

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	FUNDACIÓN SALUD Y COMUNIDAD (Spain)
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EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP11 / D11.1		
Event name:	EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET – SPAIN		
Type:	Event 1		
In situ/online:	[in-situ]		
Location:	[Spain, Barcelona]		
Date(s):	[22 September 2026]		
Website(s) (if any):	www.fsyc.org/proyectos/cities-4-ella/		
Participants			
Female:	25		
Male:	2		
Non-binary:	1		
From country 1 [Italy]:	0		
From country 2 [Spain]:	28		
From country 3 [France]:	0		
From country 4 [Greece]:	0		
From country 5 [Germany]:	0		
Total number of participants:	28	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			

On 22 September 2026, 28 experts on gender-based violence, including public administration professionals, civil society organisations and people with lived experience, took part in Event 1, held in Barcelona within the framework of the Cities4ELLA project.

Event 1, entitled "**Participatory Consultation 1: Strategic Priorities for the Comprehensive Feminist Reparation of Gender-Based Violence in Barcelona**", had the following objectives:

- To establish a local network of experts in the comprehensive reparation of gender-based violence.
- To promote collective reflection through a participatory process that included all the stakeholders and expert voices involved in the territory, including survivors and people with lived experience in gender-based violence.
- To define strategic priorities (al menos 1 ó 2) for the comprehensive feminist reparation of gender-based violence in Barcelona and its metropolitan area. These included the labour market integration of survivors, among other public policies related to comprehensive reparation.
- Definir un subcomité para preparar el evento 2, centrado en las recomendaciones estratégicas en relación a las prioridades definidas en el evento 1.
- To foster a sense of collective advocacy for feminist public policies in the European Union.

It was an in-person event structured as follows:

- Presentation of the Cities4ELLA Project.
- Dialogue with four experts in the comprehensive reparation of gender-based violence.
- Coffee break, orientado a fomentar un intercambio más informal entre participantes.
- Participatory consultation to define strategic priorities for Barcelona.
- Conclusions and closing.

Summarised minutes of the event

Laia Plaza Hernández, International Projects Coordinator at FSC, presented the **Cities4ELLA project**, outlining its objectives, partnership and main tasks. She also explained the structure and organisation of the session.

The **expert dialogue**, addressed the question "*What is failing in the comprehensive feminist reparation of gender-based violence in Barcelona?*" through four expert contributions and a participatory consultation.

The first expert contribution, by Armonia Bas Belda, Social Educator at the Municipal Emergency Shelter Centre (Centre Municipal d'Acolliment d'Urgència) managed by Fundació Salut y Comunidad (FSC), presented the perspective of social sector organisations. She acknowledged Barcelona's pioneering framework and services and identified persistent gaps: waiting lists and overloaded specialised services, especially for psychological care; limited access to housing and decent employment; insufficient specialised care for women facing multiple intersections, such as older women, women who use drugs and women with mental health needs; outdated protocols and a lack of programme evaluation; the need for continuous training of public staff to prevent revictimisation; and the need for stronger alliances and funding for third-sector organisations.

The second contribution, by Gisela Hansen Rodríguez, lecturer at the University of Barcelona and FSC consultant on gender-based violence, addictions and mental health, offered a research perspective. She argued for understanding intersectionality as the barriers that systems themselves produce, rather than as a sum of vulnerabilities. She also warned about institutional violence within the very services meant to protect women and called for trauma-informed care that returns control to women. Finally, she pointed out that current data fail to capture the women who never reach services or who drop out of them.

The final expert contribution, by Gemma Castellví and Lúdia Jul from the socio-labour integration team of Barcelona City Council's Care, Recovery and Shelter Service (Servei d'Atenció, Recuperació i Acol·lida), stressed that employment is often treated as a late and secondary part of recovery. The team argued that it should be addressed from the earliest stages, in coordination with the other dimensions of reparation. Their proposals included more specialised professionals, more flexible timeframes within the care pathway, protected employment and reserved training places for survivors, training and job offers compatible with caring responsibilities, and continued support after the service closes the case.

In the **participatory consultation** on the comprehensive feminist reparation of gender-based violence, participants were asked to form groups of 5–6 people to discuss a list of potential strategic priorities o añadir algunas de nuevas. Each group (5 groups, 5 votes) then voted on its agreed priorities using Mentimeter. **“Housing and residential security”** was la principal prioridad selected by all groups (100%), making it the most voted option. This highlighted how the lack of safe housing resources hinders the completion of comprehensive reparation processes, even when labour market integration has been achieved, tal y como se señaló en la sesión. It was followed by “economic autonomy and labour market integration” (60%), and by “trauma-informed and integrated health care” (40% each). Finally, a collective reflection on these results was opened, in which participants explained the reasoning behind their priorities. As a conclusion, it became clear that access

to housing is a structural problem in Barcelona and in Spain as a whole – as highlighted by the current protests for the right to housing – which affects most of the population, particularly those in vulnerable situations, such as survivors of gender-based violence, thereby hindering their recovery. Following this discussion, participants confirmed “Housing and residential security” as the strategic priority defined by the event.

Decisions / Actions Taken

Milestone 10 – Priority setting

Yes, the milestone was achieved at the event on 22 September: the priority (Housing and residential security) was formally defined there, selected by 100% of the participants. The online consultation does not reopen or condition that decision. In fact, the responses received so far to the survey, which will remain open until 30 October, show the same results. Following the event, FSC decided to broaden the sample. To this end, an online survey has been launched among stakeholders in Barcelona and its metropolitan area and will remain open until 30 October 2026. The responses received so far reflect the same priorities identified at the session on 22 September 2026. As Event 2 builds directly on the results of Event 1, this step is intended to ensure that the priority reflects a wider consensus among stakeholders in Barcelona and its metropolitan area. A broader evidence base will also strengthen the project’s capacity for policy advocacy grounded in real needs. This consultation goes beyond the activities foreseen under the Lump Sum action. It was nevertheless considered a valuable addition, as it reinforces the participatory and transformative nature of the process.

Subcommittee defined (T11.3): In line with the proposal, a subcommittee has been defined to prepare the second Table Meeting (WP12), working on the priority identified at Event 1 (Housing and residential security), así como las siguientes prioridades más votadas (inserción laboral y salud integral). The subcommittee is coordinated by FSC and composed of representatives of the stakeholders who took part in Event 1 – public administration professionals from the municipality, civil society organisations and people with lived experience of gender-based violence – who volunteered to take on this role. It is responsible for preparing the content, methodology and participant outreach of the second Table Meeting.

Second Table Meeting (WP12): The work of the subcommittee will lead to the second Table Meeting (planned for January 2027), which will develop, through a participatory process, strategic recommendations on housing and residential security for survivors of gender-based violence, así como también inserción laboral y salud integral. These recommendations will be presented to the whole partnership and submitted to the European Commission.

Participants agreed on the need to keep strengthening stakeholder networks and

participatory processes in the design of public policies.

Participants completed the planned evaluation tools, and the attendance list was collected to support project monitoring and reporting.

To Do / Follow-up

- **Days after Event 1:** The minutes and the results of the priority-setting exercise are shared with participants, confirming Housing and residential security as the priority defined at the event. An online survey is also launched among stakeholders in Barcelona and its metropolitan area to broaden the sample. It will remain open until 30 October 2026, and its results are complementing and reinforcing the priority defined at the event without modifying it.
- **October–December 2026:** Subcommittee working sessions to prepare the second Table Meeting (WP12) on housing and residential security, including the design of the participatory methodology, the preparation of background materials and the identification of further stakeholders and experts to be invited.
- **January 2027:** Invitation to Event 2, "Participatory Consultation 2: Strategic Recommendations for the Comprehensive Feminist Reparation of Gender-Based Violence in Barcelona" (second Table Meeting, WP12), focused on the priority defined at Event 1: Housing and residential security, además de inserción laboral y salud integral. Outreach will be extended to more stakeholders and experts (public professionals, civil society organisations and survivors with lived experience) to strengthen the local network committed to the comprehensive reparation of gender-based violence.

Post-event monitoring was conducted through the internal evaluation questionnaire and the EU Justice, Rights and Values survey link shared with participants.

The evaluation of the WP11 local event in Spain shows a high level of participant satisfaction across all assessed areas. The Post-Event Questionnaire received 18 responses out of 28 participants with a signed attendance list, corresponding to a response rate of 64.3%. The relevance of the topics and the usefulness of the event for participants' professional practice received the strongest ratings, with 17 out of 18 respondents scoring each of them 4 or 5. Participants also reported high levels of satisfaction with the methodology and an improved understanding of gender-based violence, with two thirds of respondents giving the highest score on the latter.

Qualitative feedback highlighted the value of the event above all as a space for networking and building synergies between different actors, mentioned by 15 respondents. Knowledge exchange and peer learning were also widely valued (11 mentions). Participants appreciated the opportunity to bring together associations, institutions and professionals

working on the response to GBV, as well as the intersectional and survivor-centred approach of the discussions and the participatory format of the session. As one participant noted, *"Being able to connect and share perspectives with other professionals, while also learning how other parts of the comprehensive care pathway for gender-based violence work, so that we can coordinate joint responses"*.

The event achieved its objectives :

- 1) Defined a shared priority for the local context: **access to safe housing and residential security for survivors of gender-based violence** as part of the comprehensive feminist reparation of gender-based violence. All working groups (100%) selected this option, and it was formally defined and confirmed at the event as the priority for the following project phases, thus achieving Milestone 10 (Priority setting). As mentioned, it was followed by economic autonomy and labour market integration (60%), and by trauma-informed and integrated health care (40% each).
- 2) The discussions showed that participating stakeholders strongly agreed on the need to strengthen their networks to advocate collectively for this and other priorities. As a result, the participating organisations committed to taking part in the next event, moving from attendees to active co-owners of the process, and a **subcommittee was defined to prepare the second Table Meeting (WP12)** on this and other priorities, as foreseen in T11.3 of the proposal. Beyond the subcommittee, the event has given rise to a network of local alliances committed to the comprehensive feminist reparation of gender-based violence. Through the Cities4ELLA project, FSC will continue to expand and strengthen this network, helping to sustain the results beyond the project's lifetime.

These outcomes will feed into the next steps of the project: the work of the subcommittee (T11.3) and the second Table Meeting (WP12) on strategic recommendations for housing and residential security and other priorities, scheduled for January 2027.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).