

THE THIRD SOCIAL SECTOR
PLATFORM OF CATALONIA

ACTION PLAN 2023
AND COOPERATION PROPOSALS

IN THE EUROPEAN AND
INTERNATIONAL AGENDA

Taula del Tercer Sector (Third Sector Platform) is the main third sector-umbrella organization in Catalonia. We provide a platform for collective action to 35 NGO networks and 3.000 non-profit organizations. Third sector organisations play a key role in bringing about social rights and empowering people and communities through local action.

« WE REPRESENT CATALAN SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS
AND PROMOTE SOCIAL RIGHTS »

Taula stimulates and further develops the added value of third sector organisations in society: their capacity to lead social innovation processes and to improve public policies for a fairer society. Our two main areas of work are political advocacy and supporting the third sector.



Taula d'entitats
del Tercer Sector Social
de Catalunya

OUR APPROACH TO INTERNATIONALIZATION

We are all witnessing a historical moment characterized by the overlapping of **multiple global transitions**: ecological and technological, social and economic. Our territories often interact with the opportunities these processes bring, but above all **with the challenges they also create or exacerbate**. Its impacts are particularly felt by the most vulnerable groups and, increasingly, by a large social majority. More and more people are at **risk of being left behind**.

Third sector organisations, which have always been characterized by their collective organization capacity in favour of social improvement, **are deeply related with these global dynamics**. First, they must provide answers to ever **greater social needs**, exacerbated by major transitions. Second, they interact more and more often with **frameworks of decision and governance**, but also of opportunity and alliance, which are increasingly integrated and global.

SHARED AGENDAS AND SOCIAL ALLIANCES

Faced with this scenario, **we commit to raise our vision and ambition** to a European and transnational scale. We want to understand and interact with these global processes that **affect us as a sector and the people we care for**. We want to participate in the **localization and improvement of European social agendas**. And we want to harness the opportunities they raise for improving societies and territories, but most important, the lives of people.

We believe in the **potential of alliances to advance this proposal**, which is essentially **collaborative**. We want to work with relevant stakeholders and **social organisations from all over Europe and the rest of the world** to promote local social responses to the great challenges of the present. We want to participate in the **improvement of welfare states and democracy**: starting from our territory, based on the values that bring us together and with global responsibility.

WHAT WILL YOU FIND IN THIS DOCUMENT?

Our proposals for collaboration at the European and international level for 2023. We introduce our strategic priorities and the activities we will develop linked to the internationalization of third sector organisations; our areas of expertise and interest; as well as specific opportunities for collaboration.

WORK AREAS

WE STRENGTHEN

SUPPORTING AND SCALING-UP SOCIAL INNOVATION AT A LOCAL, EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL LEVEL

Connect with social updates and cooperation proposals

We send the newsletter of the #TercerSectorInternacional every quarter with news and suggestive proposals linked to the European and international social agenda: advocacy priorities, networking opportunities, resources and proposals from the Catalan third sector. [Register here](#) in our [Catalan](#) or [English](#) version.

Take part in EU funding training programs

We bring European funds closer to social organisation and other actors in Catalonia and beyond to promote social innovation and the transformation of organizations. We have practical resources and a website to accompany organizations in their first forays into the field or to detect calls of interest.

ERASMUS + | EASI | AMIF | CERV | INTERREG | HORIZON EUROPE |
EU PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

Improve the culture of quadruple-helix cooperation

We connect third sector and quadruple helix partners – public and private sector, universities and society – in Catalonia and Europe to share ideas, agendas and proposals. We want to improve the culture of collaboration between organizations to give rise to better social and territorial improvement projects.

Find your social partner and disseminate your proposals

We serve as a point of connection with local partners, third sector organisation especially. We have dedicated spaces to share proposals for establishing European projects or to exchange information, experiences and learnings about public-social collaboration models and organizational practices.

COORDINATION ON EU FUNDS | NETWORKING EVENTS ON
SOCIAL INNOVATION | ONLINE SPACE FOR EU NETWORKING

WORK AREAS

WE ADVOCATE

LOCALIZING THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL AGENDA AND IMPROVING SOCIAL RIGHTS GUARANTEE POLICIES

Find out more about EU and international social agendas

This year we will organize or participate in debates and fora dedicated to the European social agenda and how to make its proposals more effective so that they respond to local needs, moving towards a more social and fairer Europe.

EUROPEAN SOCIAL ECONOMY ACTION PLAN | RIGHTS OF THE CHILD | EUROPEAN CARE STRATEGY | EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS | SOCIAL PROTECTION AND THE FUTURE OF THE WELFARE STATE | EU4HEALTH | UN HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS

Advocate to represent communities and improve governance

We want to elevate the knowledge, know-how and priorities of local social organisation to governance institutions in the European Union and the United Nations. We want to build more stable working relationships with them and amplify our influence in debates, public policy processes and expert groups.

Meet the civil society agendas of “Territories in Transition”

We will generate spaces for knowledge exchange and learning between social organisation through study visits and reports. We want to improve our knowledge of other realities and give rise to specific collaboration opportunities between social organisations from Catalonia, the EU and beyond.

Co-create social alliances between worldwide CSOs

We want to co-create shared positions between social organizations from different territories on the social needs that the great transitions of the moment exacerbate and the role of social organisation in addressing them. We want to highlight the role of social organizations in ensuring that these transitions do not leave anyone behind and improve the public recognition of our sector.

OUR SECTOR IN DEPTH

THIRD SECTOR

The **third sector represents a global reality** of social organization, well understood in many other parts of the world, which has always been rooted in Catalonia. Today it works in favour of **1,500,000 people living in Catalonia**, with a social base of **half a million members, 348,000 volunteers and 85,000 workers**.

MORE INFORMATION

[ABOUT THE THIRD SECTOR](#)

[MEMBER-NETWORKS OF TAULA](#)

[LOCAL NGO MAP](#)

WORK AREAS

We share agendas from a transversal perspective and around **working groups and commissions** that project the expertise of our member-networks on

Inclusion and poverty	Person-centered care	Labour insertion
Children	Elderly	Housing and energy
Funding	Quality and improvement	Digitalization

Our members also have **extensive experience** working in other areas such as disabilities, illness and mental health, women, leisure education, volunteering, the LGBTI community, migration, diversity and communities, skills development, social innovation, drug addiction and prisoners or ex-prisoners.

We promote **a comprehensive social agenda** based on three pillars for a dignified life: **social rights, housing and decent work**.

PRIORITIES AND AGENDAS

Social rights	Social protection Guaranteed income Minimum vital income	Energy poverty Homelessness and rights of the homeless
Integrated care Person-centred, community-based care	Rights of the child Child poverty	Rights of the elderly Unwanted loneliness Digital divide
Right to housing	Housing urban policy	Social housing
Right to decent work	Employment policy	Labour insertion of groups at risk of vulnerability and skills

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