The Barcelona School Agenda 21 Programme
10 years of education and action

Environmental Education and management: two complementary strategies for the school community
The organization of Environment Division has the aim to create a common frame of work to all environmental municipality services.

Transversility is the main idea of this structure.
The City Council’s action plan
+
Organisations’ and companies’ action plans
+
Agenda 21 for schools
+
Citizens’ action
=
Barcelona Action Plan

Compromís ciutadà per la sostenibilitat
The Environmental Education Department offers to the schools and citizens of Barcelona a set of:

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The Barcelona School *Agenda 21* Programme is a program of education, participation and civic action.
This program encourages and supports schools in designing, implementing and assessing action plans, starting with its immediate environment: the school and its neighborhood.

Schools integrate in their environmental management and in their educational program, the principles of sustainability.
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Participants

Adhering to the citizen commitment for sustainability

Schools - NGO’s, companies and institutions

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To achieve this, schools need help, it’s impossible to achieve it individually.

- a common **framework**
- **regular communication** with a biweekly electronic newsletter and via website
- **training and advice** technical and pedagogical
- **documentation service** of environmental education
- **an information service** by phone, e-mail or personalized advice
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How we help the schools?

• economic support for the schools

• promotion of working groups for experience and ideas exchange

• recognition to the schools with more experience

• technical support

• resources
Networking between schools

From the support and coordination programme we strengthen and facilitate networking
Networking with areas of city management

We look for complicity and coordination
Networking with citizens’ organizations committed with sustainability and other signatories of Barcelona A21
Networking with national and international organizations

- Students journey to the Climate Change meeting in Copenhaguen (COP-15)
- CONAMA Brasil. Representatives to the world congress “Salvemos al Planeta” (Save the Planet)
- Exchanges with teachers and students from Germany, Hungary, France, Greece, and so on.

Leonardo Projects
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Building the Agenda 21 for schools ...

We learn to look at reality critically.

We imagine the world we want

We identify ways to improve it

We act on our environment. We change the ways of thinking and taking decisions

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The Barcelona School Agenda 21 Programme: Areas of activity

- Mobility
- Biodiversity
- Noise
- Energy
- Composting waste
- Orchards
- Garden
- Participation
- School rute
- Consumption
- Creativity
- Autonomy
- Responsibility
- Greening
- Educational project
- Improving the environment
- Exchanging experiences
- Materials
- Water
School Agenda 21 is a continuous process, growing like a spiral ...
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Steps of A21S

- A21S
  - Motivation
  - Diagnosis
  - Action plan
  - Assessment

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This step consists on:

* Encourage the involvement of more people or groups

* Inform the school community about the actions to be implemented

* Organize a committee to coordinate the project
Step of diagnosis

This step consists on:

* Reflecting on the environmental philosophy that permeates the center

* Assess what is taught in environmental matters, what is learned and how is this learning process

* Analyze the socio-environmental reality of the center and its surroundings
Action plan

This step consists on:

* Prioritizing the most urgent problems or those that appear more approachable

* Formalize an Action Plan

* Implementing this Action Plan
Assessment

This step consists on:

* Track the process

* Assess the degree of achievement of the objectives

* To adjust the objectives and the actions taken
Other programmes that support the development of the Barcelona School Agenda 21 Programme

-Apropa’t als parcs
- Fem campanya per a la recollida de l’orgànica
This program invites schools of Agenda 21 to design and develop a project in a park area near the center, turning the green space in a learning context.
The schools are involved in designing and implementing a communication campaign to promote the collection of organic waste fraction.
In 2010 the Barcelona School Agenda 21 Programme has been rewarded with the Dubai International Award about good practices to improve the living conditions.
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Many thanks for your attention!

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