

NEW PROJECTS

BETTER DISTR!CTS



Introducing Catalonia



▣ **Inhabitants:**
15,9 % of Spain

▣ **Area :**
6,3% of Spain

▣ **GDP (2004):**
18,76 % of the
total of Spain

Urban deprivation in Catalonia

In Catalonia urban deprivation has concentrated during the last 10-15 years in the following type of districts:

- Historic city centres
- Large housing states developed during the 1960s and 1970s to house a national immigration wave
- Areas built out of marginal development processes in the 1950s and 1960s

The urban deprivation has taken the form of:

- Mounting social problems: ageing population, low income, low education level, population loss and concentration of population with special needs (recent immigrants, unemployment,...).
- Important deficiencies in planning and development
- Poor quality of housing and built environment
- A weak economic and commercial structure



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The Districts Act

One of the first laws passed in the first term of office of the current government

- ▣ Act 2/2004, of 4 June, on Improving Districts and Urban Areas requiring Particular Attention

Objectives

- ▣ To set up a **fund** for driving **integrated programmes** aimed at renovating and promoting urban districts and areas that require particular attention in economic, social and environmental terms from the Government of Catalonia (Generalitat de Catalunya)
- ▣ To foster **cooperation** and among the public authorities involved and the **participation** of civil society

Selection criteria

- ▣ Urban deprivation, shortfalls in facilities and services, demographic, social and environmental problems, social and urban deficits, local development problems



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The Better Districts Programme

The Act 2/2004 and its development decree have defined the *Programa de Barris* which is characterised by the following features

1. Based on annual rounds with municipal projects bids
2. Projects are defined and managed by municipalities (subsidiarity)
3. Selection of projects is based on objective criteria according to their level of physical, economic social, environmental regression and to the quality of the actions proposed
4. Integral Projects (comprehensive)
5. Co-financing of the action programme (50-50)
6. Support and guidance from the Catalan Government
7. Relaying on civic engagement



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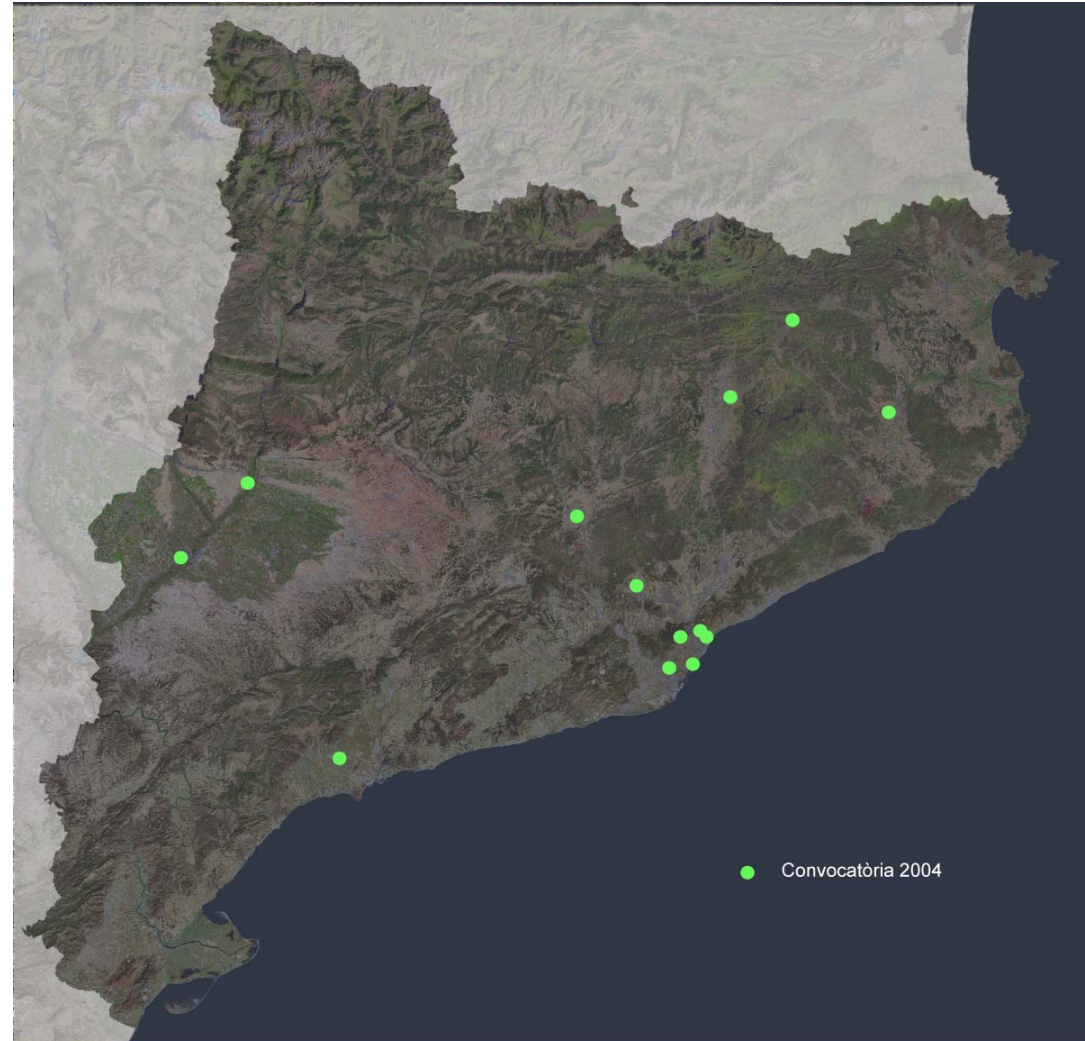


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The Fund's awards for district development

2004 | First round: 13 projects

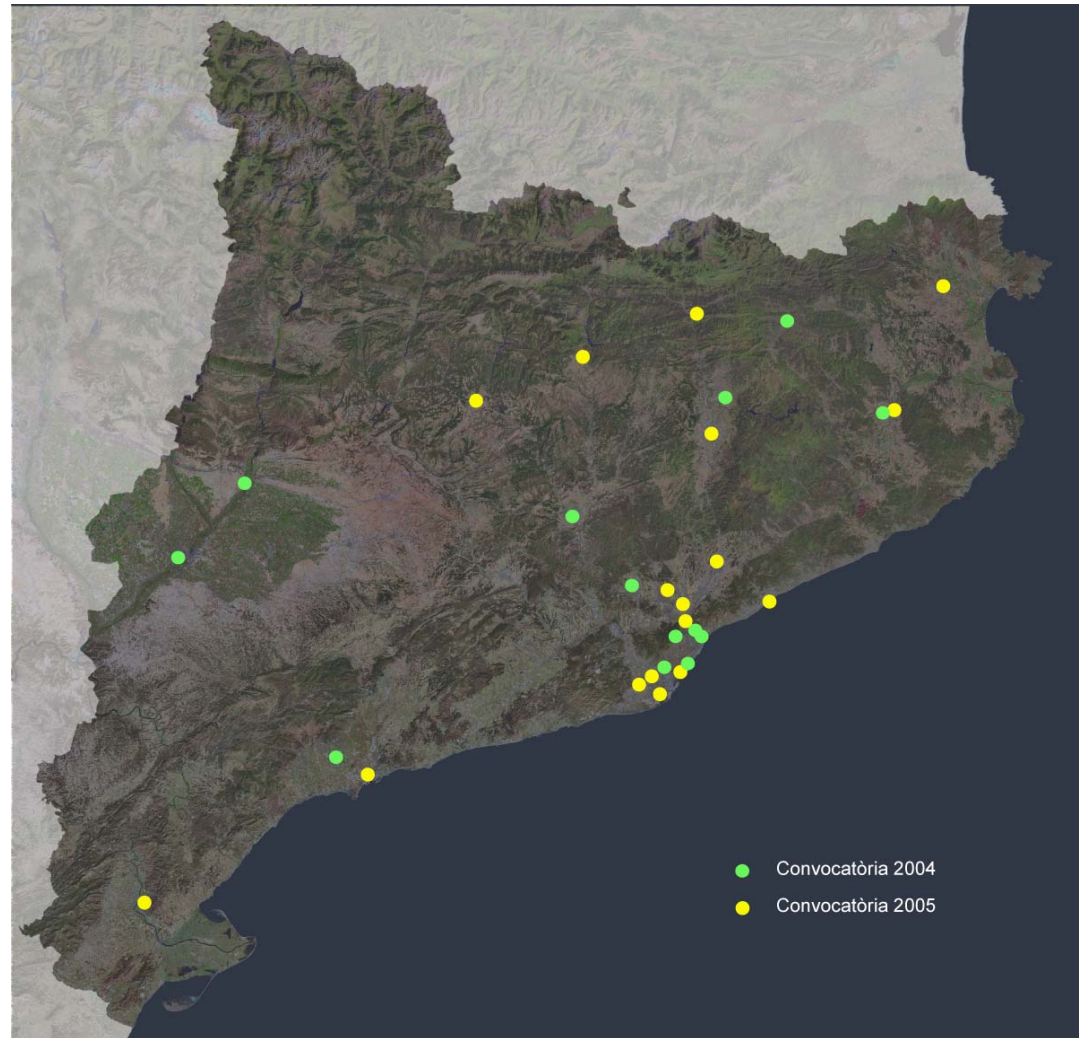
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(barris fronterers del de Serra d'en Mena)
- ▣ Balaguer (centre històric)
- ▣ Lleida (la Mariola)
- ▣ Manresa (nucli antic)
- ▣ Reus (barri del Carme)
- ▣ Barcelona (Roquetes i Santa Caterina-Sant Pere)
- ▣ L'Hospitalet de Llobregat (Collblanc-la Torrassa)
- ▣ Manlleu (L'Erm)
- ▣ Olot (Vila Vella i Eixample de l'Alou)
- ▣ Salt (Salt Setanta)
- ▣ Terrassa (Ca n'Anglada, Montserrat, Torressana i Vilardell)



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2005 | Second Round: 17 projects

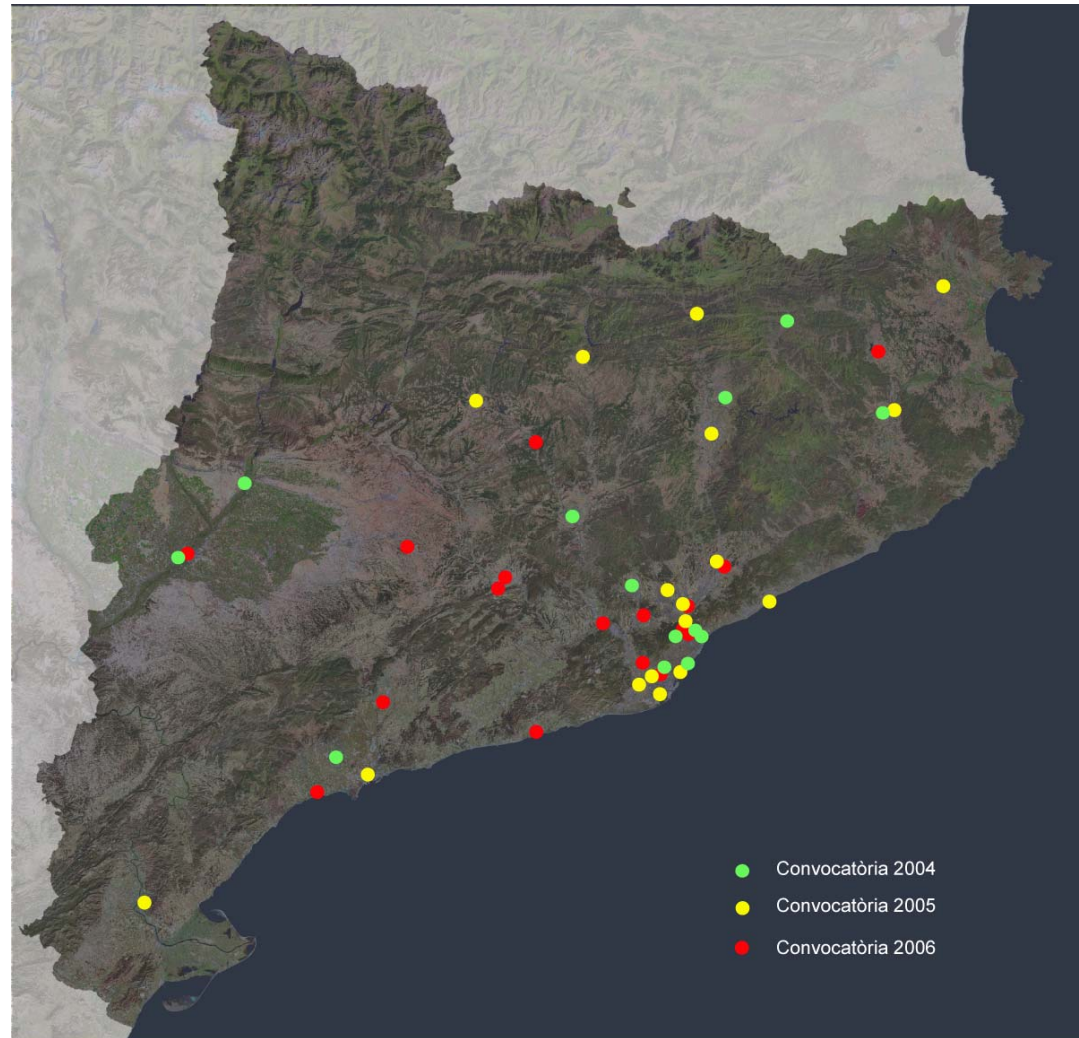
- Barcelona (Poble Sec)
- Canovelles (Barriada Nova)
- Figueres (Marca de l'Ham)
- Mataró (Cerdanyola)
- El Prat de Llobregat (Sant Cosme)
- Sabadell (Parc Fluvial del Ripoll)
- Santa Perpètua de Mogoda (Can Folguera, 1^a fase)
- Tarragona (Campclar)
- Vic (Vic Sud)
- Berga (nucli antic)
- Cornellà de Llobregat (Sant Ildefons)
- Girona (Santa Eugènia de Ter-Can Gibert del Pla)
- Montcada i Reixac (La Ribera)
- Ripoll (barri Vell)
- Sant Boi de Llobregat (Casablanca)
- Solsona (nucli antic)
- Tortosa (nucli antic)



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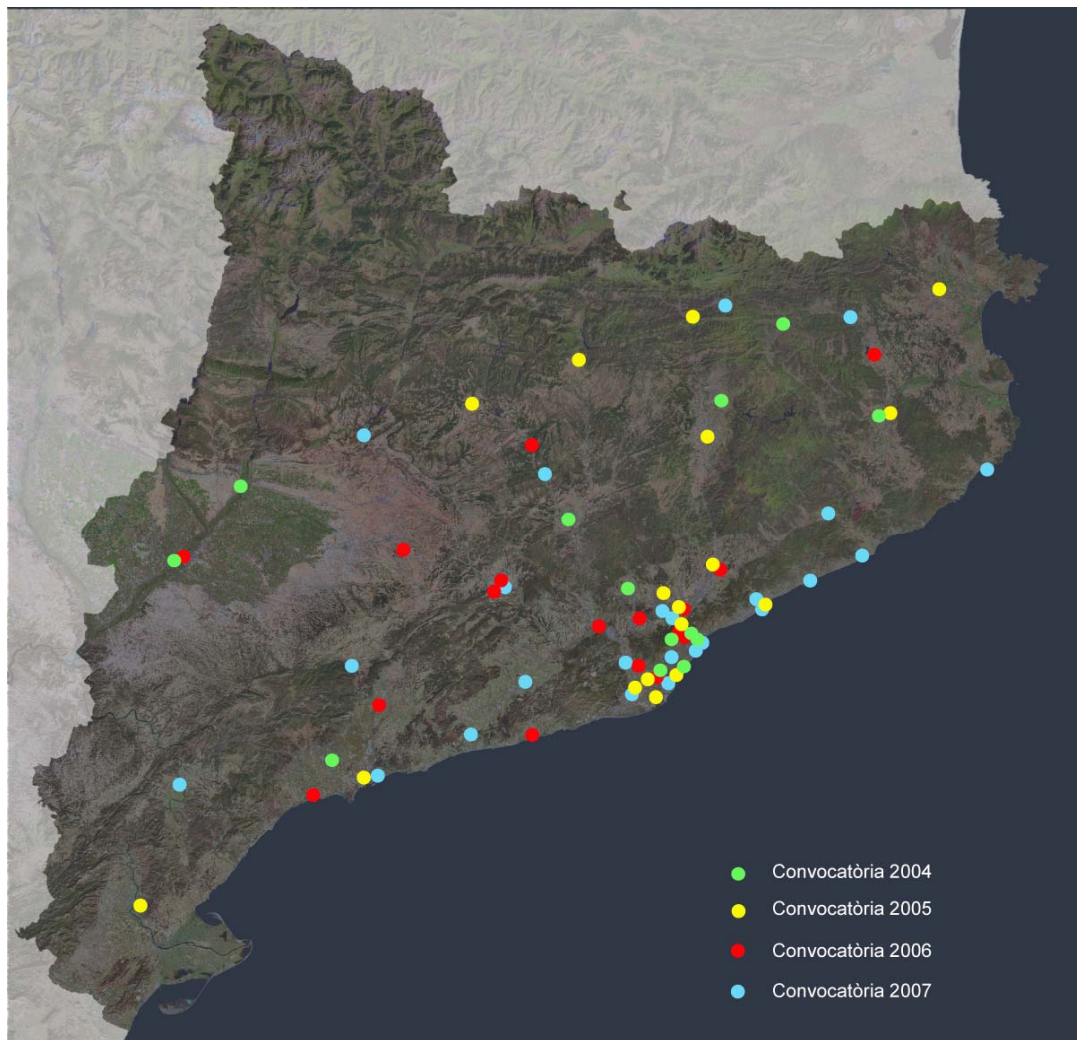
- ▣ Lleida (nucli antic)
- ▣ Igualada (Sant Agustí)
- ▣ Vilanova i la Geltrú (nucli antic de Vilanova)
- ▣ L'Hospitalet de Ll. (Florida-Pubilla Cases)
- ▣ Barcelona (Torre Baró-Ciutat Meridiana)
- ▣ Barcelona (Trinitat Vella)
- ▣ Cervera (nucli antic)
- ▣ Cambrils (nucli antic)
- ▣ Martorell (Vila Vella)
- ▣ Valls (nucli antic)
- ▣ Banyoles (La Farga)
- ▣ Santa Perpètua de Mogoda (Can Folguera, 2^a fase)
- ▣ Granollers (barri del Congost)
- ▣ Sant Feliu de Ll. (Can Calders-la Salut)
- ▣ Rubí (barri del Pinar)
- ▣ Santa Margarida de Montbui (barri de Sant Maure)
- ▣ Cardona (nucli antic)



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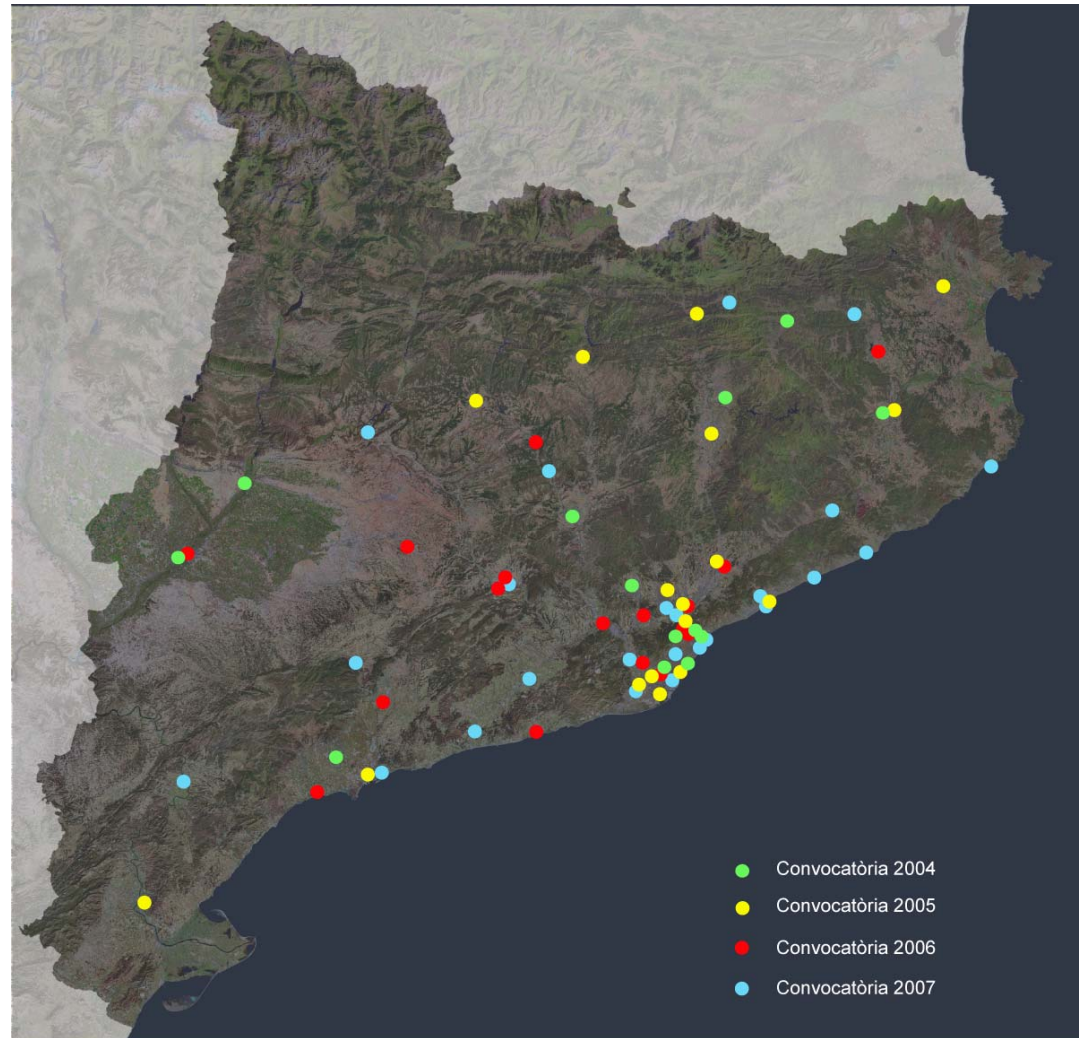
2007 | Fourth round 24 projects

- Arenys de Mar (Sant Elm)
- Argentona (Sant Miquel del Cros)
- Badalona (Artigues-St Roc)
- Barverà del Vallès (La Romànica)
- Barcelona (El Coll)
- Barcelona (La Bordeta)
- Besalú (Centre Històric)
- Hostalric (nucli Històric)
- Malgrat de Mar (Barri del Castell)
- Mataró (Rocafonda el Palau)
- Montblanc (Centre Històric)
- Móra d'Ebre (Casc Antic)
- Palamós (Palamós Millora)
- Ponts (Nucli Antic)
- Ripollet (Can Mas)
- Sant Adrià de Besòs (Nord)
- Sant Joan de les Abadesses (Vila Vella)
- Sant Vicenç dels Horts (La Guàrdia – Font del Llargarut)
- Súria (Poble Vell – Sant Jaume)
- Tarragona (Part Alta)
- Vendrell (Nucli Antic)
- Viladecans (Sector de Ponent)
- Vilafranca del Penedès (L'Espirall)
- Vilanova del Camí (Casc Antic – Camp del Rei)



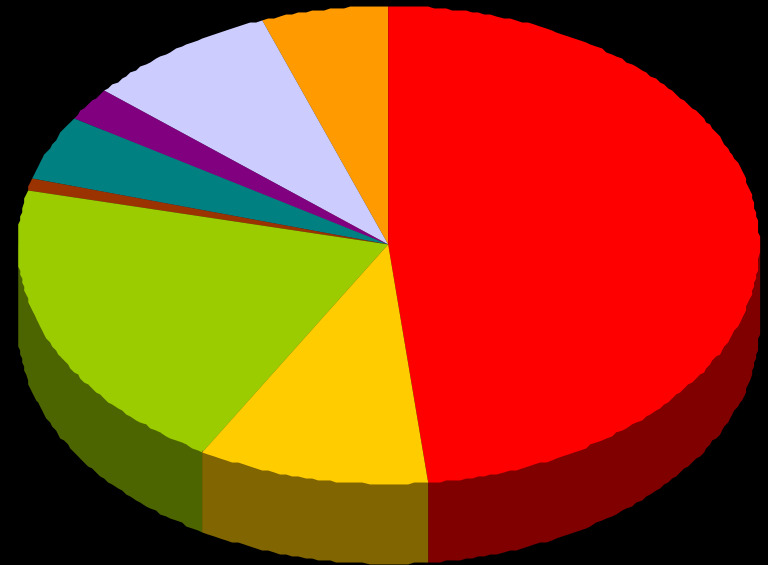
The Fund's awards for district development

- Total number of projects: **70**
- Population benefited: **650.000** inhab.
- Total subsidy: **395M€**
- Total investment: **792M€**



Total investment by fields of action

- Improving public areas and providing green zones
- Common parts in buildings. Renovation and facilities
- Providing facilities for collective use
- Bringing information technologies into the buildings
- Encouraging sustainability in urban development
- Gender equality
- Programmes for social and economic improvement
- Accessibility



Total Investment 792M€

Integrated organisation

There is a **broad consensus** on moving towards integrated institutional programmes

Contributions from:

- ▣ The Government of Catalonia (Generalitat de Catalunya)
- ▣ The Local Authorities
- ▣ The European Union (DOCUP programme, FEDER, objective 2)



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| Collblanc-la Torrassa



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Policy integration

Following the first round of awards, **various ministries** of the Government of Catalonia (Generalitat de Catalunya) **are linking their activities** to the Districts Programme

- Housing programmes (Ministry of the Environment and Housing)
- Health programmes (Ministry of Health)
- Programmes concerning women (Department of the Presidency)
- Employment programmes (Ministry of Employment and Industry)
- Culture programmes (Ministry of Culture)
- Immigration programmes (Ministry of Welfare and Family Affairs)
- Community vitalisation programmes (Ministry of Institutional Relations and Participation)



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Conclusions

- Top priority for the Catalan Government
- A total investment of 800 M€
- 70 districts with ongoing projects
- More than 650.000 residents
- Evaluation and revision of the programme during 2008
- Fifth round of projects for spring 2008



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