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New Forms of Participation in Social Welfare System of Barcelona city

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The programme:

*Citizens' Agreement
for an Inclusive Barcelona*

“THE CITIZEN’S AGREEMENT”

The CA is organized on different levels:

- 1) Annual meeting of all the signatories
- 2) Governing Council (with executive commission)
- 3) Work commissions (by concrete issues)
- 4) Action Networks

Their development

- ④ A total of 235 entities signed the agreement in April 2006
- ④ Was open to the incorporation of new social organisations
- ④ By the end 2013, there are more than 500 entities.

The Action Networks

- ④ *“Network for the reception and support of immigrants in Barcelona”*
- ④ *“Network for assistance to the homeless”*
- ④ *“Network of businesses with social responsibility projects”*
- ④ *“Network for social and labour market integration” (Now: for “Social Economy”)*
- ④ *“Network of centres for children and teens”*
- ④ *“Support Network for family caregivers”*
- ④ *“Inclusion housing network”*
- ④ *“Cultural network for social inclusion”*
- ④ *“Network for children’s rights”*
- ④ *“Network for co-existence and prevention”*

The program was possible by two social processes

- ④ Top-down process
 - the program was a proposal of the government of the Social Welfare area of the city council.
- ④ Bottom-up process
 - the entities wanted to participate in the welfare system of the city.

Why it is new? Why the CA is a *Social Innovation*?

- ④ The program is not only a new policy, it is also a way of carrying out existing policies or services in a different manner.
- ④ It is innovative in regard to both, means and ends, acting on processes (the social interaction) and on results (producing social return)
- ④ It is good for society and also enhance society's capacity to act.



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In sum

- ④ The programme has been operating for eight years and it has a broad consensus.
- ④ The participants appreciate the results of to have been working together.

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