

39. Social and environmental recovery of the metropolitan section of the Llobregat river area

MUNICIPALITIES

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HEADING

2011 saw the end of the works on the large projects under way since 2006 that have allowed the riverside area of the metropolitan section of the River Llobregat to be reclaimed. This recovered environmental and social space, more than thirty kilometres, is now known as the Llobregat River Park.

ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DATA

- Surface area of the Llobregat River Park: 1,070 ha, with 30 km of river belonging to 16 municipalities.
- Population of the metropolitan area of Barcelona: 3,225,058 inhabitants.
- Total investment: €25 M from the administrations involved distributed between the different projects.
- Term of execution: 2007-2012 (actions will continue this year).

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Since the mid-twentieth century the final section of the River Llobregat has practically and gradually disappeared from the lives of citizens as a result of deterioration of the landscape and dismantling of its environmental processes. This marginalisation of its space meant that the river became invisible, confined between the infrastructures of the metropolitan area. In short, although the final section of the river is a strategic corridor central to the metropolitan area, it was now unattended, inaccessible and unattractive to citizens.

To change these negative dynamics, in 2006 the Consortium for the Recovery and Conservation of the River Llobregat was constituted, with a membership led by the AMB. Since 2007 they have made significant investments in the environmental and social recovery of this large space through various initiatives.

The Llobregat River Park is an ecological infrastructure with paths on both banks of the river for walkers and bikers from the Pont del Diable bridge to where it reaches the sea. Throughout this route there are intersections giving access to all the riverside municipalities and the public transport network. This is an accessible space with a complex landscape of great wealth and biodiversity, examples of historical and cultural heritage and outstanding points of interest.

In 2012 the AMB will continue investing and pursuing different lines of action to promote this metropolitan green space and make the Llobregat a river for the people.

PROJECT ADDRESS

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RESPONSIBLE

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