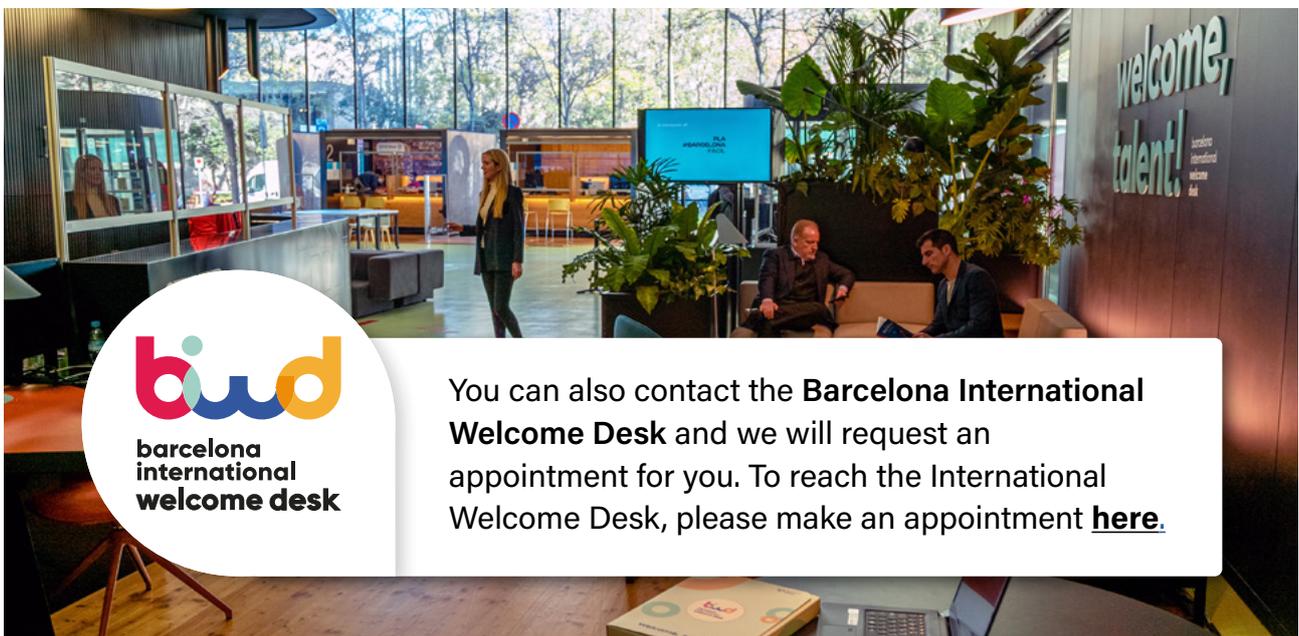
As soon as you receive a favourable resolution, you can **apply for the card** at the Police Station.



The last step is **collecting the card** once it has been issued.



For detailed information about how to apply for the Residence card for family members of EU Nationals, please read the [information sheet](#) at the Barcelona International Welcome website.



You can also contact the **Barcelona International Welcome Desk** and we will request an appointment for you. To reach the International Welcome Desk, please make an appointment [here](#).

3.2.2.



Professionals who are not nationals from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland

Do you have a relative from the EU/EEA/Switzerland who will be residing with you in Spain while you are working for the America's Cup event?

Yes. ▶ Please read section [3.2.1 of this guide](#).

No. Please, keep reading this section.

Being a citizen from a country other than EU/EEA/Switzerland, must you obtain a residence and work permit in Spain?

Yes.



Residence and work permit in Spain for the 37th America's Cup Barcelona



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Which work permits may apply for professionals involved in the 37th America's Cup?

On 6 September 2022, the Spanish Government approved a specific immigration fast track for professionals of companies that will participate in the preparation or execution of the 37th America's Cup in Barcelona.

This guide is exclusively focused on this new permit, but other work permits may also apply to your specific circumstances.

For instance, if you are a professional in the audiovisual sector and you will be carrying out a recording of any kind for broadcasting by different mass media during the America's Cup, you might be interested in applying for a fast track permit for professionals working in the audiovisual sector. The audiovisual fast track allows to work in Spain up to 90 days (in a period of 180 days since entry into the Schengen zone) without any kind of immigration permit. For longer periods in Spain, it is also possible to request a Visa (for up to 180 days) or a Residence and work permit (for a maximum of two years).



If you are not sure about which work permit is most suitable for your specific circumstances (qualification, type of activity, labour contract, employer) please ask for advice from a specialised immigration lawyer.

Who can benefit from this regulation?

Third country nationals who will be undertaking **work or professional activities** as part of the preparation for, or celebration of, the 37th edition of the America's Cup in Barcelona, and whose area of activity is included in one of the following areas:



Professionals related to the **construction, maintenance or repair** of nautical equipment.



Regatta competitors.



Professionals in the field of **communications, logistics and management of events**, with extensive experience in this type of activity and who have taken part in previous editions of the America's Cup.



Other people who carry out **professional support tasks in sporting, technical, logistical or administration and management** areas of the competition.



And also the family: The spouse, or the person with an analogous personal relationship, children under the age of eighteen, or adult children who are economically dependent on the holder, who have not formed a family unit of their own and family members who are forebears under the responsibility of and economically dependent on the holder.

Who must apply for the permit?

Who is the permit for?

Who must the applicant be?



Worker

Spanish employer



Relatives

Spanish employer / Worker



Relationship between the employer and the worker

This residence and work permit allows for different situations:

- The worker is **directly hired** by the Spanish company.
- The worker is **posted to the Spanish company** from a foreign company of the **same business group**.
- The worker is **posted to the Spanish company** from a foreign company with a **commercial service agreement** with the Spanish company.

System for application

- 01. The Spanish company must apply for the residence and work permit.** By the time of the application, the worker must be either in a legal situation in Spain (holding a tourist visa or any other residence permit), or out of Spain in his/her place of residence.
- 02. Once the authorisation is resolved favourably, if the worker is out of Spain, he or she must apply for an entry visa at the Spanish Consulate closest to his/her place of residence.** The Spanish Consulate will check with the General Directorate of the Police whether there is any security risk involved with the visa applicant. The Police should answer in a maximum of 7 days. After that period, if no answer is obtained, the Consulate will proceed to issue the visa.
- 03. The worker must apply for an Identity card for foreign nationals (TIE) within the first month** from the date of arrival in Spain (if entering from abroad) or from the date the decision on residence is published (if already in a legal situation in Spain). The card will only be issued for periods of residence over 6 months. For shorter stays, no card will be issued. The residence and work permit will be sufficient to prove legal residence in Spain.

In the following pages you will find information about [steps 01](#) and [03](#) mentioned above: how to apply for the residence and work permit (step 01) and how to apply for your identity card once in Spain with an approved permit (step 03).

For the **step 02**, if you apply for your permit from outside Spain, once the permit is resolved favourably you must request an entry visa at the Spanish consulate closest to your place of residence. Please visit the website of the **[Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation](#)** for a list of Spanish consulates around the world.

Requirements to obtain the permit



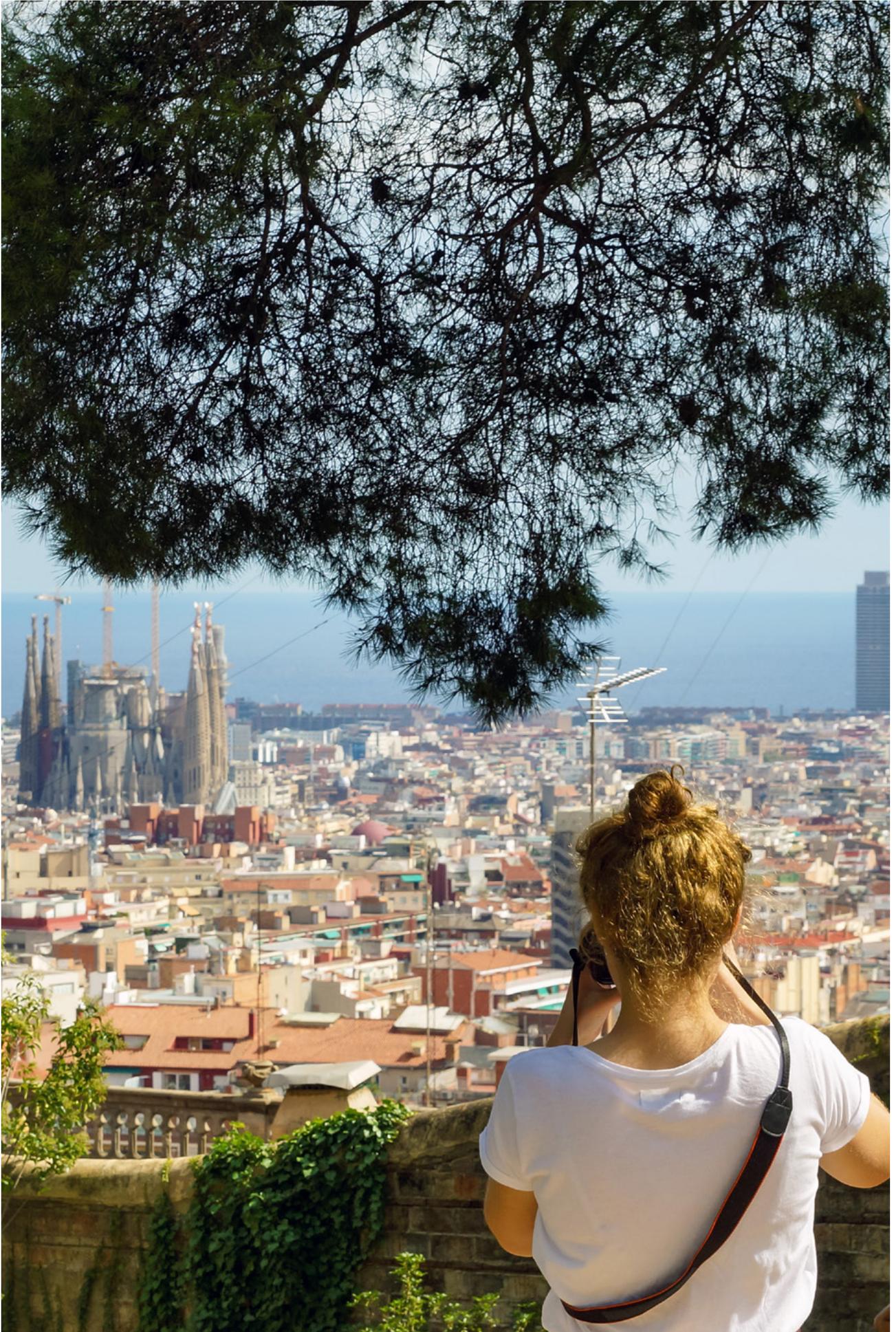
The beneficiary (worker) of the permit must prove:

- They are not in Spanish territory illegally.
- They are over the age of 18.
- They are not listed as liable to be refused entry in the territorial area of countries with which Spain has signed an agreement to that effect.
- They have no criminal record in Spain or in the countries where they have resided during the last five years, concerning crimes provided for in the Spanish legal system.
- They are the holder of a valid, current travel document.
- They have paid the fee for the corresponding permit.
- They have an employment or professional relationship with the company that is transferring or hiring the professional in Spain.
- They have a health insurance policy, taken out with an insurance company authorised to operate in Spain, that is valid throughout their residency period, with similar cover to that which is offered by the Spanish Public Health Service, except where they are performing an activity in which they shall be insured under the National Health System. Travel insurance policies are not accepted.
- They must have sufficient economic resources for themselves and their accompanying family members during their period of residency in Spain, which can be justified, where necessary, through the employment contract or the documentation certifying a professional relationship.



The company hiring or transferring the worker must prove:

- They are taking part in the preparation or celebration of the 37th America's Cup in Barcelona.
- They are registered in the Social Security system and up to date with their obligations to the Social Security system and the Spanish Tax Authority.



How to apply for the permit

Online, through the [electronic office](#) of the Spanish Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration. A company digital certificate is required ([AC Representación](#)). Alternatively, the person submitting the application should be registered at the Electronic Attorney Register ([Registro Electrónico de Apoderamiento](#)).

When applying, please choose the option: "Traslado Intraempresarial Nacional (ICT Nacional)". In the Observaciones field write: "Copa America".

Resolution of the application

The processing of the residence permits provided for in these instructions shall be performed by the [Large Companies and Strategic Groups Unit](#), via telematic means and they shall be granted by the Spanish Government's Directorate-General for Migration.

The maximum processing time shall be twenty working days (20), starting from the digital presentation of the application to the competent body for processing. If it is not processed successfully within that period, it will be deemed as approved by administrative silence.

Validity of the permit

The residence permit provided for in these instructions shall be for a period equal to the **duration of the contract or the transfer to Spain, with a maximum duration of two years**, which may be extended where the conditions that generated that right are maintained, up to a maximum limit of 30 April 2025.

Documents required to apply



Application form and payment of fees

Application form: it must be signed by the company representative. If this permit is signed via the digital signature of the representative, it shall not be necessary to present the company CIF tax number /power of attorney/ID document of the representative. The validity of the digitally signed document can be checked at [validate](#) (validate signature)

- [Application form for professionals](#)
- [Application form for family relatives](#)

Proof of payment of the fee for each application. [Form 790 038](#): Initial residence permit, for an amount of €73.26.



Documents related to the Spanish employer

- **CIF tax number** of the applicant entity (employer) and **accreditation of the legal representation** to sign the application*.
- **NIF tax number/Passport/TIE** foreign national card of the representative of the Spanish company*.
- **Accreditation from [the organiser \(ACE\)](#) that the company shall be forming part of the 37th edition of the America's Cup in Barcelona.**

*If the application is submitted using a company digital certificate ([AC Representación](#)), those documents will not be requested, since the certificate already contains that information.



Documentation relating to the employment relationship

- If the worker is transferred by a foreign company to a Spanish company of the same business group: **proof of belonging to the same business group and a transfer letter from the foreign company**, accrediting the transfer of the worker to the Spanish company. The letter must be signed by both the foreign posting company and the employee.
- If the worker is transferred by a foreign company to a Spanish company as part of a service-provision contract: **a service provision contract and a transfer letter from the foreign company**, accrediting the transfer of the worker to the Spanish company. The letter must be signed by both the foreign posting company and the employee.
- If the worker is hired in Spain by a Spanish company: **an employment contract**.



Documentation relating to the job post

A report describing the job post, indicating its functions and link to the 37th America's Cup. These functions must be related to those described in the scope of the official text of this [immigration fast track](#).





Documentation relating to Social Security and health cover

- Professionals transferred to Spain:
 - » If the transferred professional will be maintaining coverage by the social security system of the State of origin, with the scope and duration established in a bilateral/multilateral agreement or a Social Security international instrument signed by Spain:
 - **certificate of applicable legislation issued by the corresponding social security body.**
 - **and private health insurance policy issued by a company authorised to operate in Spain** (travel insurance policies are not accepted. You may check whether the insurance company is authorised to operate in Spain [here](#)).
 - » If the international social security instrument signed by Spain does not apply to the employee who is going to perform the job:
 - **accreditation of registration of the employer in the Spanish Social Security.**
 - **commitment to register the employee in the Spanish Social Security.**
- Professionals directly hired by a Spanish employer:
 - **accreditation of registration of the employer in the Spanish Social Security.**
 - **commitment to register the employee in the Spanish Social Security.**



Documentation relating to the identification of each of the persons who will benefit from a residence permit (hired or transferred workers and their relatives)

- A complete scanned copy of the person's **valid passport or travel document** (All pages, whether they bear stamps and/or visas).
- A **criminal record certificate**, duly apostilled or legalized, from the country/ countries where the person has lived in the last 5 years, except where:
 - The person is already the holder of a Spanish permit for residency or a stay of over 6 months, for which they have already presented that certificate.

- The person is living abroad at the time of application, in which case they must submit the criminal record certificate to the Spanish Consulate at the time of the visa application.



Documents relating to the family tie

In the framework of the 37th America's Cup immigration fast-track, **relatives are defined as:** the spouse, or the person with an analogous personal relationship; children under the age of eighteen; adult children who are economically dependent on the holder, who have not formed a family unit of their own; and family members who are forebears under the responsibility of and economically dependent on the holder.

There is no official list of required documents to prove the family tie or the economic dependence. Please find below a **non-exhaustive list for guidance purposes:**

- Official documents:
 - Birth certificate / Family Record book
 - Marriage certificate / Registered partnership certificate
 - Single status certificate
 - Certificate of disability
 - Official documents proving economic dependency
- Other non-official documents:
 - Rental contracts
 - Bank statements
 - Bank account holder certificates



Documents submitted before Spanish Authorities must be translated into Spanish by a sworn translator and legalised.

In the case of multilingual standard EU forms, neither translation nor authentication is required. You can find more information about legalisation and translation of documents for official purposes [here](#).



Identity card for Foreign Nationals (TIE)

This is the sole and exclusive document that **attests to legal status in Spain and the identity** of non-EU foreign nationals who have a residence permit valid for more than 6 months or all foreign nationals who have obtained a long-stay residence permit.

Identity card for foreign nationals (TIE)

This card contains the identification data, photograph, and the identity number for foreign nationals (NIE), as well as the type of permit to stay or reside in Spain.

The NIE or identity number for foreign nationals is a personal, unique, and exclusive number assigned by Spanish authorities to foreigners who, for economic, professional, or social reasons are engaged in activities related to Spain, regardless of their place of residence.





How to apply for a TIE card



The deadline for application is **one month** from the date of arrival in Spain or from the date the decision on the residence permit is published.



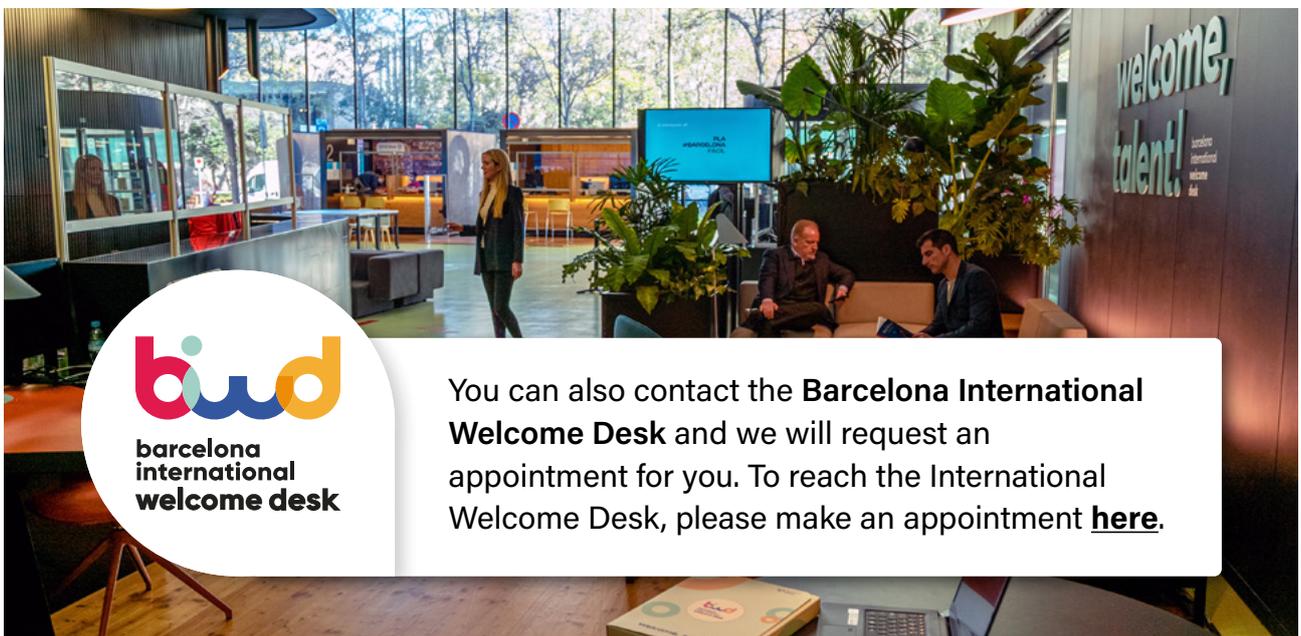
Since this is a formality identifying a foreign citizen, it can only be carried out **in person** at the relevant police station. Fingerprint identification is required.



Previous appointment at the Police Station is requested. You can apply online [here](#).



For detailed information about how to apply for the card and the documents that you need to collect before your appointment, please read the [information sheet](#) at the Barcelona International Welcome website.



You can also contact the **Barcelona International Welcome Desk** and we will request an appointment for you. To reach the International Welcome Desk, please make an appointment [here](#).

04.

Tax benefits for participants in the America's Cup Barcelona 2024

The 37th America's Cup Barcelona has been declared an event of exceptional public interest by the Spanish Government, as a result of which the [Spanish Budget Act for 2023](#) (Law 31/2022, 23rd December 2022) contains a package of measures aimed at participants (companies and professionals). Please find below a summary of those measures related to residence and work status.



Social security benefits: employer's quota

- **Beneficiaries:** legal entities constituted on the occasion of the event by the organising entity of the "37th America's Cup Barcelona" or by the participating teams, which have an address in Spain.
- **Rebate:** 100 per cent discount on Social Security contributions for common contingencies, as well as for the concepts of joint collection with Social Security contributions, in respect of the workers they hire to carry out work directly related to their participation in the aforementioned event.
- **Entry into force:** Within two months of the entry into force of the law (1st January 2023), a royal decree shall be passed establishing the requirements, deadlines, concession procedure and control measures relating to the aforementioned rebate. The quota rebate may be applied from the first day of the month following the month in which the Royal Decree enters into force.



Tax breaks for companies

- **Beneficiaries:** legal entities resident in Spain constituted on the occasion of the event by the organising entity of the “37th America’s Cup Barcelona” or by the participating teams. Also permanent establishments that the organising body of the “37th America’s Cup Barcelona” or the participating teams set up in Spain during the event for the purpose of holding it.
- **Tax break:** exemption from corporation tax on income obtained from 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2025 on the occasion of the event and to the extent that it is directly related to their participation in the event.
- **Duration:** until 31st December 2025.



Tax breaks for individuals

1. Non-residents in Spain

- **Beneficiaries:** individuals providing services to the organising entity or to the participating teams.
- **Tax break:** income received shall not be considered to have been obtained in Spain.

2. Personal income taxpayers in Spain

- **Beneficiaries:** individuals providing services to the organising entity or to the participating teams who acquire the status of personal income taxpayers in Spain as a result of their travel to Spanish territory for this event.
- **Tax break:** reduction of 65 per cent on the net amount of the income they receive from the organising entity or from the participating teams, during the event and to the extent that it is directly related to their participation in the event.



Driving license

- **Beneficiaries:** persons who can prove their legal residence in Spain and their connection with the 37th America’s Cup Barcelona.
- **Benefit:** those persons will be able to drive in Spain with a valid foreign licence in force for a period of 1 year. In exceptional cases, this period may be extended by the Director General of Traffic when there are justified reasons.



05. Other formalities and resources to live in Barcelona

When you come to live in Barcelona you must register on the **city's register of residents**. The municipal register of residents is a list registering all the people habitually living in a city or town (municipality) and who form its population. Everyone must register and this formality is essential as it gives you access to certain rights and is a necessary requirement for many other formalities. For more information about how to register, please read the [information sheet](#) at the Barcelona International Welcome website.

There are other [priority procedures](#) that can also be of interest for you, like applying for a public healthcare card in Spain, registering your pets, bringing your car to Spain, or registering your kids at a school.

Consult the **Barcelona International Welcome** website if you would like to find:

- **Practical information about living in Barcelona:** its neighbourhoods, public facilities, or the transportation system.
- **A broad range of activities** (information sessions, networking, seminars and conferences, city tours, workshops) to learn about the city, make new contacts and enjoy to the full everything the city offers to you.
- **Guides, news of interest and much more.**

www.barcelona.cat/internationalwelcome



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06. Phone numbers and addresses of interest

	City information	City Info Phone Number	010 +34 931 537 010 (if calling from outside the Metropolitan Area or from a non-Spanish mobile phone).
		Citizen Help and Information Offices (OACs)	Citizen Help and Information Offices (OAC)
		Lost property office	010 +34 931 537 010 (if calling from outside the Metropolitan Area or from a non-Spanish mobile phone).
	Emergencies	Single emergency phone number (includes City Police and Fire Service, Catalan Police Force and the Spanish National Police):	112
		CatSalut Respon (Medical emergencies)	061 +34 933 038 158 (if calling from outside Spain or from a non-Spanish mobile phone).
	Public Administrations	Barcelona City Council	Ajuntament de Barcelona
		Government of Catalonia	Generalitat de Catalunya
		Spanish Government	Delegación del Gobierno Español en Cataluña



Embassies and Consulates

[Foreign embassies and consulates in Spain](#)



Mobility and transport

	010
Metropolitan Public Transport	+34 931 537 010 (if calling from outside the Metropolitan Area or from a non-Spanish mobile phone).
Tram	+34 900 701 181
Barcelona Nord bus station	+34 937 065 366
Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat (Local trains)	012
Renfe (Trains)	+34 912 320 320
Airport information	+34 913 211 000
Provincial Traffic Headquarters	+34 932 986 500



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Tourist Information Points

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Local support for companies and entrepreneurs

Do you have a business idea?

[Barcelona Activa Centre for Entrepreneurship](#)

Are you a company or a freelancer?

[Barcelona Activa Business Support Office](#)

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