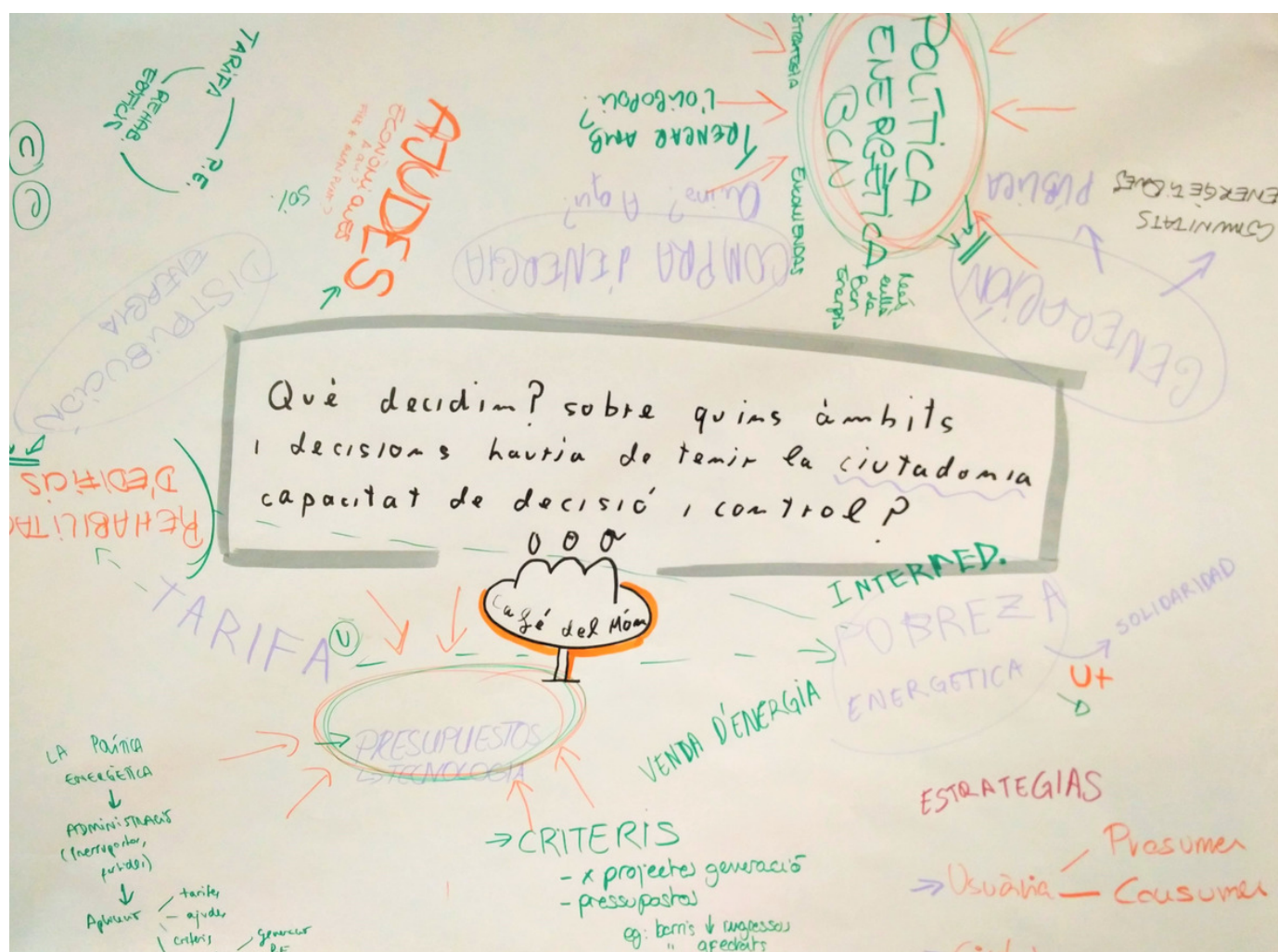


## FACTSHEET

# RETHINKING BARCELONA ENERGIA



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION INITIATIVE, TRANSFORMATIONAL AND DEMOCRATIC, TO INVOLVE CITIZENSHIP IN BARCELONA ENERGIA



## A COLLECTIVE ENERGY GOVERNANCE MODEL FOR POLICY DECISION-MAKING

During 2018, from the Xarxa per la sobirania energètica (Xse) we have fostered a **participatory and cooperative citizen process, to define a strategic and management approach** of the new local energy operator, Barcelona Energia (BE).

In this **shared co-creation forum**, we have analysed and debated, **jointly constructing a concrete proposal** for BE operating. We have taken as reference other **energy, goods and public-services processes of democratization** (from local to national and European scale).

**Interaction in equality conditions between participants has been promoted** through both face-to-face and virtual activities. **Entities and diverse people joined our participation process**, from the scientific and technical field of energy, ecology or economy to groups that work on grassroots democracy or social and solidary economy, standing out, as it could not be otherwise, the users and people affected by the present energy model and its infrastructures

From the Xse, as from many other activist and citizenship platforms, we are firmly convinced that **public services will only be transformative if citizens and community exert far greater control over them** than is currently carried out. Then, **its strategic course will effectively be dissociated from electoral cycles**.

### THE BIG NUMBERS

31

PARTICIPATING ENTITIES

15

COLLECTIVE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

1

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

# MAIN ISSUES UNDER DEBATE



TO WHOM IS  
ENERGY BOUGHT  
AND SOLD?

To get away  
from the energy  
oligopolistic  
trading



WHICH ARE THE  
GENERATION  
SOURCES?

They should  
improve social  
metabolism having  
a low environmental  
impact



HOW DISTRIBUTION  
NETWORK  
INTEGRATES?

As a key element  
in the control of  
the whole  
electric system



HOW ARE  
RATES  
SET?

The model must  
encourage  
energy saving  
and efficiency



HOW IS ENERGY  
POVERTY DEALT  
WITH?

From solidarity  
and with a  
holistic vision of  
the city

## CORE DEMANDS AND PROPOSALS

### PARTICIPATORY AND BINDING SPACES

Not only in the case of BE, where it must give binding opinions to the Board of Directors of TERSA\*, but also in a broader framework, focused on the co-creation of local energy policies

### OPEN AND PLURAL FORUMS

At different levels, based on co-responsibility in decision-making and representing a wide spectrum of the population. They will have to adapt to the diverse realities of the participating groups, sharing information, methodology, spaces of care and timetables which will allow a fair participation of everyone and meeting equality

### CONTROL AND TRANSPARENCY MECHANISMS

Through an external and autonomous control body, having resources to supervise BE activity, including accessible indicators and disaggregated data

### DIVERSE LEVELS DIALOGUE

- **CITIZEN/PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS:** For the most strategic decisions, which will have to be binding for TERSA
- **DEBATE AGORA:** Citizenship empowerment and discussion in the districts
- **ASSEMBLY:** Inclusive decision-making body, to discuss policy-strategic proposals and evaluate consensus. This could be held annually and would be open to the whole citizenship
- **REPRESENTATIVE SPACE:** With rotating members of various backgrounds who would be chosen by the Assembly

\*TERSA is a public company that operates in the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona and generates energy in a valorization facility, through a waste incineration process