



The neighbourhood entities and the City Council begin to work together in the development of the “Citizen Assets Program”



At the end of 2017, the Barcelona City Council started the “Citizen Asset program” to address the question of “urban commons”. In November 2017, the “Urban Commons meeting” was organized with the participation of more than 200 people, who were linked to neighbourhood entities and social and solidary economy. In those days, there were different topics of debate: what relationship should develop between public administration and community projects; what mechanisms and indicators could be established to evaluate the community work of these spaces.

From that "Urban Commons meeting", an informal working group was established. This group would be the first meeting of the current ULG formed by technical staff of the Barcelona City Council and members of different neighbouring platforms: Citizen Management platform, Community spaces network, which belongs to the Catalan solidarity economy network, Barcelona Associations Council, Casa Orlandai, Ateneu Popular de Nou Barris, Ateneu l’Harmonia, Can Batlló, Germanetes, Arnau Theatre and different collectives who manage the urban plots in Barcelona.

During the days of July 26 and October 17, 2018, the first meetings of the ULG take place with the aim of developing the Citizen Assets program of the Barcelona City Council. In these meetings we discussed the internal functioning of the Citizen Heritage Board (technicians' space) and the different challenges:

- **Community management of public goods** is identified as one of the main challenges for the public-community relationship: the control of the activities



and the organizational method, the bureaucratization of the management, the saturation of the participation in local spaces, or the institutionalization/cooptation of the social and neighborhood movements.

- **The Participated-Governance space** and its different possibilities of composition: this space could be created as a space for coordination, for political validation, or as a space for equilibrium between community entities and the City Council.
- The “**Community balance**” have to be a methodological tool for self-evaluation of the transfer and management of the citizen's heritage. for the cession and management of the Citizen assets. This challenge aims at the development of non-economicist qualitative criteria and must allow the adaptation of the program to the different community projects, instead of the other way round.

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