



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