

20. Mental Health Cluster of Catalonia

MUNICIPALITY

Sant Boi de Llobregat

HEADING

The Mental Health Cluster of Catalonia is a strategic bid of the city to develop mental health projects and create the International Centre of Excellence for Mental Health of Catalonia, with headquarters in the Marianao Palace.

ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DETAILS

- Date cluster founded: 16 January 2003, with headquarters in Sant Boi de Llobregat
- Members of the Mental Health Cluster of Catalonia Association: 22 members, including companies, services and institutions

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Since the protocol of intent was signed on 9 October 2008, Sant Boi City Council has led a community mental health project involving several many actors in the community, to take advantage of Sant Boi's potential to transform and maximise its assets while creating wealth for the municipality and improving quality of life for its residents.

The purpose of the Mental Health Cluster of Catalonia is to offer people suffering mental illness and their families one space to bring together the research, teaching and treatment of these diseases.

The WHO has warned that mental health is an important economic factor, that good mental health contributes to economic productivity and wealth, and is of vital importance for the proper functioning of families and society in general. The economic consequences of mental health problems, mainly in the form of loss of productivity, are estimated at 4%.

The entities forming the cluster are Sant Boi City Council as promoting body, Alimmenta, Ammfeina, Benito Menni Mental Health Centre – Sisters Hospitallers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bionexo Ibérica, CataloniaBio, Baix Llobregat County Council, Federació SMC Salut Mental de Catalunya, Ferrer, Orienta Foundation, Marianao Foundation, Parc Taulí Foundation – Mental Health Observatory of Catalonia, Campus Health of the University of Barcelona (UB), Innobaix, Institució Balmes, Oryzon, Sant Joan de Déu Health Park, Barcelona Science Park, Lundbeck España, Miret Editorial, Starlab and UNED.

The main lines of work established for 2013 within the different areas are:

- To promote Catalonia as an international leader in mental health
- To activate research projects to benefit people with mental illnesses
- To encourage public-private cooperation
- To promote training: to foster teaching activities at CEISAM

PROJECT ADDRESS

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RESPONSIBLE

Jaume Bosch, Mayor, Sant Boi de Llobregat