

23. New Museum on Montjuïc

MUNICIPALITY

Barcelona

HEADING

The Government of Catalonia, Barcelona City Council, the National Museum of Art of Catalonia, CaixaForum and the Fira de Barcelona trade fair organisation are to promote a major joint cultural space on Montjuïc. It will be a single major complex devoted to culture which will take advantage of the concentration of museums and cultural facilities.

IDENTIFYING DETAILS

Expected data:

- Total exhibition space: 62,500 m²
- Action in public space: almost 100,000 m², to be undertaken in phases

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will require the launching of a great complex devoted to culture, taking advantage of the concentration of top-class international museum and cultural facilities, like the National Art Museum of Catalonia (MNAC), CaixaForum and the Mies van der Rohe Foundation. It is also expected to occupy the Alfons XIII and Victòria Eugènia pavilions, up to now used by the Barcelona Trade Fair organisation, as museum premises.

The aim is to turn Montjuïc into the mountain of culture, promoting the future new Museum, and to work on the programming, commercialisation and international projection in a coordinated manner.

The nucleus of this network will be the MNAC, set up in the Palau Nacional. The leading institution in the Catalan museum system, MNAC spans all the arts and has the mission to explain a global discourse of Catalan art, based on collections of great international importance. At present, the museum's requirement is for new spaces, and once the existing chronological barrier has been eliminated, it will have the opportunity to extend its discourse from the post-war period to the present.

The objective is to create an urban plan that matches the area's new use, bringing together all its spaces with their surroundings, and permitting better links with the city.

In April 2013 the Mayor of Barcelona, the Spanish Minister of Culture, the President of the National Museum of Art of Catalonia, the President of "la Caixa" and "la Caixa" Foundation, and the General Manager of Fira de Barcelona signed an agreement of cooperation for the joint promotion of a major museum area on Montjuïc mountain.

During 2014, it is expected to draw up plans for a pre-proposal, defining the areas, the investment, the phases and the calendar. The aim is for a 2015 start on works for constructing the new vestibule and its connection with the National Museum of Art of Catalonia and the Alfons XIII and Victòria Eugènia pavilions. The works will proceed in stages as required and depending on available funds.

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