



Sharing the communitarian experiences of Barcelona



On the 28th of February we were very happy to be able to participate in the 2nd Urbact meeting in our city and be able to share with the rest of the partner cities experiences referents of “urban commons” in the city: Ateneu 9barris, Casa Orlandai, Can Batlló and La Borda.



The Ateneu 9Barris is a neighbour’s meeting space, where several kinds of cultural, musical, associative and artistic activities are developed. Formally, it is considered a cultural centre specialized in circus, but the management is done by an entity from the direct financing of the city council. The entity and the neighbours are in charge of it and decide the activities schedule. The Ateneu is located in the working class district of Nou

Barris, which historically has been a referent of the social fight in Barcelona.

On the 1st of March, we met in Casa Orlandai, in Sarrià , which is the district with the highest citizen income of Barcelona. Casa Orlandai develops all kinds of cultural activities in an open way with the community and addressed to the concerns of the demands of the neighbourhood’s people. Casa Orlandai also manages a communitary orchard called *Gardenyes*

Finally the Urbact meeting counted with the visit of Can Batlló and La Borda in Sants neighbourhood, which were. Can Batlló was an abandoned industrial enclosure for many years, where the neighbourhood community vindicated and occupied it to build a popular library, a craft beer cooperative, a carpentry cooperative and a nursery of cooperatives called Coopolis. Next to this neighbourhood managed centre, in a municipal factory we find La Borda. La Borda is a residential building of cooperative construction in a municipal space ceded for 50 years.

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