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Градът като пространство за игра

Отвъд детските
площадки

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Плана за игра в обществените
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The Playable City

From Playgrounds to a
City-Wide Right to Play

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The Playable City: From Playgrounds to a City-Wide Right to Play

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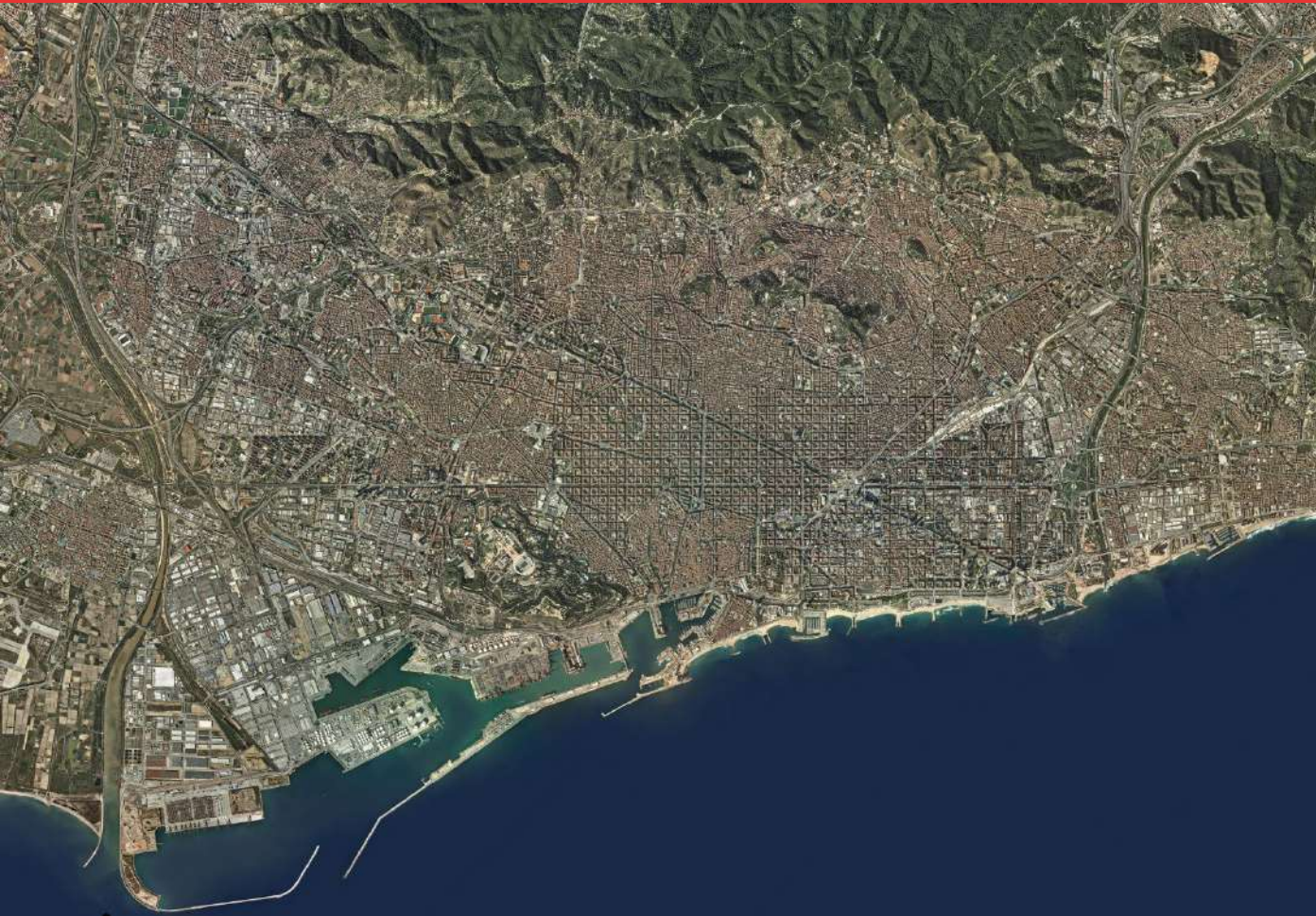


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horizon 2030
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The city of Barcelona



The city:

73 neighbourhoods

10 districts

1.702.814 inhabitants

101,4 km² (16.793 pop/km²)

Metropolitan Area:

36 municipalities

3.398.219 inhabitants

633 km² (5.368 pop/km²)

Why did Barcelona focus on children's play?

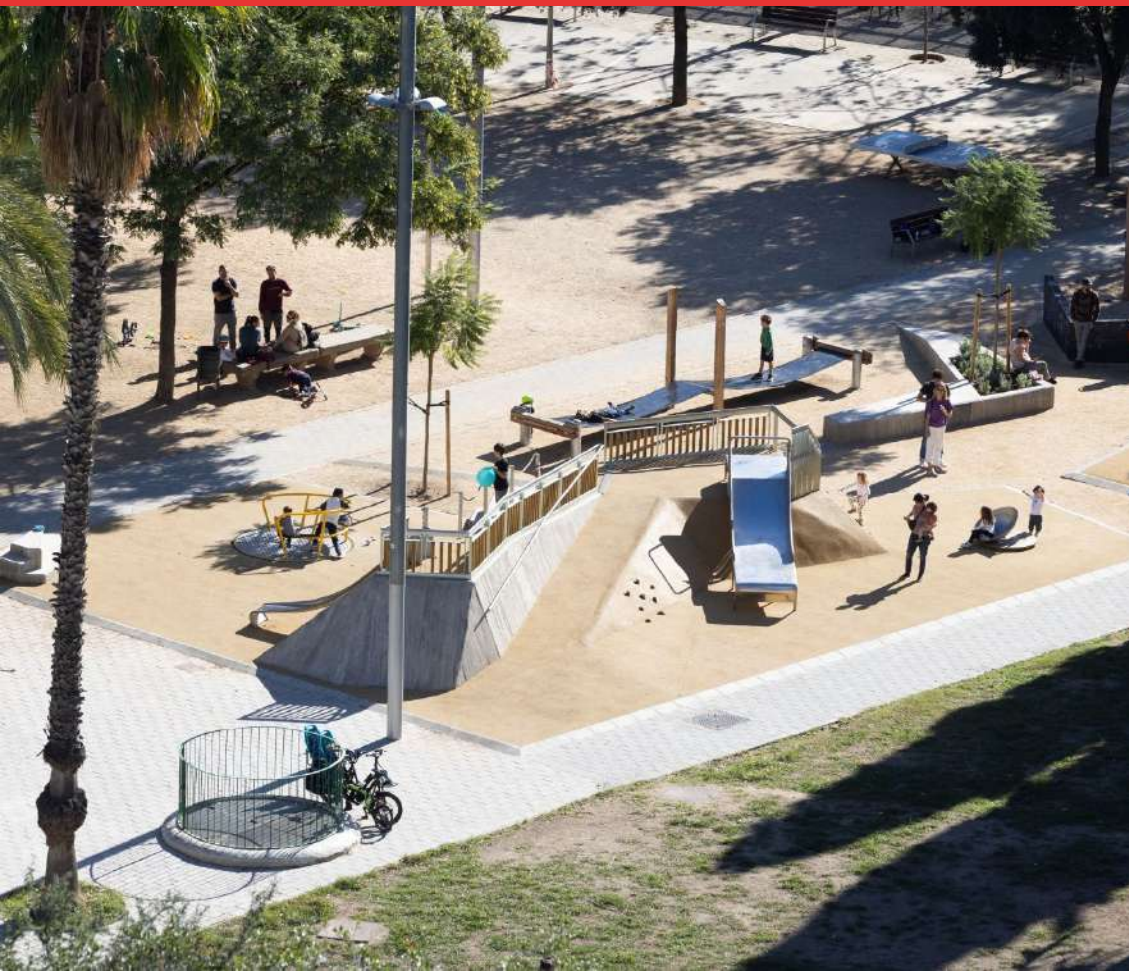
- 1 in 4 children (25%) aged 3 to 14 never play in the street or in parks.
- 4 in 10 children (38%) aged 10 to 12 hardly ever play or do not play outdoors.
- almost half (47%) are not satisfied with the play spaces in their neighbourhood.

Survey on the Subjective Well-Being of Children (2017) and the Barcelona Health Survey, carried out with more than 4,000 children





The Plan for play in public spaces, horizon 2030



Ajuntament
de Barcelona

Pla del joc a l'espai públic de Barcelona amb horitzó 2030



En col·laboració amb:

Institut
**Infància i
adolescència**



Participatory process. Over 400 people (including children) helped design the plan

Data-based decisions. Analysis of 868 play areas to identify needs

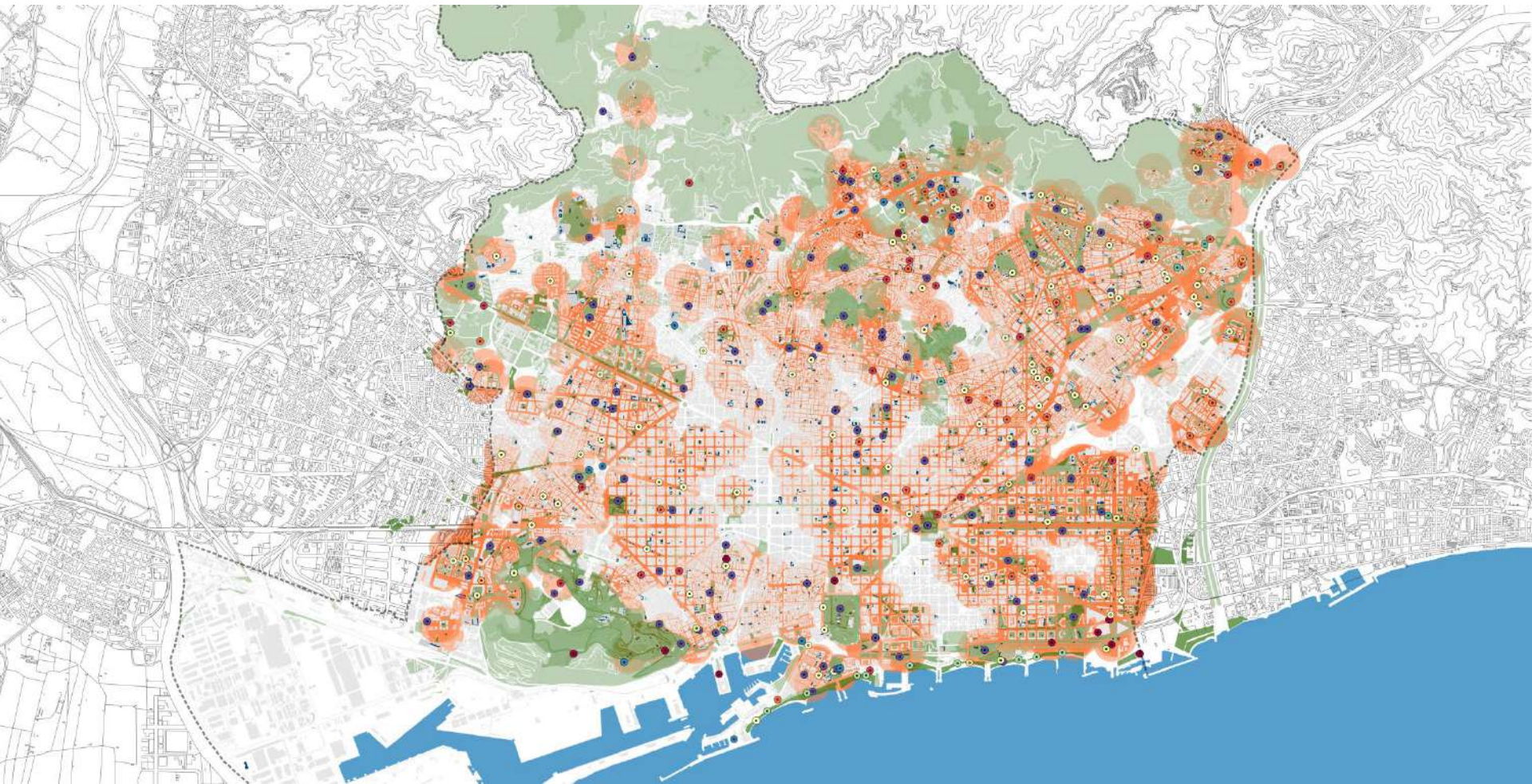
Interdepartmental coordination. Different sectors worked together

Long term vision. 2030 Horizon

Visible impact. 10 milestones and 63 actions



A jumping scale: planning the play infrastructure





7 quality criteria towards a playable city

Multiple options for **creative**, challenging play for healthy child development

Diverse, stimulating, connected and accessible physical space

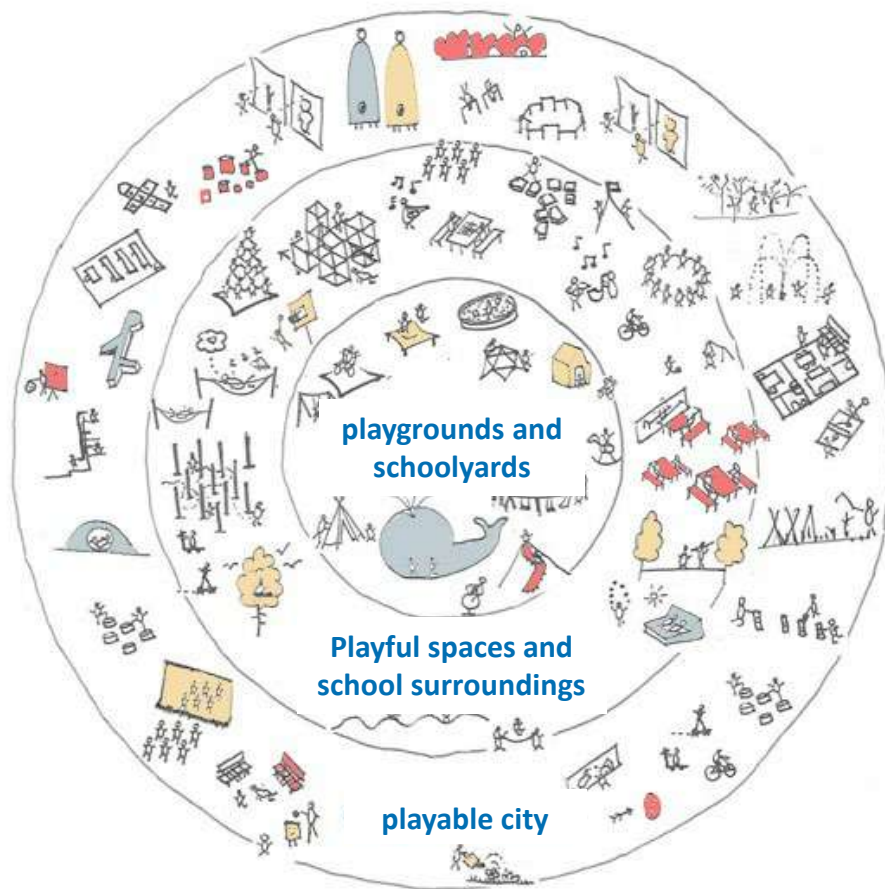
Contact with **nature**, greenery and play with sand and water

Shared, intergenerational and collaborative play

Place for meeting up and where the **community** can come together

Playful ecosystems and safe, playable environments







From playground equipment to play activities

Climbing

Experimenting

Swinging

Sliding

Hiding

Role playing

Feeling dizzy

Jumping

Balancing

Running and Riding

Self-expression

Meeting up and relaxing

Rocking

- A double way planning
- Remove fences when its possible
- Unique and appealing areas
- Accessible play areas towards inclusion
- Integrate nature and greenery
- Providing shapes
- Splashpads

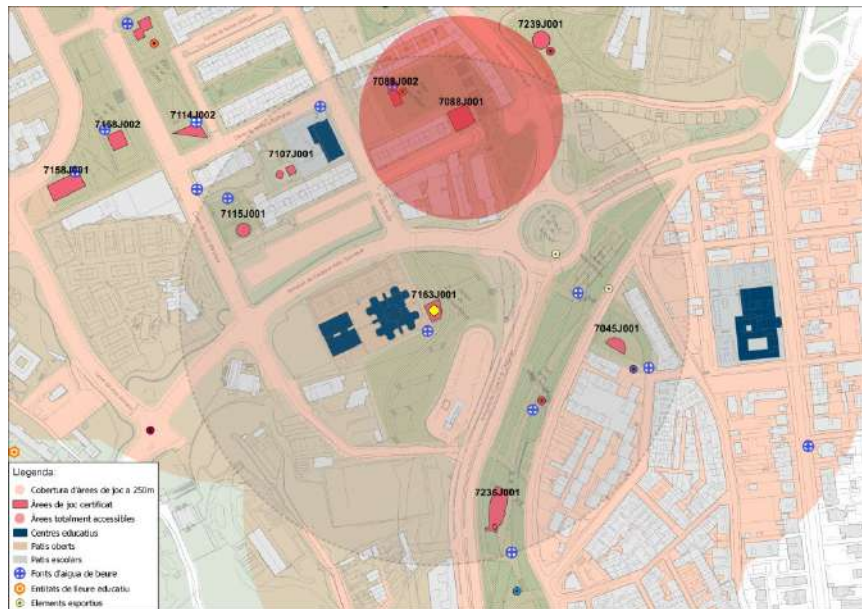


Some play areas before Plan for Play



Each playful ecosystem must provide a set of playful infrastructures.

Whenever somebody wants to build or renovate a playground, they must request a suitability report.



Remove fences when its possible

Salvador Seguí Square



Sant Miquel Square





Unique and appealing areas

Pegaso's Park



Nou Barris Central Park





Unique and appealing areas

Can Batlló Park



Glòries Park



Accessible play areas towards inclusion

Barcelona's accessible categorization:

- Totally accessible
- Accessible
- With accessible play elements
- No accessible

Barcelona's accessible goals 2030:

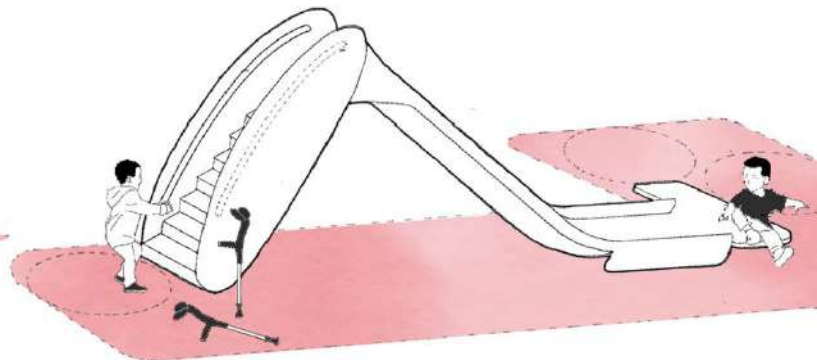
- All playful ecosystems with at least one Totally accessible play area.
- All new play areas and renovated areas must be Accessible.



Zero level or ramps



Wheelchair transfer height



Stairs with tread, riser and handrails

Accessible play areas towards inclusion

Colònia Castells Park



Sant Joan Boulevard





Accessible play areas towards inclusion

Sot dels Paletes Square



Emili Mira Square



Josep Goday i Casals Garden



Turó de la Peira Park





Providing shades

Caramelles Square



Antoni Santiburcio Park





Splashpads

Canyelles Square



Lluita per les Llibertats Square



Justa Freire Square



- Removing “no ball games” signs
- Open streets program
- Let's protect the schools
- Let's play in squares
- Toy library 0-99
- Supporting play staff for children with functional diversity



Removing “no ball games” signs





Open streets program

Sants Street



Every weekend from 10AM to 21PM



Let's protect the schools

IPSI school



Before



After

227 interventions in school surroundings

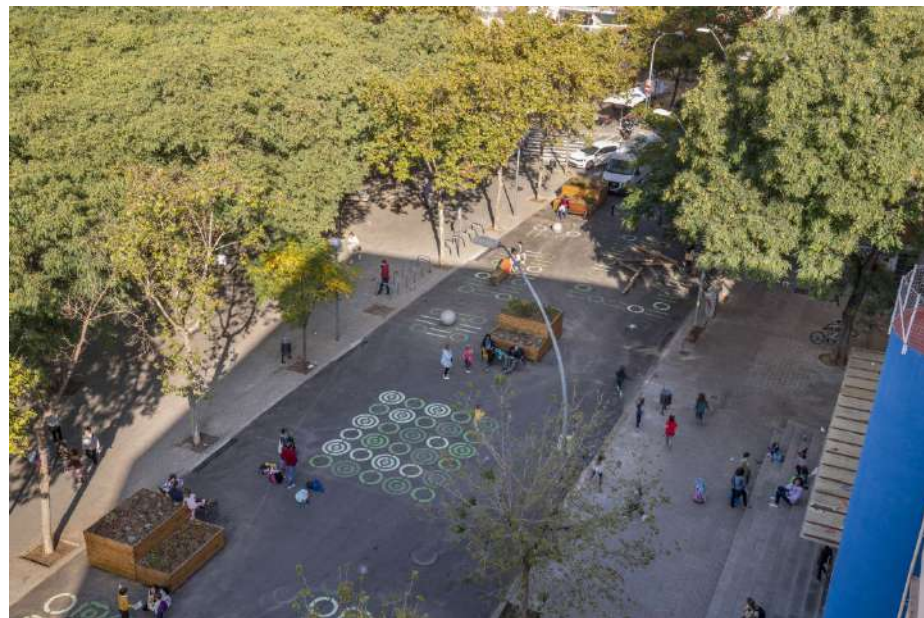


Let's protect the schools

Lavinia school



Before



After

227 interventions in school surroundings



Let's play in squares



Directed play activities in 50 squares



Every weekend lends recreational material and board games, with proposals for all ages



Supporting play staff for children with functional diversity

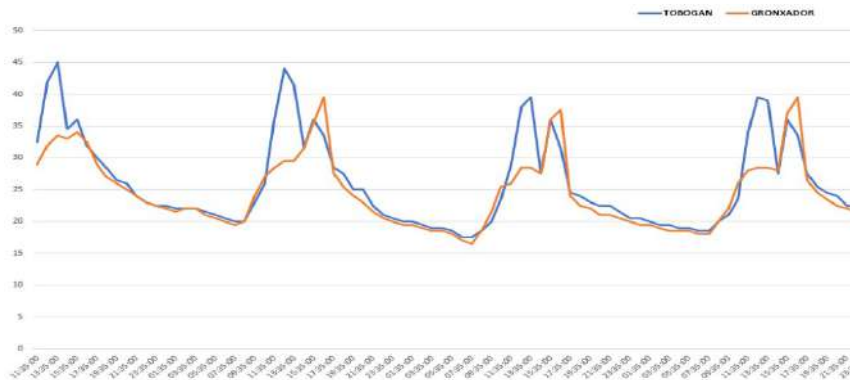


Pilot program that consists of 10 sessions of 1 hour per children

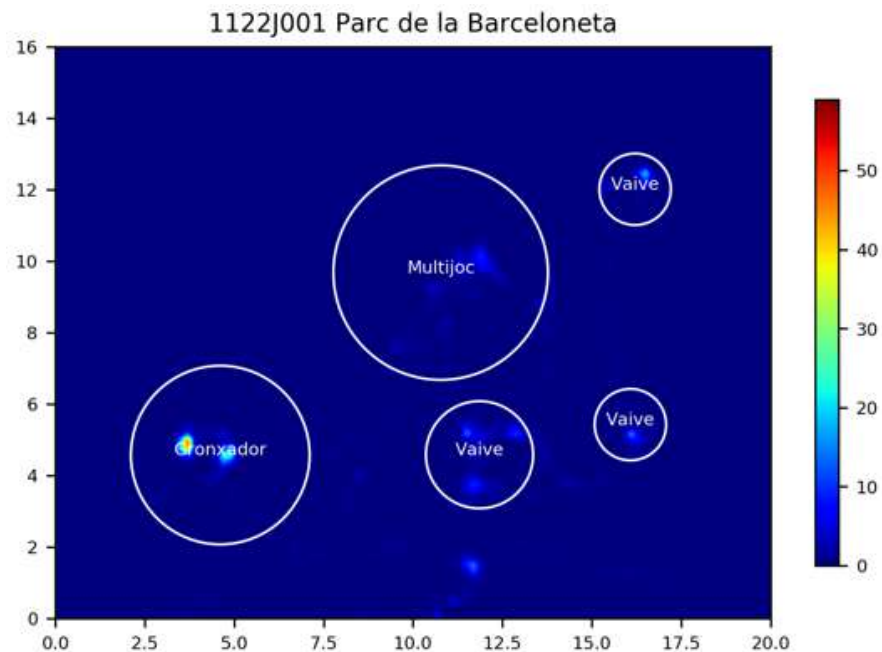
- Open survey in every play area
- Monitoring temperatures
- Tracking bracelets
- Footfall analytics via smart sensors



Monitoring temperatures and tracking bracelets



Thermo buttons to monitor temperatures of metallic play equipment



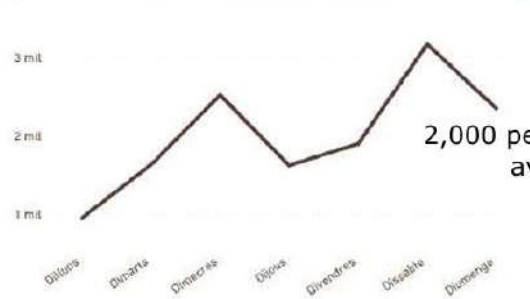
Tracking bracelets to understand how children use play equipment



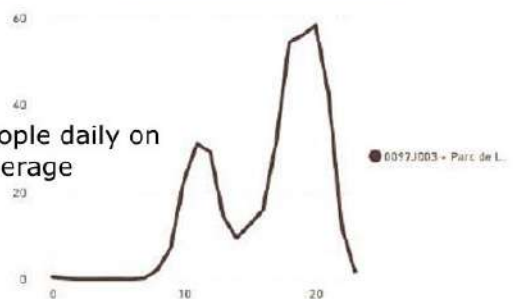
Footfall analytics via smart sensors



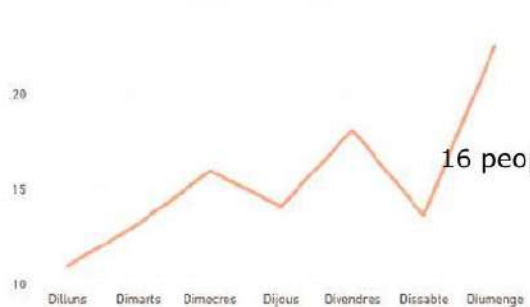
Daily profile by area



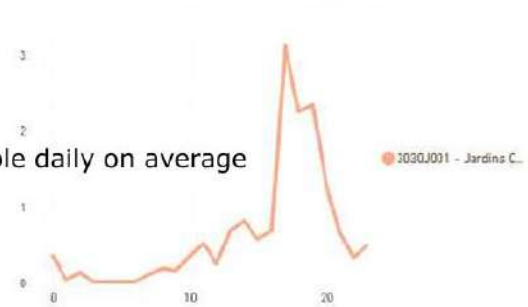
Hourly profile by area



Daily profile by area



Hourly profile by area



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Храната също образова

Вкусът, изборът
и преживяването като част
от ученето

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Food as Education

Taste, Nutrition and Experience
in Early Childhood Services

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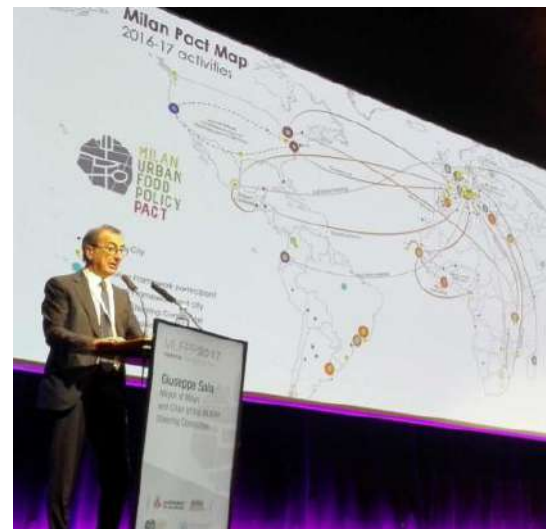


THE PACT

Launched by the **Mayor of Milan** as legacy of **Expo Milan 2015 “Feeding the Planet”**, it is a global joint cities declaration to promote Urban Food Policy.

Milan Pact defines **sustainable food systems** as inclusive, resilient, safe, diverse and healthy and promote a set of **37 recommended actions** to define food policies clustered in 6 categories:

1. **GOVERNANCE**
2. **SUSTAINABLE DIETS AND NUTRITION**
3. **SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY**
4. **FOOD PRODUCTION**
5. **FOOD SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION**
6. **FOOD WASTE**



OUR MEMBERSHIP

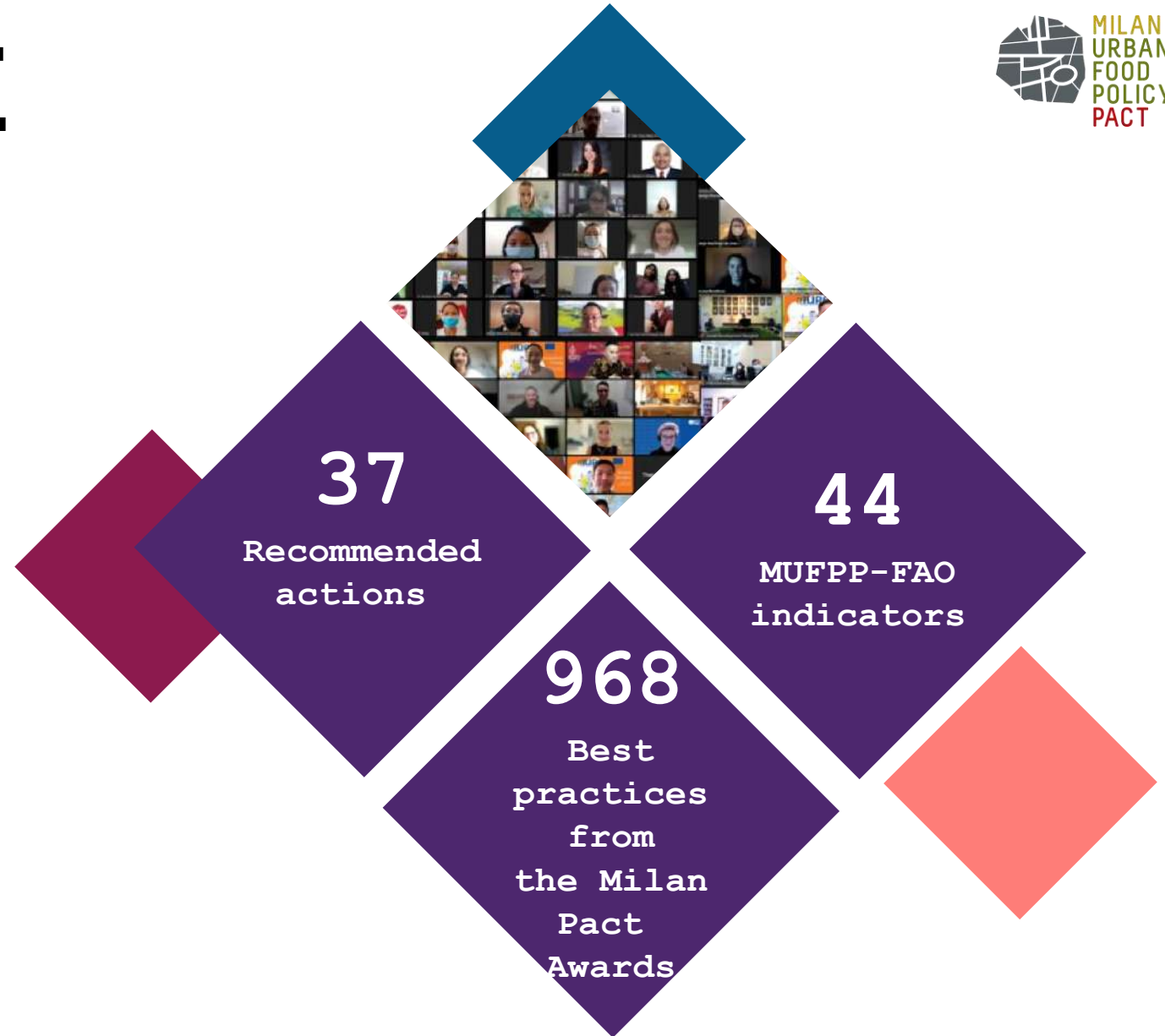


340 cities



KNOWLEDGE

- Meetings
- Webinars
- Field visits
- Advocacy
- Networking
- Trainings
- Projects



GLOBAL FORA



MILAN, 2015



FAO, ROME,



VALENCIA, 2017



TEL AVIV, 2018



BARCELONA, 2021



ONLINE, 2020



MONTPELLIER,

GLOBAL FORA 2025 – MILAN MUFPP 10TH ANNIVERSARY

“Building on a decade of
joint success, envisioning
the future of urban
food systems”

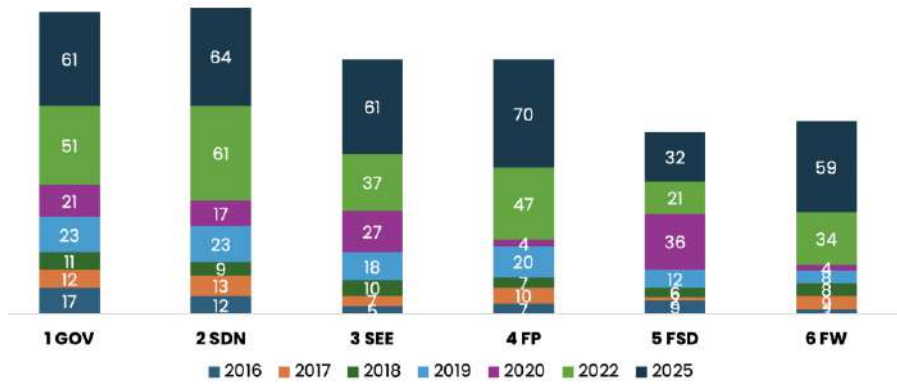


SMC Session @MUFPP Global Forum



MILAN PACT AWARDS

968
practices



Food Waste 12



Supply 11



199 Nutrition



Productio 165



Equity 165



Governance 196

MUFPP & ASEAN PROJECT

Promoters



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Spreading Experiences and Knowledge on School Meals Programmes in ASEAN Cities

project aims to increase the capacity of **city officers and member states from ASEAN** countries to develop **school meals programmes and policies** that can multiply positive health, environmental, economic and social outcomes in local communities.



The project targets a wide range of **public officers responsible for the food system governance** of cities and local school meals programme actors.

THE PROGRAMME

Both visits were composed of **field trips, workshops and seminars** to deliver **comprehensive insights** into the Milan school meal system. Each study visit covered a set of context-specific interests from the two groups of cities, which guaranteed a **targeted learning programme**.

SEMINARS



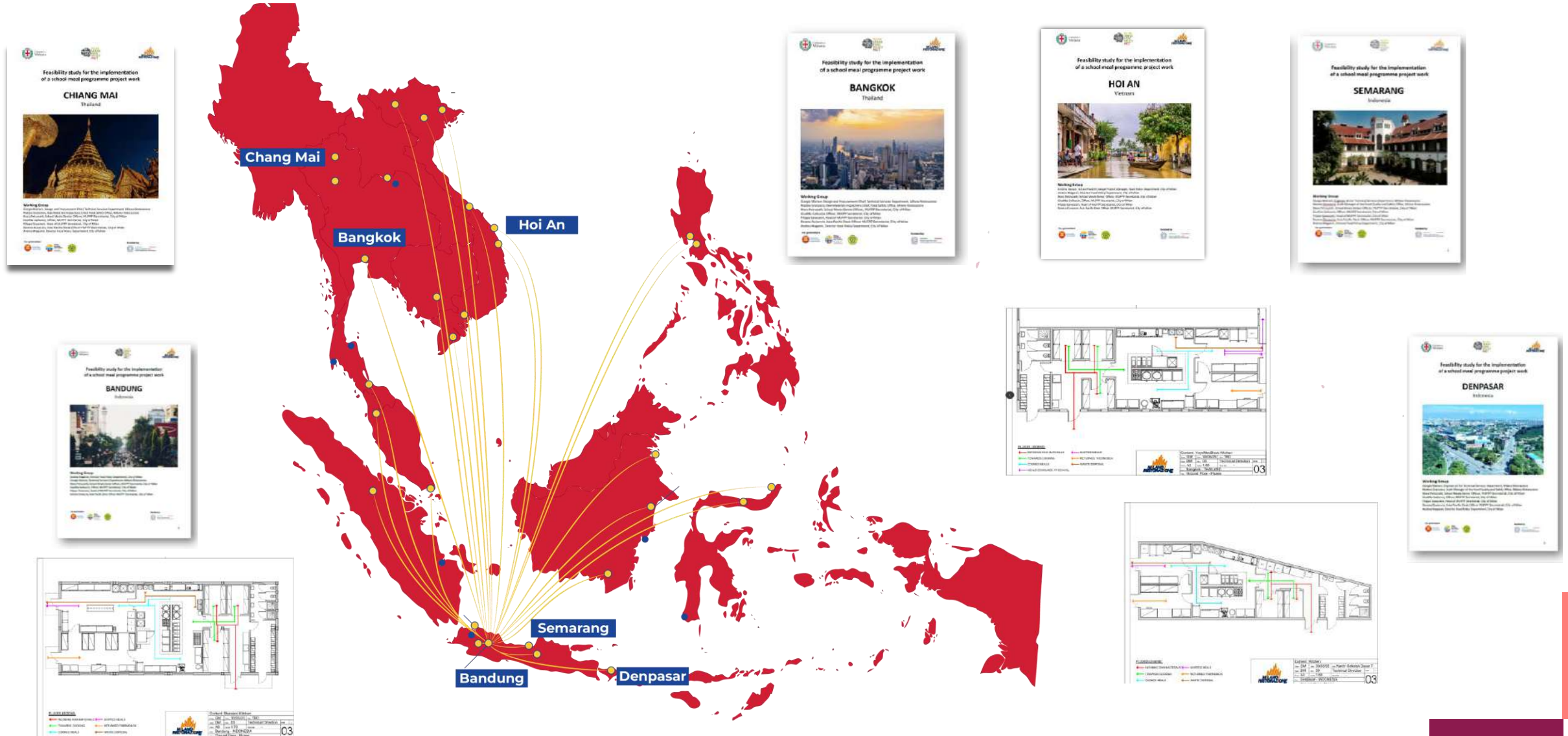
FIELD VISITS



WORKSHOPS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES



6 FEASIBILITY STUDIES



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Град, който е добър за Всяко дете

Какво могат да променят общините?

ПАНЕЛНА ДИСКУСИЯ

A city that works for every child

What Should Municipalities Guarantee?

PANEL DISCUSSION

H.E. Kirsti Pohjankukka — Ambassador of Finland to Bulgaria

H.E. Catherine Bannon — Ambassador of Ireland to Bulgaria

Nikolay Denkov — Member of the Bulgarian Parliament; Former Prime Minister of Bulgaria

Pavel Popov — Member of the Bulgarian Parliament; Former Deputy Mayor of Varna for Education, Culture and Sport

Elissaveta Belobradova — Member of the Bulgarian Parliament; Member of the Committee on Education and Science

Eugenia Volen — Trust for Social Achievement

Moderator: Plamena Nikolova — Rise Bulgaria

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16:00-18:00 Closed session

Лаборатории за градски политики

Паралелни работни маси с международните участници, местни лидери, национални експерти, представители на академичните среди, родителите и гражданското общество

Urban policy labs

Parallel working tables with international participants, local leaders, national experts, representatives of academia, parents and civil society

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Участие и активно учене

Педагогическа работилница
с Макс Норин

Participation & Active Learning

Pedagogical Workshop with Max Norin