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We work to promote the sustainability of the network of municipalities by incorporating the United Nations 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda into Barcelona Provincial Council's strategies and public policies to guarantee the rights, safety and opportunities enjoyed by territories and citizens alike.

Municipalism
Transformation
Social cohesion
Sustainability
Global vision



We are the council of councils

We are a team of 51 mayors and councillors democratically elected every four years in municipal elections, working together to guarantee and improve the basic public services in the 311 municipalities in the province.



We are a local authority

Town and city councils, provincial councils and other local council bodies all belong to the same 'political community', that of local authorities. We work to ensure a balanced provision of municipal services throughout the region and we believe the tiers of government closest to citizens should take the lead in addressing the major challenges that affect people's wellbeing and quality of life.



We promote sustainability

Barcelona Provincial Council reaffirms its commitment to implementing policies that promote economic, social and environmental sustainability across the region.



We are a guarantee of good governance

Good governance begins in town and city councils. Consequently, Barcelona Provincial Council supports local authorities to ensure that the response to citizens is effective and balanced across the entire province, with no discrimination of any kind, wherever people live.



We support co-operation and local networking

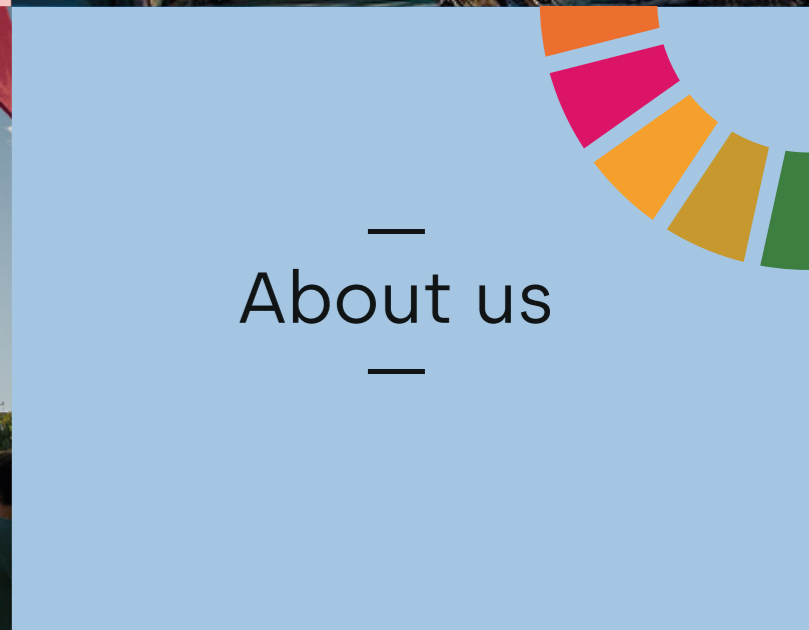
We in Barcelona Provincial Council use the tools of co-operation, partnership and networked services. We are an interconnected region offering services, infrastructure and public amenities designed and intended for a diverse and enriching local reality.



Agenda 2030 and future challenges

We have committed ourselves to implementing the Agenda 2030 and to establishing the SDGs in the province of Barcelona.

Our goal is to ensure that every local authority body, regardless of its characteristics and capabilities, can embrace the Agenda and contribute to achieving the sustainable development goals.



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What we do

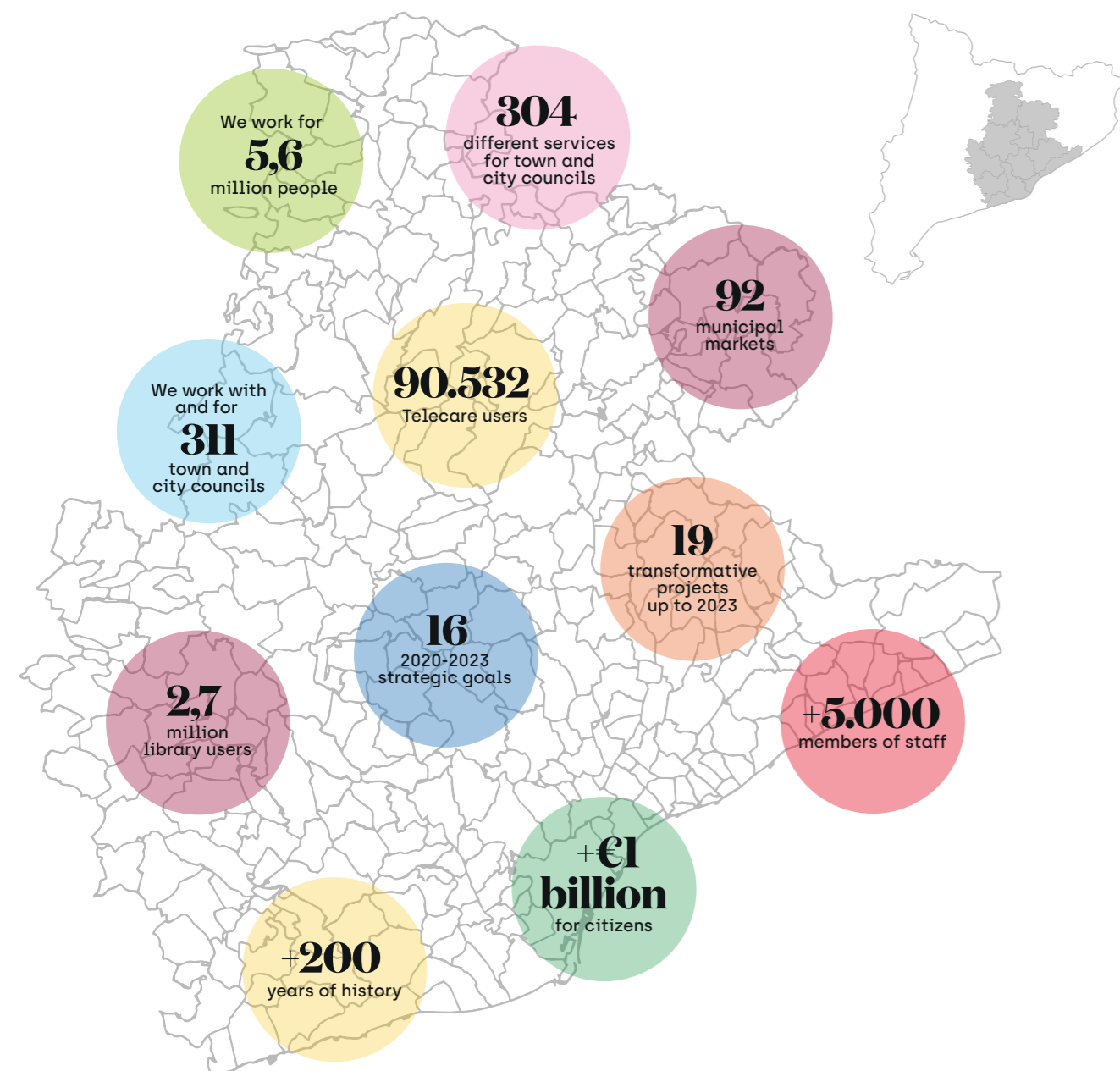
Barcelona Provincial Council is the flagship with regard to municipalism and local policies in Catalonia. We are the focal point for town and city councils in the province and we reach where they cannot to ensure that no municipality gets left behind.

We offer services to town and city councils to make sure that everyone has access to quality public services and we run essential services for citizens such as the Home Care Service, the Telecare service and the Network of Libraries.

We work for the benefit of citizens by operating hand in hand with town and city councils to facilitate their endeavours and to improve people's lives.

We are the essential public body for shaping and transforming the local reality into a sustainable, fair and prosperous future.

Our region

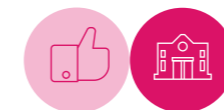


We help municipalities to go that bit further



IMPROVED TOWN AND CITY COUNCIL MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION

- > Payroll, accounting and municipal census
- > Support on human resources
- > Tax administration



IMPROVED SERVICES AND SOCIAL POLICIES

- > Local Authority Network Plan
- > Loans programme and Local Loans Savings Bank



GUARANTEED SOCIAL AND TERRITORIAL COHESION

- > Network of Municipal Libraries / Over **225** libraries and **10** mobile libraries
- > Network of Natural Parks / **12** sites of great environmental, landscape and cultural importance
- > Local roads network / Over **1,500** kilometres and **750,000** road users every day
- > Telecare / **90,000** users



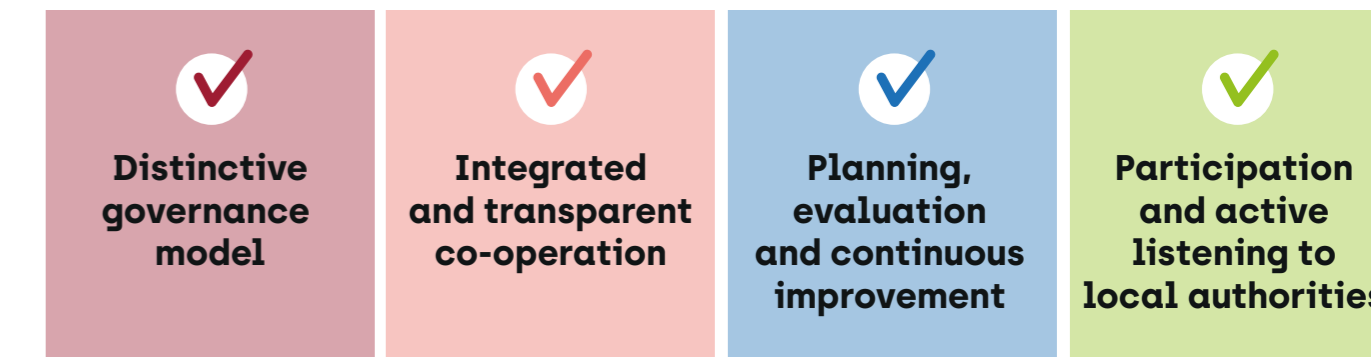
A TRAILBLAZING LOCAL AUTHORITY

- > BiblioLab / Public libraries as places for citizen participation and social innovation
- > Tourism / Biosphere commitment
- > Telecare / State-of-the-art devices
- > Local generation of biomass and renewable energy
- > Housing Debt Mediation Service / **40** offices
- > Fibre-optic network / Installed using the local roads network
- > Support for institutions / Working in research, art and culture
- > Long-term pro-European vision
- > **0.7%** of ordinary revenue allocated to development co-operation

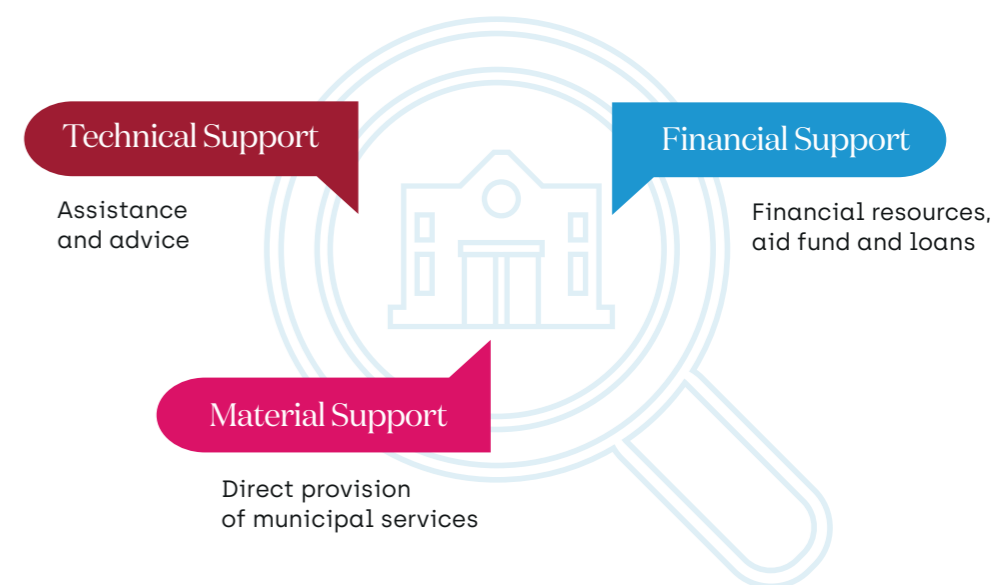
We work year after year to adapt to the needs of local authorities and to meet their requirements.

In **2020**, the approved budget amounted to **€970 million**, **70%** of which was set aside for direct support for local government bodies in the province.

Our model of local co-operation



The form our action takes: networking as a mainstay for visionary local co-operation



The way we structure our support: three distinctive instruments for comprehensive co-operation

General investment programme

€260 million per mandate
20% non-ringfenced funds
675 planned projects

Local authority financing for sustainable new investment and for replacement and maintenance of investments

2021-2023 catalogue of services

€95.4 million a year
12,500 planned assistance actions
60,000 surveys sent out
8.6 evaluation score

List of 362 services and activities of a financial, technical and material nature offered each year to local authorities to enable them to exercise their powers

Specific programmes

€72 million disbursed*

Support for local authorities in response to particular situations or emergencies not covered in the previous two instruments