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## Digital Twin: the future of urban planning

*Barcelona contribution*

**Barcelona Digital Twins team**  
**12<sup>th</sup> September 2023**



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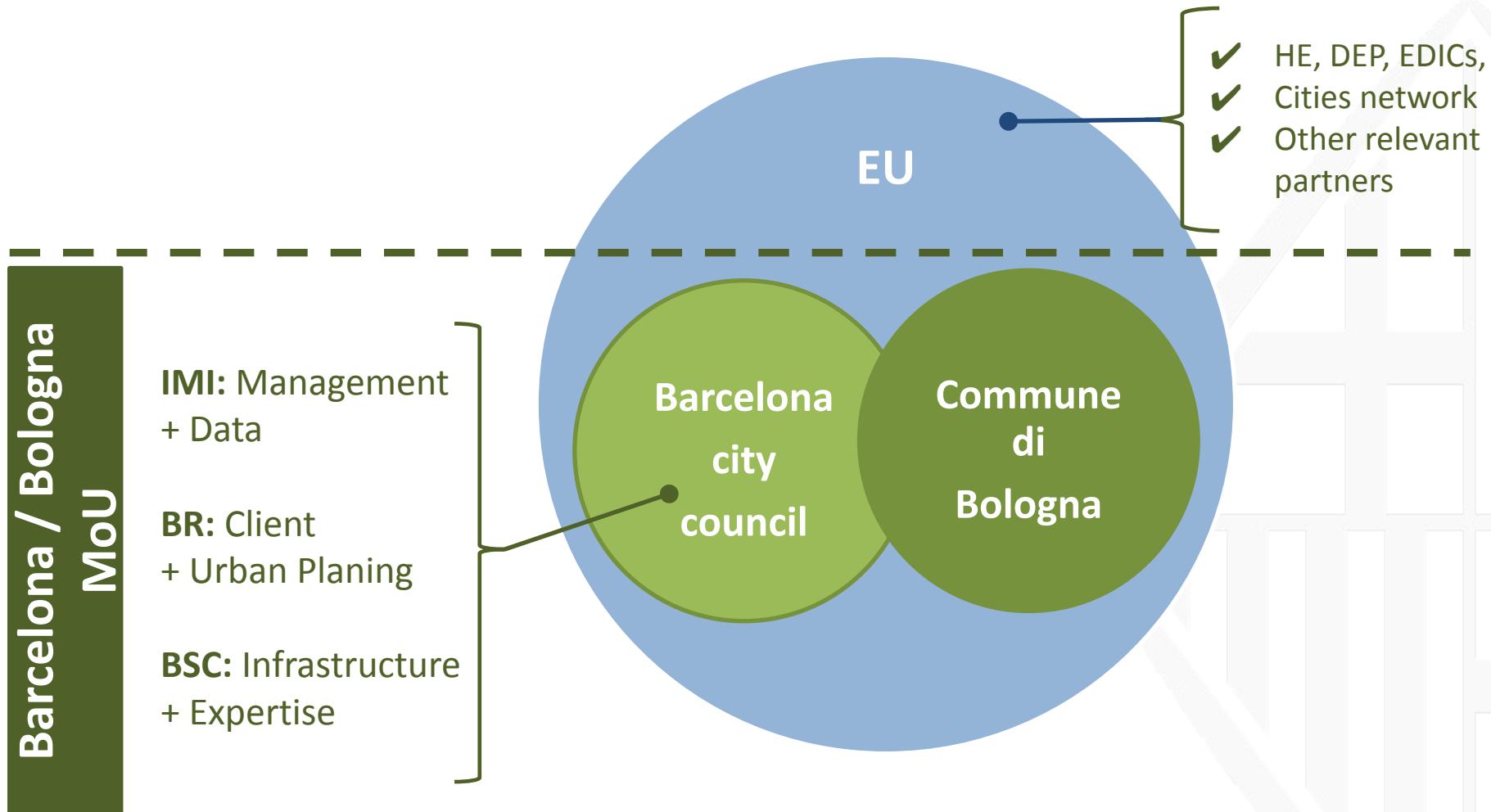


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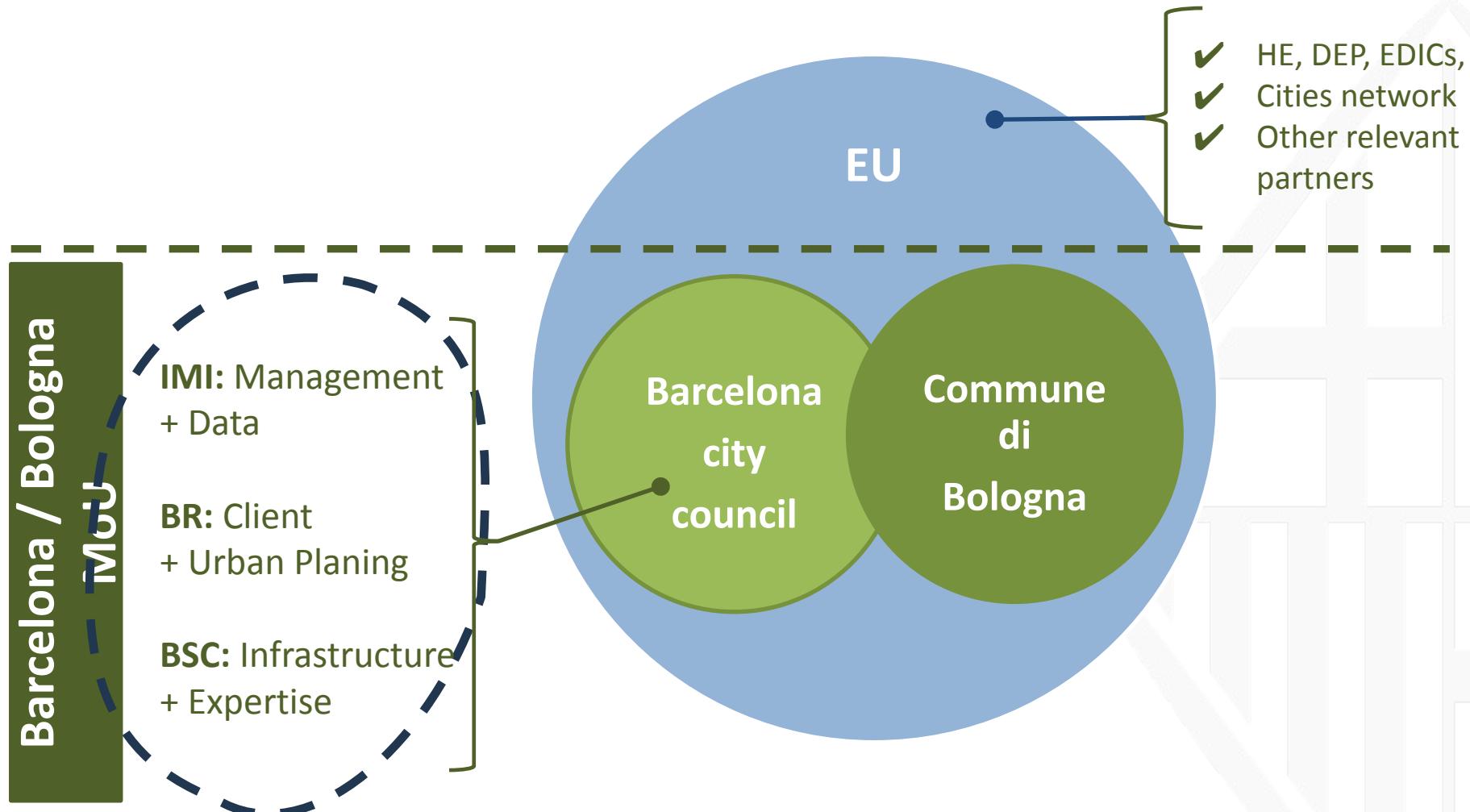
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# 1. Barcelona Digital Twins ecosystem

## Barcelona Digital Twins Ecosystem



### IMI / Municipal Institute of Information Technology

Management. Ecosystem. Data provisioning

### BR / Barcelona Regional

Prescription view + Urban Planning

### BSC / Barcelona Supercomputing Centre

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## 2. Ambition & challenges

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### City complex ecosystem



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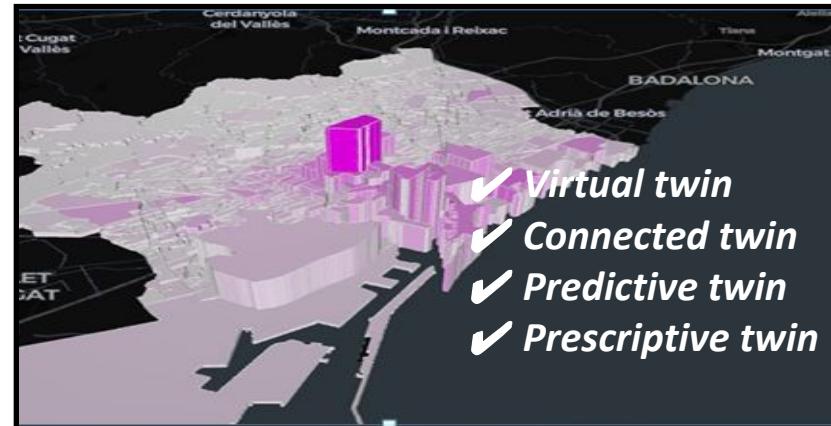
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### City complex ecosystem



### Digital Twin maturity level



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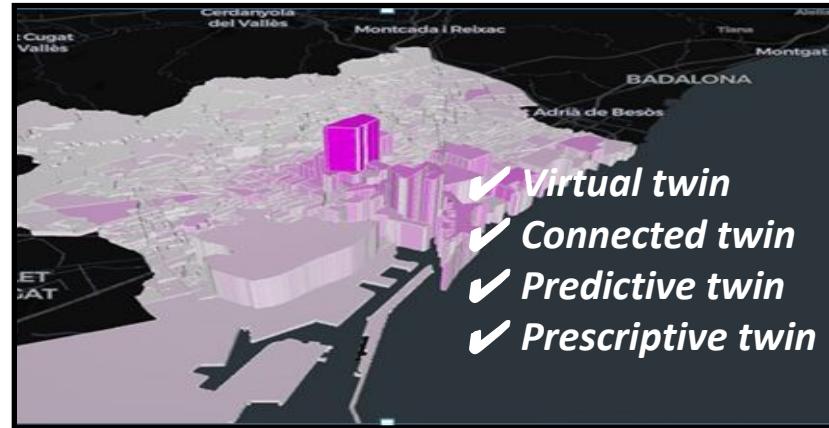
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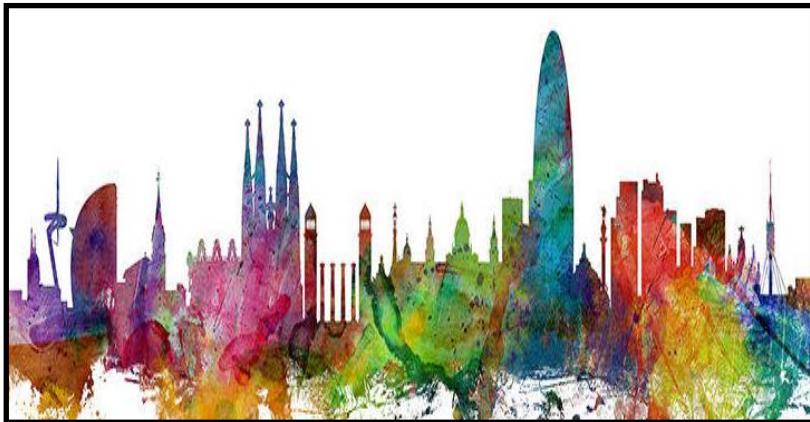
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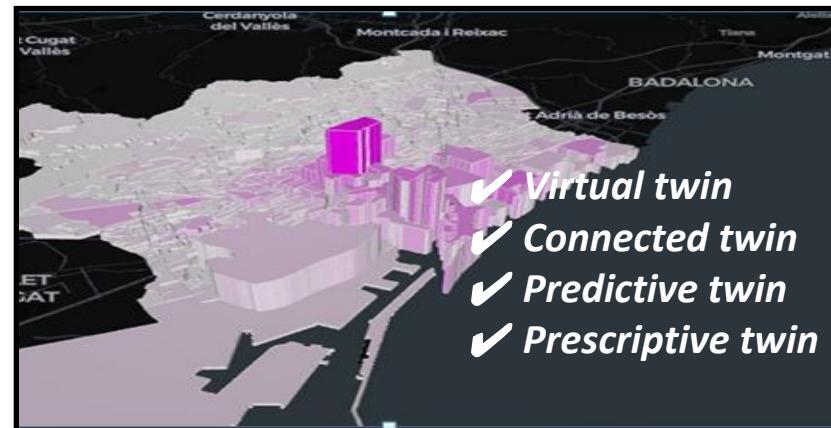
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### Stakeholders ecosystem



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### City complex ecosystem



Interoperability: Technical, Semantic, Organizational & Legal

ICT infrastructure



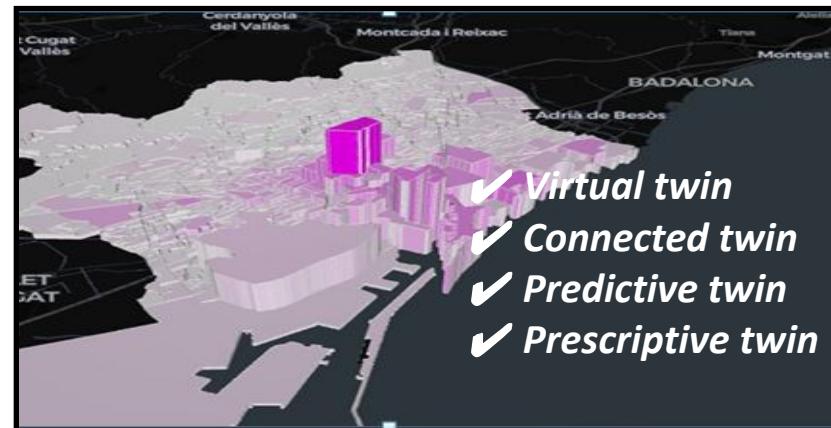
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### Digital Twin maturity level



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### 3. Urban Digital Twins Framework



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- National Supercomputing Centre in Spain
- member of the European network of supercomputers

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a Politico article. The headline reads "Barcelona bets on 'digital twin' as future of city planning". Below the headline, a subtext states "New scheme aims to ensure planning is based on solid data, rather than political whim." At the bottom of the image is a photograph of a server room with rows of server racks, situated within a building that features traditional architectural elements like arched windows and columns.

P Barcelona bets on 'digital twin' x +

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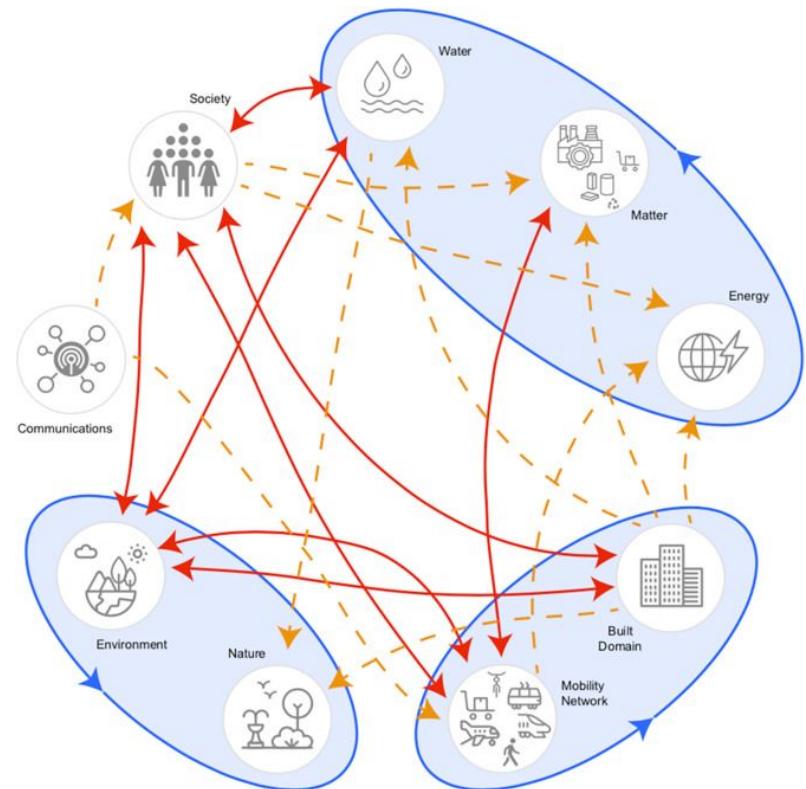
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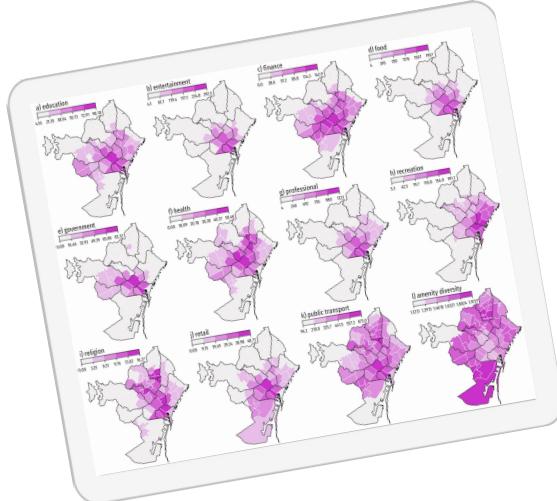
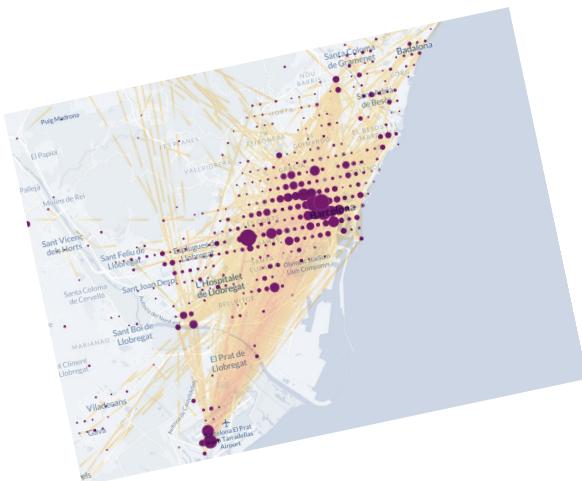
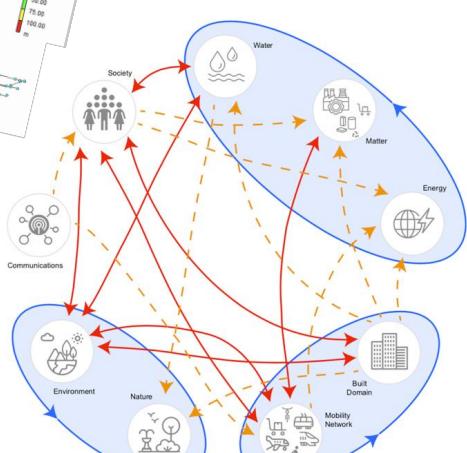
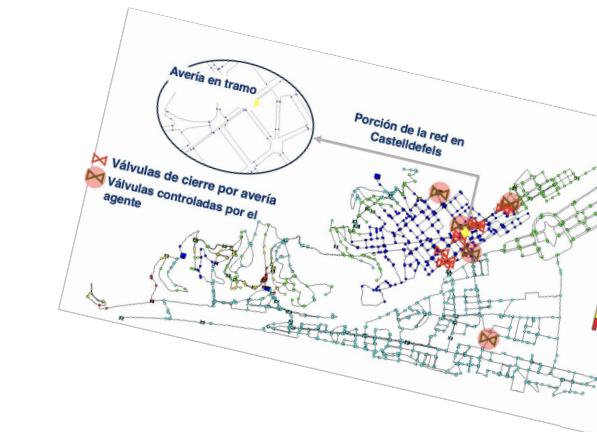
# Barcelona bets on 'digital twin' as future of city planning

New scheme aims to ensure planning is based on solid data, rather than political whim.

- Underlying **theoretical framework** on how to build an urban digital twin
- Describes how the different parts of the city –its anatomy– work and **interact together**
- **Modularity** makes it easy to upgrade and **transfer to other cities**



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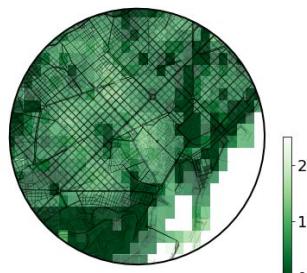
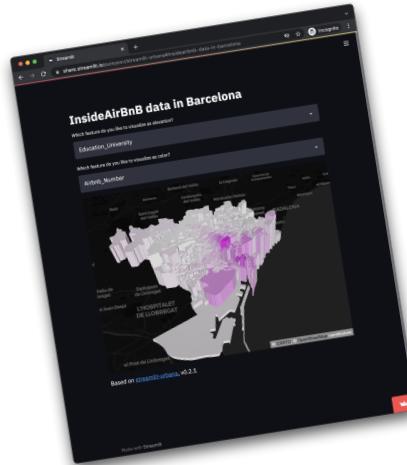
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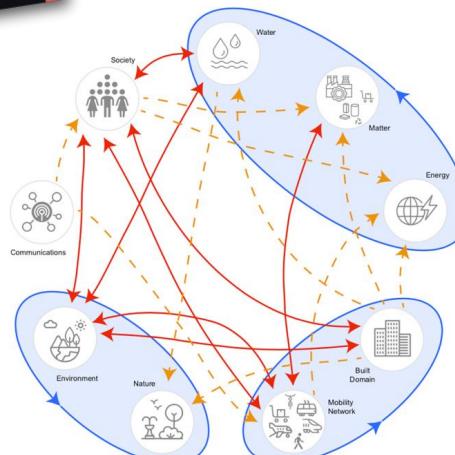
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public green index



bike-lane network

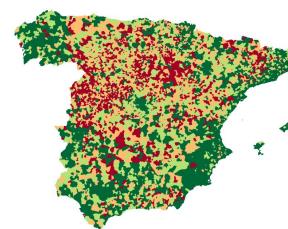
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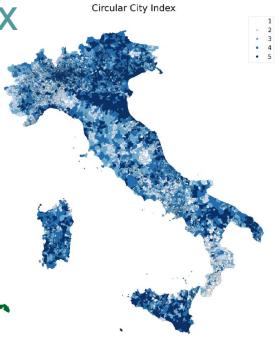
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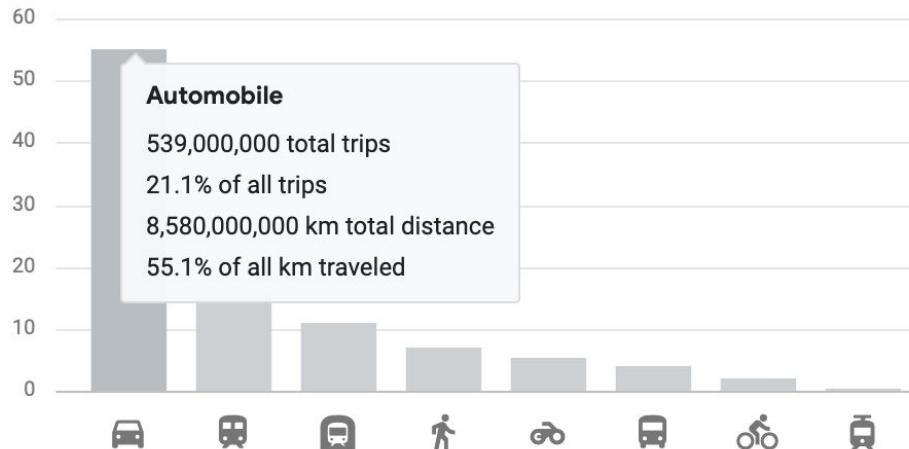


## Mission Cities:

100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030  
– European Commission, 2021

**Challenge:** cities require drastic changes in transportation

% of total combined kilometers by mode



Kilometers by mode in Barcelona  
Source: Google EIE



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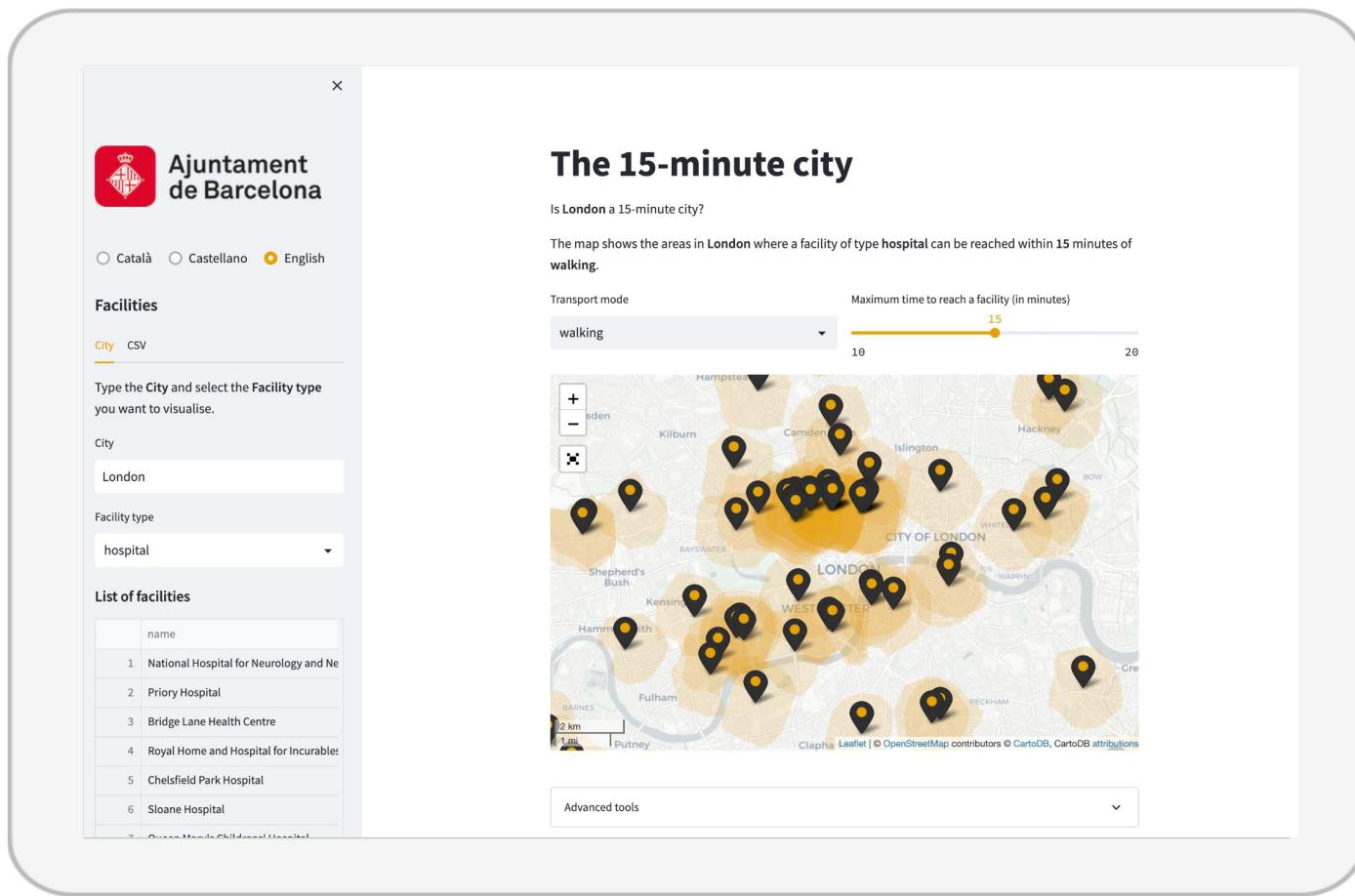
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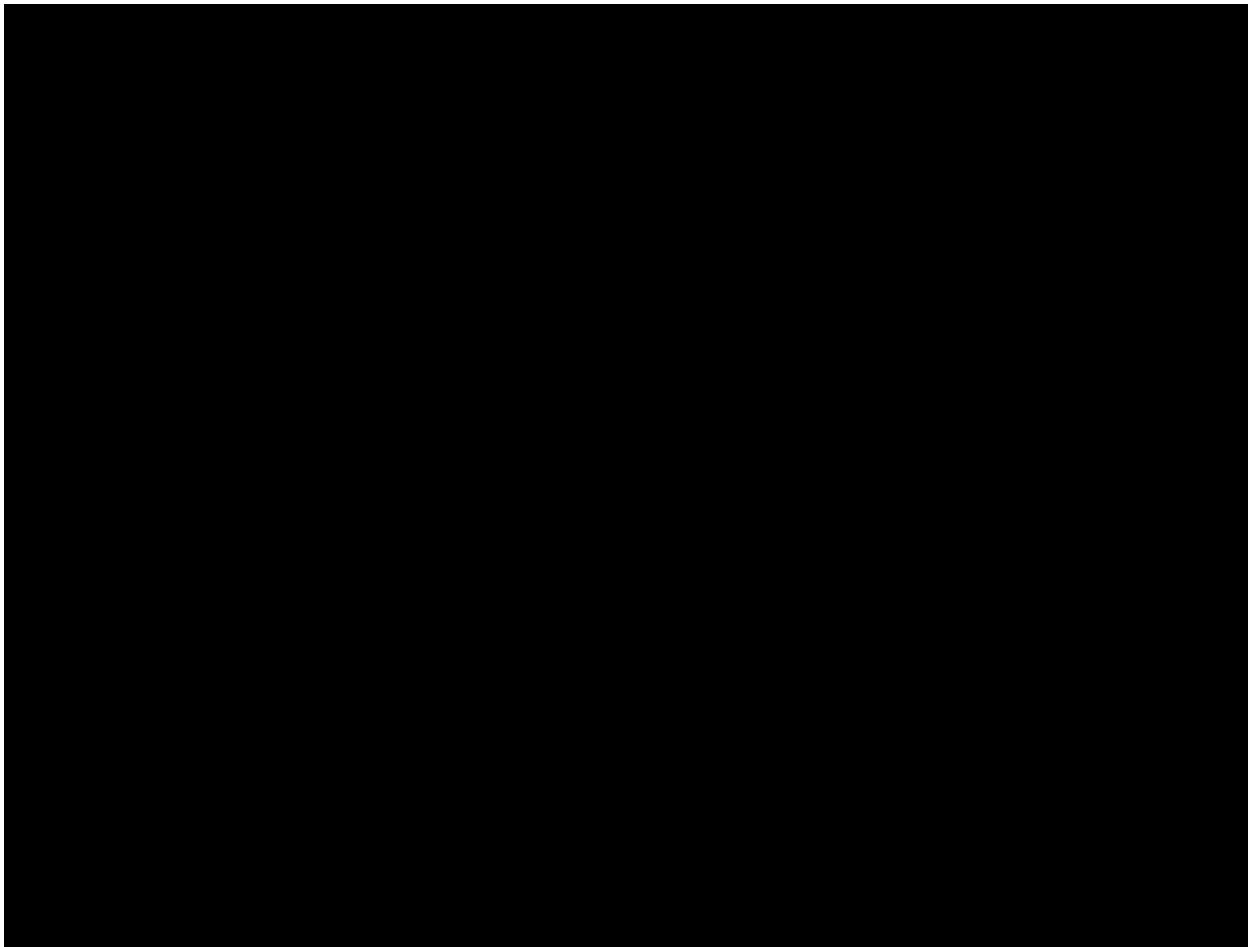




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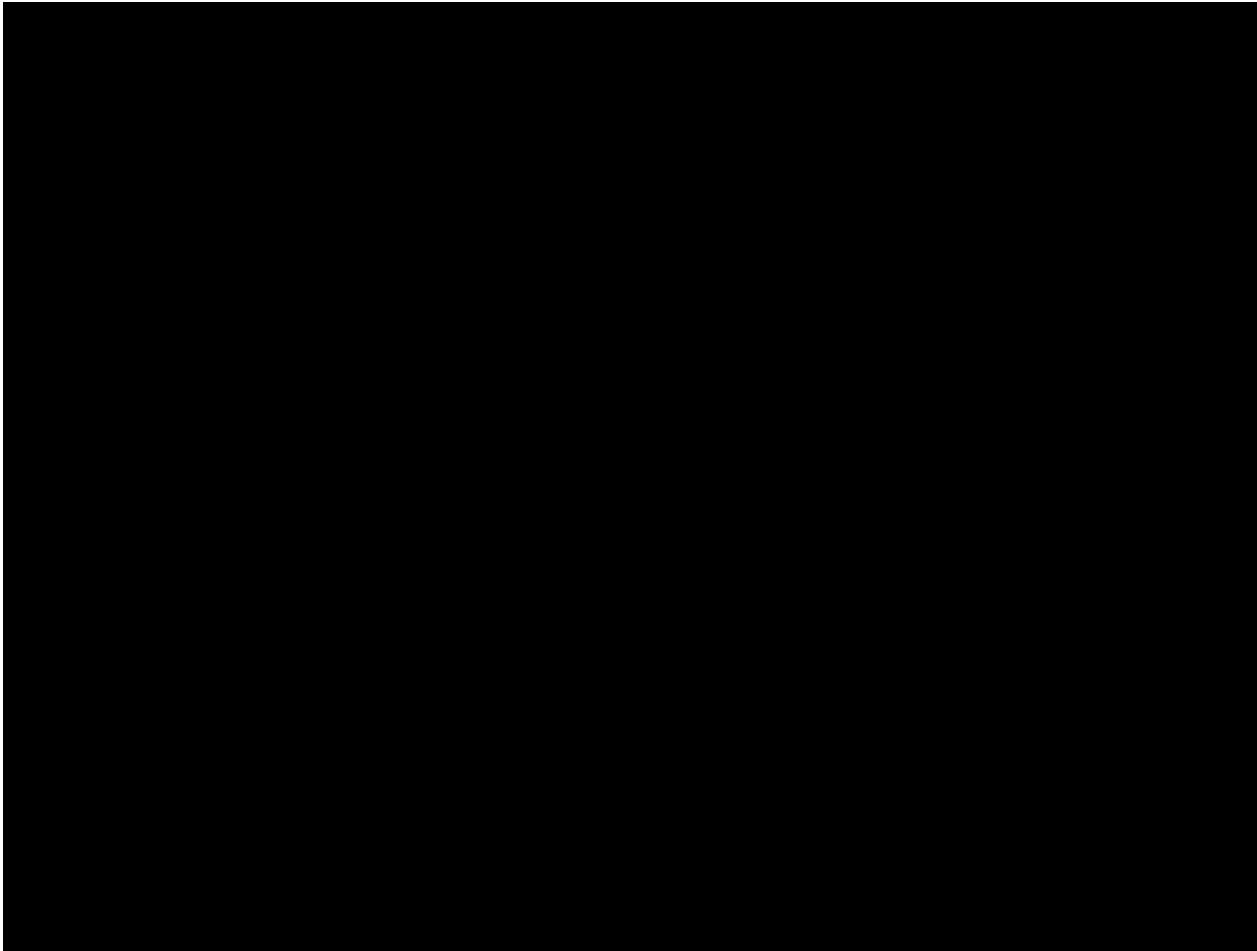
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# Accessibility to metro stations

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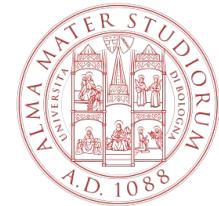




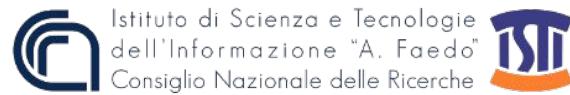
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