

Exchange booklet



Botanical Garden of Barcelona

European Community Exchange on Seed Diversity and Sovereignty

Barcelona, 23-27 September 2017

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Dear ECE participants,

Cordial salutations.

As our meeting approaches, we have prepared a more detailed document that includes a list of participants, overall program, as well as a comprehensive agenda, with the characteristics of each activity (activity by activity) and additional details such as room/location, a printed copy of which will be provided during registration that will also include the bios of all participants.

In addition, we include a Roadmap summary matrix (in a separate document) with all the information processed until the moment for our evening sessions, and the travel guide that was already circulated to you all.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you very much,

The GDF team

Detailed list of participants

(in alphabetical order by first name)

Following is the list of participants and collaborators to the European Community Exchange on Seed Diversity and Sovereignty.

Full name	Organization and country	Position
Andreas Biesantz	Demeter, Germany	Head of Office EU Liaison Office
Beate Koller	ARCHE NOAH, Austria	Director
Béla Bartha	ProSpecieRara, Switzerland	Director
Catrina Fenton	Garden Organic/Heritage Seed Library, UK	Head of Heritage Seed Library
Ester Casas	Les Refardes/ Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando", Spain	Member of Xarxa Catalana de Graners and Red de Semillas Coordination team
Gianluigi Bacchetta	Università degli Studi di Cagliari, Italy	Hortus Botanicus Karalitanus Director
Ida Westphal	Mercator Fellow on International Affairs, Germany	Fellow
Joanne Newton	Irish Seed Savers Association, Ireland	Seed bank coordinator
Johannes Kotschi	AGRECOL, Germany	Scientist, advisor and project manager
Judith Fehér	Magház, Hungary	Project Manager
Lawrence Woodward	Future Sustainability, UK	Director
Lily Morchedai	MedINA, Greece	Project and Communications Officer
Lina Lasithiotaki	Demeter, Belgium	Communication Officer
Louise Windfeldt	Danish Seed Savers, Denmark	Project Leader
María Carrascosa	Red Andaluza de Semillas/ Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando", Spain	Coordinator
Mohammad Al-Zein	Lebanese American University, Lebanon	Instructor and Researcher
Neil Munro	The Gaia Foundation, UK	Program Manager
Patricia Thomas	BEYOND GM, UK	Director
Ricardo Bocci	Rete Semi Rurale, Italy	Managing Director

Sendy Osmicevic	ZMAG, Croatia	Food program coordinator
Signe Voltelen	SLOW / Living workshops & urban farming, Sweden	Architect, seed activist, seed farmer and urban farmer
Simone Cutajar	Hub for ethnobotanical research, Malta	Researcher
Stefan Doeblin	Sementes Vivas, Portugal	Director
Toni Calafell	Associació de Varietats Locals de Mallorca/Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando", Spain	General Coordinator and Member of Red de Semillas
Xènia Torras	Xarxa Catalana de Graners/ Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando", Spain	ERA's General Coordinator and Esporus Manager

The rest of participants will be constituted by GDF staff and collaborators, whom will be in charge of different coordination aspects of the event as well as to provide general support with the various activities programmed. Participants from GDF and UB-IBB collaborators include:

Airy Gras	University of Barcelona collaborator
Emily Caruso	GDF Regional Programmes Director
Gary Martin	GDF Founder and Director
Inanç Tekguc	GDF Media Director
Nessie Reid	GEN & GESA Coordinator
Philipp Schober	University College Cork collaborator
Ugo D'Ambrosio	GEN Mediterranean Regional Coordinator

In addition, 3 non-European participants invited by the Diversifood Consortium will be participating for the initial days to the event (Community Seed Banks).

Mariam Sy	USC- Mali
Marie-Eve Levert	USC- Canada
Ximena Cadima	PROINPA, Bolivia

During the event, we will also have the opportunity to have the participation of various collaborators in the exchange, including representatives of the **Parc Agrari del Baix Llobregat**, **Fundació Miquel Agustí-Agròpolis (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya)**, **Jardí Botànic de Barcelona**, **Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)** and **Institut Botànic de Barcelona-Universitat de Barcelona**. In addition, we will have the occasion to meet **Salvia Foundation's representatives**, co-funders of the event with the MAVA Foundation.

We thank you all for making this event possible.

Overall program

Saturday, September 23rd
Welcome and introductions
Morning Arrivals at University Residence (UR), Barcelona
13:30-15:00 Lunch (UR)
15:00-16:00 Registration
16:00-16:20 Inauguration of the event
16:20-17:15 Opening keynote speech “View from a distant shore: from seeds to cultural landscapes in Morocco” by Gary Martin (GDF Director)
17:15-17:45 Coffee Break
17:45-18:30 ECE Overview, approach and Q&A
18:30-19:45 Participants’ introductions
20:30-22:00 Welcome dinner (Velódromo, Muntaner 213), by public transportation (about 15')
Sunday, September 24th
DIVERSIFOOD Joint Activity on Community Seed Banks
08:00-08:45 Breakfast (UR)
08:45-09:30 Collective keynote speech on “Community seed banks” by DIVERSIFOOD consortium, Gianluigi Bacchetta (UNICA)
09:45-11:15 Workshop 1. World Café on “CSB”- DIVERSIFOOD consortium- GDF joint activity
11:15-11:45 Coffee Break (UR)
11:45-13:05 Visit 1. Field activity at the Palau Reial gardens by Nessie Reid (GDF) and Ugo D'Ambrosio (GDF)
13:05-14:45 Lunch (Mussol Diagonal, Diagonal 488)
14:45-16:45 Workshop 2. Fishbowl and harvest on “CSB”- DIVERSIFOOD consortium- GDF joint activity.
16:45-17:15 Coffee Break
17:15-19:00 Roadmap session 1. Introductory session by GDF team
19:00- Dinner at UR (included) / Self-organised dinner (not included)
Monday, September 25th
Seeds as commons, GE-free seeds
08:00-09:00 Breakfast (UR)
09:00-09:30 Transport to the Botanical Institute of Barcelona
09:30-09:45 Introduction to the IBB and JBB by Ugo D'Ambrosio (GDF)
09:45-10:30 Keynote speech on “Seeds as commons: a way forward” by Johannes Kotschi (AGRECOL)
10:30-11:00 Coffee break with informal presentation on “Knowledge as commons & CONECT-e” by Petra Benyei (ICTA)
11:00-12:45 Workshop 3. Seeds as commons in the European context: Challenges and opportunities by Johannes Kotschi (AGRECOL) and Ida Westphal (Stiftung Mercator)
12:45-13:15 Visit 2. Germplasm bank of the Botanical Garden of Barcelona by Miriam Aixart (JBB)

13:15-14:30 Lunch with wild food plants (catered by M. Enrich) (IBB-JBB)
14:30-15:45 Visit 3. Living collections of the Botanical Garden of Barcelona by Josep M ^a Montserrat (JBB)
16:00-16:30 Transport to UR
16:30-18:15 Workshop 4. “Keeping seeds GE-free and ecological” by Patricia Thomas (Beyond GM) and Lawrence Woodward (Future Sustainability)
18:15-18:45 Coffee break
18:45-19:45 Roadmap session 2 (Optional). Co-creating the roadmap. First session.
19:45- Dinner at UR (included) / Self-organised dinner (not included)
22:00-23:00 Optional- Pyromusical (Avinguda Reina Maria Cristina, Festes de la Mercè)
Tuesday, September 26th
Participatory on-farm breeding and multiplication
08:00-09:00 Breakfast (UR)
09:00-09:30 Transport to el Prat del Llobregat
09:30-10:50 Visit 4. Visit to the Baix Llobregat Agrarian Park centre (Can Comas) and arboretum by Park representatives
10:50-11:15 Snack break (Can Comas)
11:15-11:40 Transport to Viladecans
11:45-12:30 Visit to the Agropolis experimental farms by FMA representatives
12:30-13:15 Keynote speech on “Plant genetic resources conservation and plant breeding activities at the Miquel Agustí Foundation” by Joan Casals/Joan Simó (FMA)
13:20-13:40 Transport to downtown el Prat
13:45-15:30 Lunch in El Prat del Llobregat (Cèntric Gastrobar, Pça Catalunya 39-41, El Prat)
15:30-16:00 Transport to UR
16:15-18:00 Workshop 5. “Collaborative research for community-based seed breeding and innovative diversity-based breeding methods” by GDF team
18:00-18:30 Coffee Break
18:30-19:30 Roadmap session 3 (Optional). Co-creating the roadmap. Second session
20:30-22:30 Farewell dinner at La Balsa (Carrer de la Infanta Isabel, 4)
Wednesday, September 27th
Conclusions and next steps
08:00-09:00 Breakfast (UR)
09:00 -10:30 Roadmap session 4. Moving forward
10:30-11:00 Coffee break
11:00-11:45 Evaluation and concluding remarks
12:00- Departures from UR

UR: University Residency (Penyafort-Montserrat)

Detailed program

Keynote speeches

View from a distant shore: from seeds to cultural landscapes in Morocco
By Gary Martin, Global Diversity Foundation
Saturday 23rd Sept., 16:20-17:15
University Residence- Auditorium (West wing)
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>Gary Martin, Director of the Global Diversity Foundation (www.global-diversity.org), which is the convener of the European Community Exchange on Seed Diversity and Sovereignty, will open the event with a presentation that explores the dynamics of seeds in Amazigh cultural landscapes and communities of the Moroccan High Atlas. He will draw insights from this work to address the challenges and opportunities facing like-minded colleagues in Europe, who have a similarly deep involvement in grounded approaches to maintaining the viability of seed sources for sustainable agriculture and healthy lives.</p>

Collective keynote speech on Community Seed Banks (CSB)- DIVERSIFOOD Joint Activity
By Riccardo Bocci (RSR), Beate Koller (Arche Noah) and Gianluigi Bacchetta (UNICA)
Sunday 24th Sept. 08:45-09:30
University Residence- Auditorium (West wing)
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>Diversifood consortium members Riccardo Bocci and Beate Koller will give a presentation aiming at transferring the essence of the two workshops on Community Seed Banks recently carried out in Rome, and Gianluigi Bacchetta on innovative perspectives of the Sardinian Germplasm Bank (BG-SAR) for the preservation of the Mediterranean plant diversity.</p> <p>Aspects presented in this collective speech and others, will be further discussed throughout the day in a world café and fishbowl activity.</p>

Seeds as commons: a way forward
By Johannes Kotschi, AGRECOL
Monday 25th Sept., 09:45-10:30
Botanical Institute of Barcelona- Sala Salvador
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>The OpenSourceSeeds initiative aims to make seed a common good again. It equips new crop varieties with the open-source license. This is the most efficient way to legally protect seed from patenting and variety protection. A few large companies now dominate the seed sector. They breed plants to be uniform, and use patents to defend their usage rights and profits. This squeezes out biodiversity, stifles innovation and restrains the capacity of agriculture to adapt to climate change. Open-source licensed seed is available for everyone. You may multiply the seed, sell it, pass it on, breed with it and enhance it without any restrictions. The license grants new users the same rights that the previous owner enjoyed.</p> <p>The key note will cover the following topics: the nature of commons, the need for treating seeds as commons, Open-Source as a useful principle, the open-source license a legal way to protect commons, and first experiences with the new service provider OpenSourceSeeds.</p>

Plant genetic resources conservation and plant breeding activities at the Miquel Agustí Foundation
By Miquel Agustí Foundation
Tuesday 26th Sept., 12:30-13:15
Parc Agrari del Baix Llobregat- Agròpolis
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>The Fundació Miquel Agustí is a research team that is made available to the agricultural sector and society in general to promote research around the traditional Catalan agricultural varieties and promote the indigenous products of our land. FMA works hand in hand with the agri-food sector to improve the efficiency of its processes and the organoleptic and nutritious quality of its products and contributes to the conservation of Catalan agrobiodiversity by means of different germplasm collection programs around the Catalan territory and ex situ conservation strategies of the genetic variability of traditional Catalan varieties. The germplasm bank of the Fundació Miquel Agustí is a structure in which the seeds of the traditional varieties are conserved, ceded by the Catalan farmers. It is a living collection, which serves as a basis for the different programs of recovery and improvement of traditional Catalan varieties. This presentation will deal about plant genetic resources conservation and plant breeding activities at the Foundation.</p>

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Workshops

World Café on CSB- DIVERSIFOOD Joint Activity
By Nessie Reid (GDF)
Sunday 24th Sept., 09:45-11:15
University Residence- Workshop rooms 1&2 (East wing)
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>A world café activity will be carried out in order to reflect, open and enrich the different aspects discussed during the collective keynote speech on this topic.</p> <p>Integrating the outcomes of Rome's workshops, this activity will address different relevant questions on CSB that will be discussed in smaller groups and later on put in common.</p>

Fishbowl and harvest on CSB- DIVERSIFOOD Joint Activity
By Beate Koller (Arche Noah) and Nessie Reid (GDF)
Sunday 24th Sept., 14:45-16:45
University Residence- Workshop rooms 1&2 (East wing)
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>Following the world café, we will go into a fishbowl discussion to digest all the information discussed during the world café activity, and a final time will be given for harvesting and concluding the main ideas debated throughout the day on community seed banks and their most current issues.</p>

Seeds as commons in the European context: Challenges and opportunities
By Johannes Kotschi (Agrecol,) & Ida Westphal (Mercator Stiftung)
Monday 25th Sept., 11:00-12:45
Botanical Institute of Barcelona- Aula Descuberta
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>Based on the presentation about Seeds as Commons we will collectively focus on the following aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengths and weaknesses of Open-Source licensing - Identifying key-stakeholders for up-scaling - Strategies to extend the concept

Keeping seeds GE free and ecological
By Patricia Thomas (Beyond GM) and Lawrence Woodward (Future Sustainability)
Monday 25th Sept., 16:30-18:15
University Residence- Workshop rooms 1&2 (East wing)
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>The session will have three parts.</p> <p>i) An initial presentation covering three key aspects of genetic engineering and seeds will be given: New GM technologies, Contamination in the fields, Grey areas in plant breeding (CMS, embryo rescue)</p> <p>ii) We will break the room into three groups. Facilitators will be supplied with a questions/issue sheet to help guide them. Each group will have the opportunity to feedback on all three strands covered in the opening presentation. With the guidance of the facilitators we will be particularly looking for proposals and recommendations and questions for further research to feedback into the roadmap.</p> <p>iii) The whole group will reconvene for further discussion/clarifications and to compile the questions, comments and proposals will be compiled ready for feedback into the roadmap.</p> <p>Specific outcomes we will be looking for include recommendations on labelling, separation of the supply chain and co-existence measures. In collaboration the groups will no doubt raise other important issues. We will finalize by summing up the session at the end.</p>

Collaborative research for community-based seed breeding and innovative diversity-based breeding methods
By Philipp Schober and Nessie Reid
Tuesday 26th Sept., 16:15-18:00
University Residency- Conference Rooms 1&2 (East wing)
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>The second day of ECE we will meet during lunch or dinner with all the producers in the exchange (Xènia, Toni, María, Riccardo?, Signe?, Stefan?, Andreas?) to plan for a workshop on PoFB to be carried out the fourth day of ECE in the afternoon.</p> <p>We will choose 3-4 crops to establish a fictional PoFB program (1-2 self-pollinated, 1-2 cross pollinated). Farmers create the groups and the rest divides into the groups, including researchers, retailers and other roles so that each group holds a member of each party..</p>

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Roadmap sessions

Introductory session
By Emily Caruso and Philipp Schober
Sunday 24 th Sept., 17:15 – 19:00
University Residence- Workshop room 1 (East wing)
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>We will provide an overview of the process we propose for the development of the roadmap. We believe that in order to establish a roadmap that is truly ‘owned’ and proactively implemented by its constituents, we must approach it socially, open-endedly, and with a view to building a strategy iteratively through collective experimentation, inquiry and learning. For this reason, we seek to adopt a ‘systems’ approach to resolving the multifaceted ‘seed challenge’, rather than a planning approach.</p> <p>Specifically, in this session, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce theory surrounding systems thinking and systems action; Propose a procedure for developing a roadmap based on this theory; Discuss this procedure with participants and refine it if necessary; Present the matrix of Needs and Actions prepared on the basis of the pre-event participatory process; Breakout group work in three thematic groups (Seeds-as-commons; Agrobiodiversity & Conservation; Production & Consumption) to help define and refine Needs and Actions. <p>The work carried out in this session provides the content for our roadmap. The subsequent two sessions will be dedicated to creating a participatory process to implement the roadmap in the short- to medium-term.</p>

Co-creating the roadmap- Session 1 (optional)
By Emily Caruso and Philipp Schober
Monday 25 th Sept., 18:45 – 19:45
University Residence- Workshop room 1 (East wing)
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>Presentation & discussion of the results of the previous days’ work – that is, the final matrix, which facilitators will have compiled based on previous days’ work.</p> <p>Development of roadmap based on the actions defined.</p>

Co-creating the roadmap- Session 2 (optional)
By Emily Caruso and Philipp Schober
Tuesday 26 th Sept., 18:30 – 19:30
University Residence- Workshop room 1 (East wing)
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>Review roadmap from previous day, continue with work if necessary.</p> <p>Establish a simple process to evaluate, adapt and innovate on actions proposed.</p>

Moving forward
By Philipp Schober and Nessie Reid
Wednesday 27 th Sept., 9:00 – 10:30
University Residence- Workshop room 1 (East wing)
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>Present the roadmap to the full group.</p>

Present the process proposed surrounding the implementation of the roadmap.
Discuss follow up & next steps.

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Field trips and visits

The Pedralbes Royal Gardens
By Nessie Reid and Ugo D'Ambrosio
Sunday 24th Sept., 11:45-13:05
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>We will discover the Pedralbes Royal Gardens and some of its surroundings, looking at plants, monuments and briefly presenting its history combined with a sensing activity.</p> <p>We will divide into two groups and after 30', each group will do the other activity.</p>

The Botanical Institute and Garden of Barcelona
By Miriam Aixart/Josep Maria Montserrat and Ugo D'Ambrosio
Monday 25th Sept., 12:45-13:15 & 14:30-15:45
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>After the workshop on seeds as commons, we will visit the germplasm collection of the Botanical Garden of Barcelona and if we have time, the Salvador Collection with natural history objects from the XVII and XVIII centuries.</p> <p>Last but not least, we will do a 1h15 mins visit to the living collections of the Garden, which represents the various plant communities found in Mediterranean climates (Mediterranean basin, California, Chile, South Africa and Australia).</p>

The Agrarian Park in the Baix Llobregat and Agròpolis
By Parc Agrari del Baix Llobregat and Fundació Miquel Agustí-UPC
Tuesday 26th Sept. 09:30-13:15
<p><i>Brief description</i></p> <p>First, we will have a guided visit to the Agrarian Park main building and a brief presentation of the Park will be given (Can Comas). Questions and answers will follow. Next, we will walk in the Arboretum to see the different traditional varieties of fruit trees kept in this space, with some of its history.</p> <p>Last, we will visit the Agròpolis experimental fields with an explanation of its origin and purposes by Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC) representatives and a keynote speech on their work on plant genetic resources conservation and plant breeding will ensue.</p>

Travel guide



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Arriving to the University Residence

The Penyafort-Montserrat University Residence (Avinguda Diagonal, 639-641, 08028 Barcelona) can be reached by several means. We explain here various options according if you arrive by plane (Barcelona-El Prat Airport) or by other means. For departures from Barcelona, follow these instructions in reverse. Remember to keep your transportation ticket until the end of your journey.

↑ Indicates the stop/station where you get on the bus/train/tram and ↓ indicates the station where you get off.

Coming by plane from Barcelona-El Prat Airport

If you are coming from El Prat Airport (Barcelona's main airport) you have 3 main options to arrive to the Residence. Barcelona's airport, with several terminals, is located 16 kilometers south of the city and is also known as Barcelona-El Prat.

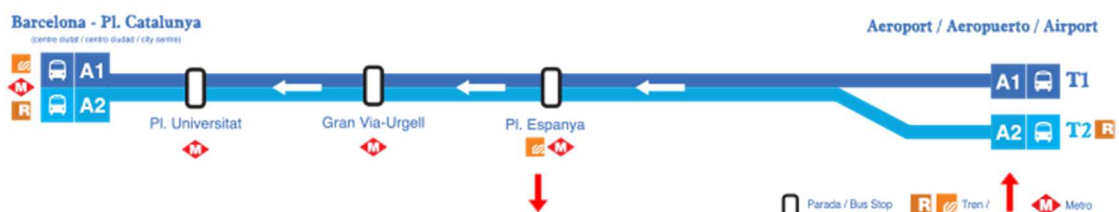
Option 1. Aerobus (A1 or A2) and Metro (L3)

Daily service between Barcelona Airport (both terminals 1 & 2) and Plaça Catalunya, with a stop in Plaça Espanya.

Frequency: every 10 minutes or less. Approximate total journey time: 45 minutes (from airport to residence).

Price: €5.90 (one-way Aerobus) + €2.15 (single Metro ticket).

Take Aerobus towards Barcelona and get off in Plaça Espanya (1 stop). A1 leaves from Terminal 1 and A2 from Terminal 2, both going in the same direction.



TIMETABLES		LINE A2 - TERMINAL 2	
LINE A1 - TERMINAL 1		PL Catalunya (Barcelona) - Terminal T2 (Airport BCN)	
PL Catalunya (Barcelona) - Terminal T1 (Airport BCN) From 05:00 h to 06:40 h every 10 min From 06:50 h to 21:45 h every 5 min From 21:50 h to 00:30 h every 10 min		From 05:00 h to 00:30 h every 10 min	
Terminal T1 (Airport BCN) - PL Catalunya (Barcelona) From 05:35 h to 07:20 h every 10 min From 07:30 h to 22:20 h every 5 min From 22:25 h to 01:05 h every 10 min		Terminal T2 (Airport BCN) - PL Catalunya (Barcelona) From 05:35 h to 01:00 h every 10 min	

In Plaça Espanya take the green metro line (L3) direction Zona Universitària, and get off in Palau Reial station (6 stops).



From Palau Reial, walk for 3-4 minutes towards the Residence.

Option 2. Metro via L9 Sud (TMB)



The L9 sud metro line connects Barcelona airport (T1 and T2) with the city daily.

Frequency: every 7 minutes.

Approximate total journey time: Less than 1 hour (from airport to residence).


Price: €4.50 (single Airport metro ticket to any other metro station).

Follow directions for L9 Sud metro stations (one in each terminal), direction Zona Universitària.



In Zona Universitària you have different options. 1) You can take the green line metro line (L3) direction Trinitat Nova, until Palau Reial (1 stop). From Palau Reial, walk for 3-4 minutes towards the Residence.



2) In Zona Universitària Metro station, you can also walk to the Residence via the Diagonal Street (10-12 minutes), or 3) take the Zona Universitària Tram (), direction Francesc Macià for two stops (the Zona Universitària Tram station is one block away from the Zona Universitària Metro station), getting down in Pius XII. The residence is just in front of this Tram Stop.



Option 3. Train (RENFE)



This is the least recommended option, as the frequency of trains is very limited. In addition, the train station is in Terminal 2 of the Airport, so if you arrive to Terminal 1 you have to take the free shuttle connecting the two.

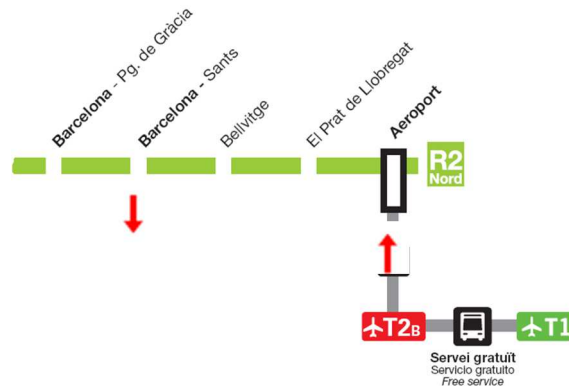
Daily connections between Barcelona Airport and Sants Estació train station.


Frequency: every 30 minutes.

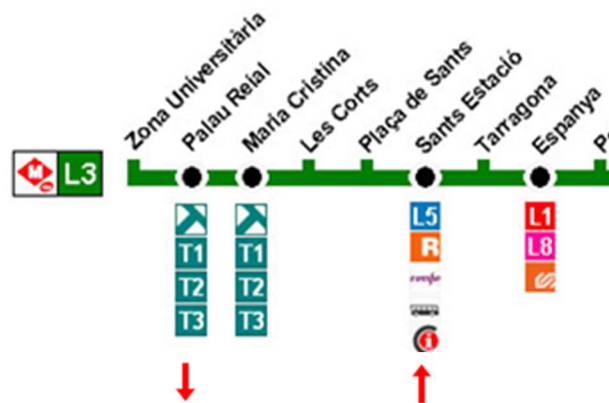
Approximate total Journey time: 45 minutes-1 hour (from airport to residence).

Price: €2.15 (single metro ticket)

Take the R2 Nord train direction Barcelona (Massanet-Massanes)



In Sants train station walk towards the metro station , and take the green line (L3) direction Zona Universitària, getting off at Palau Reial station. Walk for 3-4 minutes to the Residence.



Coming by other means

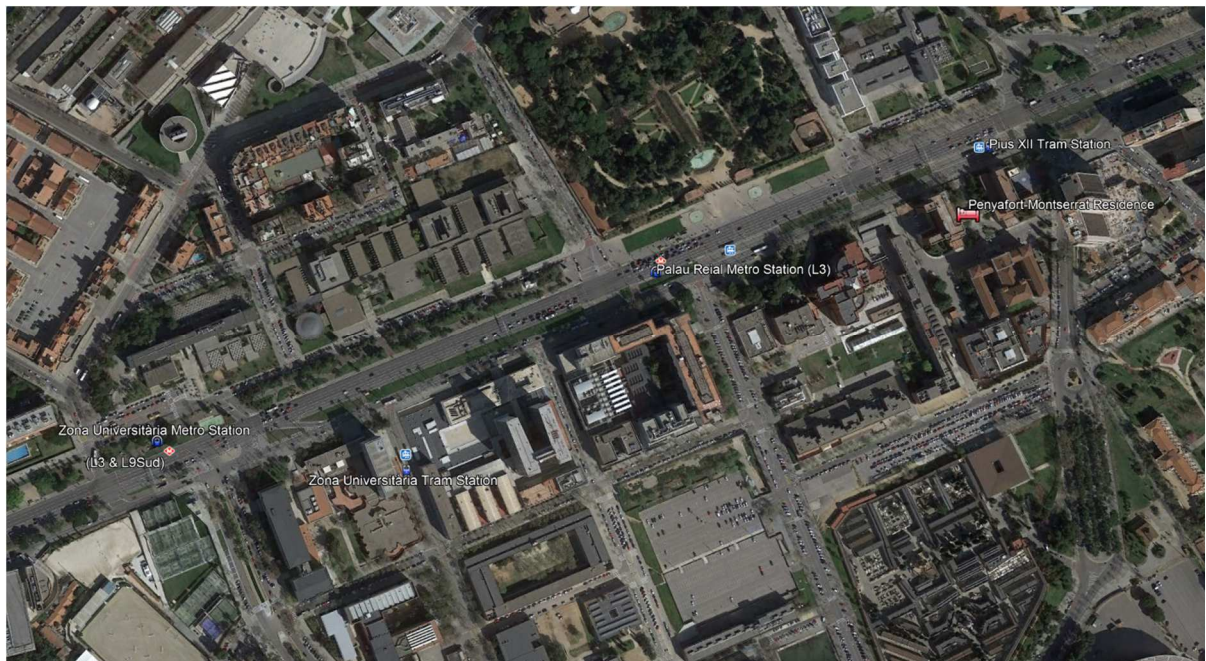
If you are **arriving to Barcelona by train** instead of by plane, in Sants Train Station (operated by RENFE) take the green metro line (L3), direction Zona Universitària, getting off in Palau Reial Station (4 stops). Barcelona's Sants Station is the city's main railway station and most trains departing and arriving to Barcelona stop here, including AVE (high speed train). This journey takes about 15 minutes and costs €2.15.

A **taxi from the airport** to the residence may cost about €35 and take about 30 minutes.

The residence has a **parking lot** which requires an access card. Please let us know if you would need such option.

If you are coming by other means and need any assistance, please let us know if you need any additional information.

Map of the residence area, with relevant Metro and Tram stations



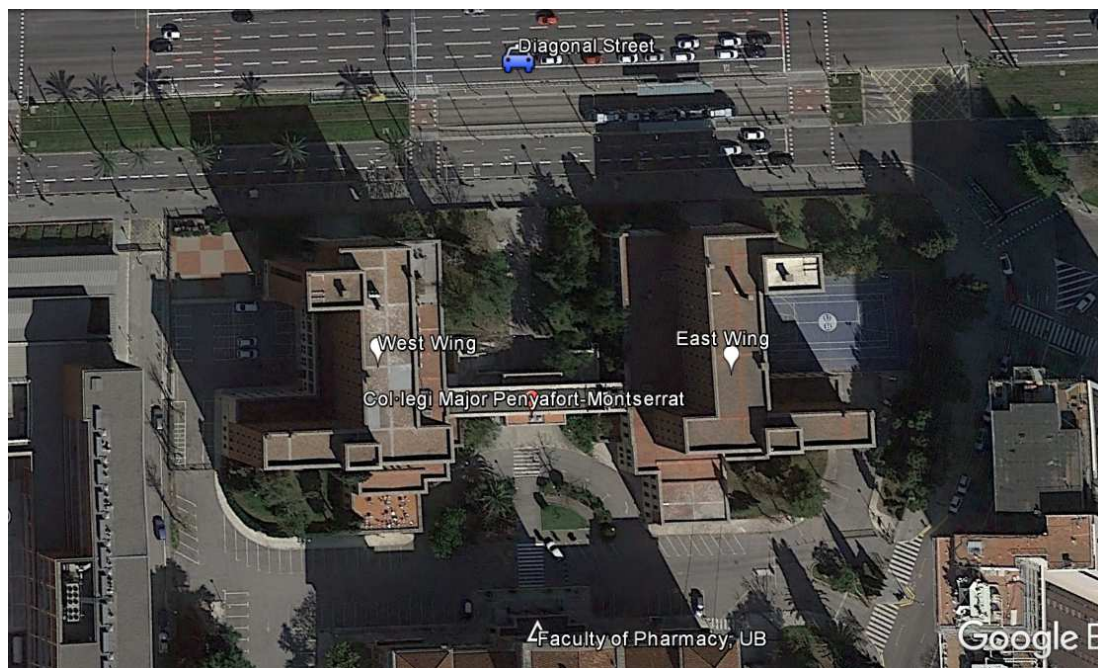
The Penyafort-Montserrat University Residence

The building

The Montserrat-Penyafort residence building (Avinguda Diagonal, 639-641, 08028 Barcelona) has two wings (East & West) and a central passage connecting the two where the reception area is found:

The East wing, where ECE's participants rooms are located (upper first floor), as well as the two workshop rooms we will be using (ground level) along with the gym and informatics rooms (lower level).

The West wing, where the cafeteria and restaurant are located (ground level), as well as the Auditorium and the Conference Room (lower level).



Internet and other amenities

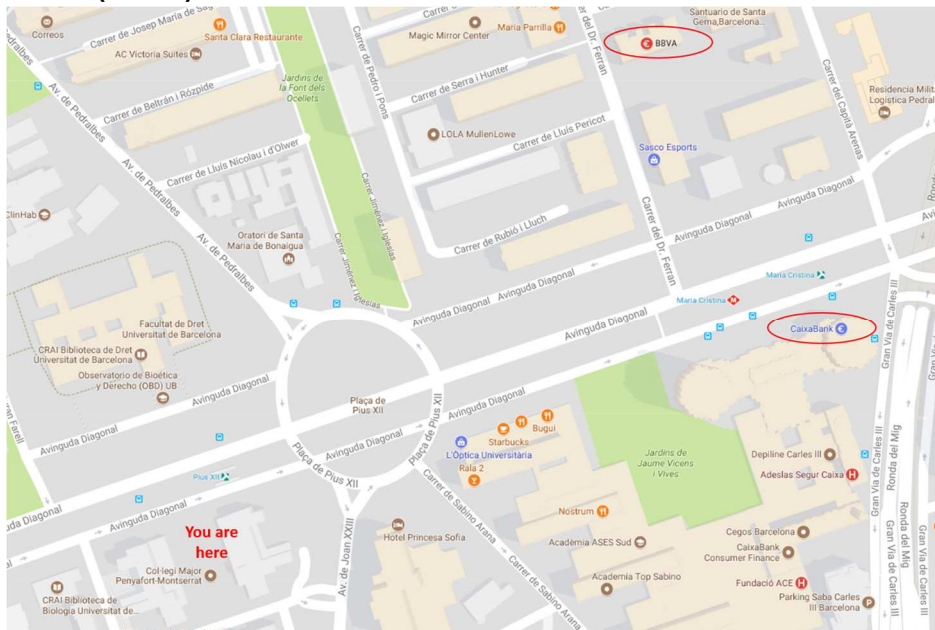
Wifi connection is available throughout the whole residency. When you will arrive they will provide you with instructions. In addition, by the reception area, there are also three computers connected via ethernet cable.

The residency has a gymnasium, library, study room amongst others which residents have access to.

Around the residence

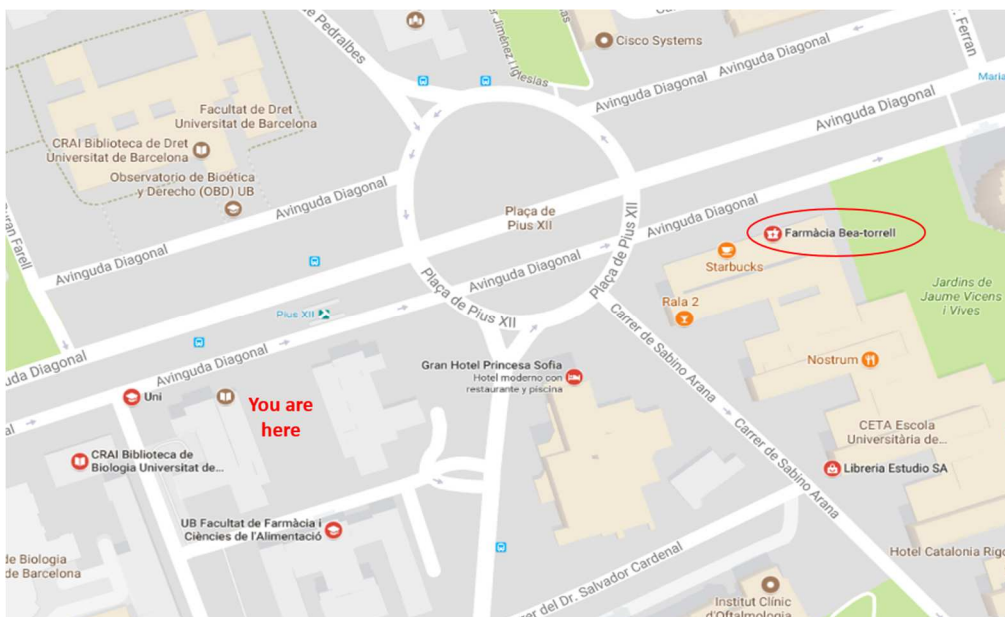
Close to the residence you will find ATMs, pharmacies, supermarkets and various restaurants. Take into consideration that during weekends (Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th) and holidays (the 25th of September is a local bank holiday) some of these amenities might be closed or have a different schedule.

Cash machines (ATMs)



1. Caixa Bank (Avinguda Diagonal, 621)
2. BBVA (Carrer de Manila, 42)

Pharmacies



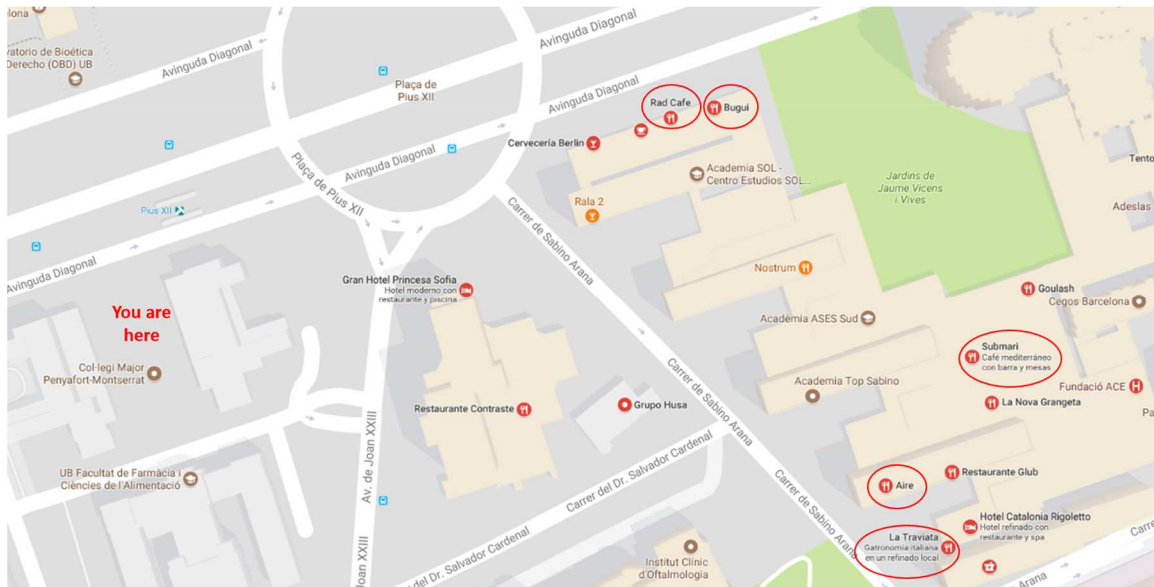
Farmàcia Bea-torrell (Avinguda Diagonal, 633)- Mo-Fr. 09.00-21.00

M. Marin Sanchez, C/ Manila, 49, 08034, Barcelona
N. Fernandez Galofre, C/ Gran Via Carles III, 103, 08028, Barcelona
M. Tortras Biosca, C/ Sabino Arana, 20, 08028, Barcelona
I. Curos Punti, C/ Dr. Ferran, 7, 08034, Barcelona
M. Grau Noguera, Pg. Manuel Girona, 4, 08034, Barcelona

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1. El Corte Inglés supermarket (Avinguda Diagonal, 617): Mo-Sat. 9.30-21.30 h (closed Sundays and holidays).
2. Veritas (organic supermarket) (Gran Via de Carles III, 55): Mo-Sat. 9.15-21.15 h (closed Sundays and holidays).
3. Condis Express (Gran Via de Carles III, 47-49): Mo-Su. 9.00-23.00 h (holidays included).
4. Supercor Express (Carrer del Capità Arenas, 25): Mo-Su. 8.00-2.00 h (holidays included).

Restaurants



1. Rad Cafè (Avinguda Diagonal, 635)
2. Burgui (Avinguda Diagonal, 633)
3. Submari (Gran Via de Carles III, 93)
4. Aire (Sabino de Arana, 28)
5. La Traviata (Sabino de Arana, 22)

Public transportation map

Find a detailed pdf map of public transportation in the following [link](#).

Additional information on Barcelona

Weather

September in Barcelona has an excellent weather, making it a good time to travel to the city. Average temperatures are around 19°C in the evening and 25°C during the day. In autumn, rain is fairly common in Barcelona and storms can often occur, some of them being quite strong. Rainfall can be over 90 mm during the whole month and you can usually expect between 8 and 10 days of rain.

Brief historical information about Barcelona

The first human settlements in Barcelona date back to Neolithic times. The city itself was founded by the Romans who set up a colony called *Colonia Iulia Augusta Faventia Paterna Barcino* at the end of the 1st century BC. The colony had some thousand inhabitants and was bounded by a defensive wall, the remains of which can still be seen in the old town.

For almost a century, Barcelona was under Muslim rule (known at that time as Barshilūna), and, following the Christian Reconquista, it became a county of the Carolingian Empire and one of the main residences of the court of the Crown of Aragon. The fruitful medieval period established Barcelona's position as the economic and political center of the Western Mediterranean. The city's relocated Gothic Quarter bears witness to the splendor enjoyed by the city from the 13th to the 15th centuries.

From the 15th to 18th centuries Barcelona entered a period of decline, while it struggled to maintain its economic and political independence. This struggle ended in 1714, when the city fell to the Bourbon troops and Catalonia's and Catalans' rights and privileges were suppressed. A period of cultural recovery began in the mid-19th century with the arrival of the development of the textile industry. During this period, which was known as the *Renaixença*, Catalan regained prominence as a literary language.

The 20th century ushered in widespread urban renewal throughout Barcelona city, culminating in its landmark *Eixample* district, which showcases some of Barcelona's most distinctive Catalan art-nouveau, or *modernista*, buildings. Antoni Gaudí, one of the most eminent Catalan architects, designed buildings such as the Casa Milà (known as La Pedrera, the Catalan for stone quarry), the Casa Batlló and the Sagrada Família church, which have become world-famous landmarks. Not so famous are some of his first works, some of which are by the Penyafort-Montserrat Residency and adjacent University of Barcelona faculties.

The freedoms achieved during this period were severely restricted during the Civil War in 1936 and the subsequent dictatorship. With the reinstatement of democracy in 1978, Barcelona society regained its economic strength and the Catalan language was restored. The city's hosting of the 1992 Olympic Games gave fresh impetus to Barcelona's potential and reaffirmed its status as a major metropolis. In 2004, the Forum of Cultures reclaimed industrial zones to

convert them into residential districts. An example of the renewed vigor with which Barcelona is looking towards the 21st century, although that has also significantly increased soil price's speculation and created major socioeconomic problems still evident in current days.

Catalonia has its own language: Catalan, although more than 150 languages from all continents are spoken in its capital, Barcelona due to its increasing and diverse migrant population. Most of the people who live in the city are bilingual and speak Catalan and Castilian, which is also an official language. Street names and most road and transport signs are in Catalan. Many restaurants, especially those in the city center, have menus in several languages. But if there's something you don't understand, don't be afraid to ask, people will be happy to help. Many people in Barcelona understand English and French.

Public transportation

Metro

There are eight lines in total that serve the most frequented parts of the city. It operates from 5 AM to 12 PM during the week. On weekends, the metro runs from Saturday 5 AM to Sunday 12 AM with no breaks. The same applies for public holidays.

FGC

Barcelona's rail network. There are three lines that work together with the metro and cover additional areas.

Tram

An alternative to the metro. The tram uses the same ticket system as other public transport. They run from 4 AM to midnight or from 5 AM to 2 AM on weekends and public holidays.

Bus

Over 80 lines serve the city; they go mostly to the suburbs and aren't very frequent. They run from roughly 5 AM to about 11 PM. After that, there is a night bus service departing from Plaça de Catalunya which runs until about 6 AM.

Taxis

Barcelona has a service of 11,000 taxis which can be easily identified by their yellow and black livery. A green light on top of the taxi indicates its availability. There is also a service of taxis adapted for people with reduced mobility. The minimum fare is 2.10€ and the basic price for a kilometre is 1.10€. There are special supplements of entrance and exit of the airport, luggage and nights.

Ràdio Taxi 033: +34 933033033

Servi Taxi: +34 933300300

Ràdio Taxi Metropolitana de Barcelona: +34 932250000

Tourist information points

Plaça Catalunya

Located in the heart of Barcelona, this information point has 700 m² of dedicated floor space providing in different languages.

The office also provides: Sale of gift items inspired by Barcelona.

Contact details: 08002, Plaça de Catalunya, 17-S, Barcelona | Tel: 932 853 834

Times: daily, from 8.30am to 9pm.

Plaça Sant Jaume

Another of Turisme de Barcelona's tourist information points is located in the heart of the city's Gothic Quarter, on the ground floor of Barcelona's City Hall.

The office also provides: Sale of gift items inspired by Barcelona.

Contact details: 08002, Ciutat, 2 (Ajuntament de Barcelona), Barcelona

Times: Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 8pm. Saturday, from 9am to 8pm. Sunday and public holidays, from 9am to 3pm.

Estació de Sants

Rail travellers arriving in the city will find a Turisme de Barcelona tourist information point at Barcelona Sants railway station.

Contact details: 08014, Plaça dels Països Catalans, s/n, Barcelona

Times: daily, from 8am to 8pm.

Airport Terminals 1 & 2

At Barcelona – El Prat airport you find tourist information offices co-managed by the Catalan government, Barcelona Regional Council and Turisme de Barcelona.

Contact details: Aeroport del Prat - Terminal 1 i 2 (B), Barcelona

Times: daily, from 8.30am to 8.30pm.

Internet

The city council provides its own free Wi-Fi connection and access points are scattered all over the city center. The connection might be slow at times, but it's useful if you need access to the internet from wherever you are. The name of the network is "Barcelona WiFi". Alternatively, most hotels and hostels offer their own free Wi-Fi connection, as do regular cafés and restaurants. More information on the free Wi-Fi connection (www.bcn.cat).

Emergency Contacts

Emergency: 112

Police: 092

Medical urgencies: 061

Fire service: 080

Links of interest

[Barcelona's tourism office](#)

Barcelona's public transport [system](#) and [maps](#)

[Barcelona's city hall](#)

Barcelona-El Prat [Airport](#)