We citizens have gathered together, over the last 141 days, to see, to debate, to listen, to create, to enjoy, to dissent and to decide on things that matter to us, presenting proposals and initiatives, adopting agreements and commitments, signing manifestos and declarations, devising specific projects to promote peace, more sustainable development and cultural diversity.

We value the Universal Forum of Cultures - Barcelona 2004 as a new opportunity to find out about and take part in resolving the problems of the world we live in, as an experience for us to discover, through events and dialogue, new fields of knowledge and action to bring about a better world. “

(The Barcelona Commitment, presented at the closing ceremony of the first Forum, on 26 September 2004).

In a 40-hectare enclosure, attracted by more than 3.3 million visits, the common language was music, dance, theatre, cinema, workshops, games, exhibitions, ideas and good practices. In 2004 Barcelona experienced a unique cultural summer and its citizens unveiled an urban renewal project the likes of which had never been seen before: a waste water treatment plant, a refuse incinerator and a deprived neighbourhood were redeveloped to create a sustainable public space, with new beaches and infrastructures, at the service of cultural encounter.
Universal Forum of Cultures Barcelona 2004:
from 9 May to 26 September

Inauguration 8 May 2004
Opening 9 May 2004
Closure 26 September 2004
Length 141 days

141 days
40 ha.
3,323,120 visits (2.5 million different visitors)
Maximum number of visitors in the peak week: 348,989
Exhibitions in the Forum Site (visits):

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*(Opened to the public 11 days later than the Forum Site opening)*
**Forum Dialogues:**
77,464 registered delegates, in 55 dialogues from 1 to seven days, 2,877 speakers from 118 countries.

Dialogues
Living and Living Together. Women’s World Forum

141 Questions for 141 nights – Mikhail Gorbachev
Peace Camp:
- 10 editions
- 1,300 boys and girls
- 27 invited cities.

Site visitors' origin:
- Barcelona: 40.3%
- Catalonia: 30.7%
- Spain: 21.6%
- Other countries: 7.4%

More large-scale events:
- The Giant of the 7 seas: 916,319
- Move the World: 626,437
- The Memory Tree: 382,612
Urban Transformation. Barcelona 2004

It is on the Coastal Face in the East where the most important urban project has been realised, resulting in a land extension of 214 hectares. The Forum area integrates the large environmental infrastructures in a new totally urban coastal front.

The modernisation of these infrastructures, which includes the thermal power station which will use natural gas instead of fuel, the creation of an Ecoparck, and the design of a new waterworks, is action towards sustainability.

A large esplanade of 15 hectares partially covers the waterworks and opens the Diagonal Avenue to the sea. This new large-scale public space is connected to a group of emblematic buildings such as the Forum Building and the International Convention Centre. On the new coastline, consisting of three peninsulas of 49 hectares gained from the sea, we find a recreational port, new beaches and swimming areas. This project, very public in nature, also anticipates the construction of a university campus, housing units, offices and new access points which will improve the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Some equipment
  > Wastewater Treatment Plant
  > Fotovoltaic Plant
  > Forum Building
  > Convention Center
  > Forum Plaza
  > Auditorium Park
  > The Peace Park
  > New Bathing Area
  > Port Forum
City Forum: 3,072,881 participants
In-door Performances: 421,696
Street Performances: 1,562,110
Exhibitions: 1,089,075

Exhibitions in the City (visits)
Picasso. War and Peace 191,291
The beauty of failure/ The failure of beauty 173,420
The body and the cosmos.
Sculptural Art from Pre-Columbian Mexico 126,120
Confucius 102,994
Art and Utopia: Restricted Action 69,685
Catalonia, land of encounter 65,868

More large-scale events
Piromusical 425,000
Carnavalona with Carlinhos Brown 400,000
Festival of the Sea 350,000

Festival of the Sea
Impact

Forum website visits: 56,000,000 million pages visited.

Media impact and press coverage:
National written press: 30,000 pages
International written press: 2,000 pages
National television: 5,000 hours
International television potential audience: 1,500 million

Registered members of the press: 7,000 from 55 different countries.

Budget for the event: 334.74 million euros.
Income from public administration 53.79%
Income from private sponsoring 32.61%
Other sources of income (ticketing) 13.60%

Employment generated:
Direct: 2,500 people
Indirect: 3,600 people

Volunteers: 4,862 people from 59 different countries.
As a result of the participative work between local and international bodies, and through the active presence of several United Nations organizations, the Forum was able to leave the following legacies:

**New organizations and authorities for dialogue**

- Barcelona Center for the Support of the Global Compact
  www.fundacioforum.org

- Basic Income Earth Network
  www.etes.ucl.ac.be/BIEN/Index.html

- Broadcasting Regulation & Cultural Diversity
  www.brcd.net

- Social Brain Chair, a centre for analysis and public action in the field of social neuroscience.
  www.elcervellsocial.net/

- Permanent East-West Forum
  www.casaasia.es

- Linguamón – House of Languages
  www.linguamon.cat/

- Digital Portal on Cultural Rights
  www.culturalrights.net/ca/

- The Global Observatory on Local Democracy and Decentralisation (GOLD)
  www.cities-localgovernments.org/gold/
Declarations and agendas

- Barcelona Commitment
- Agenda 21 for Culture
- Barcelona Development Agenda
- Women’s Agenda: Toward Monterrey 2007
- Extension of the Convention Plus of UNHCR
- Barcelona Commitment for Coexistence
- Charter of Emerging Human Rights
- Conclusions for a Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People
- Declaration of Barcelona of Local Authorities of Porto Alegre
- Declaration of Barcelona. Work: Human Heritage
- Barcelona Declaration on the Role of Europe
- Institutional Declaration of the International Olympic Committee
- Declaration on Tourism, Cultural Diversity and Sustainable Development
- Interreligious Dialogue: Barcelona Commitments
- Manifesto ‘Words and Future’
- Fundamental Principles for a Global Convention on the Right to Water
- Prevention, Mediation, Reconciliation: Declaration of Barcelona

Publications

A series of publications related to the dialogues held at the Forum Barcelona 2004 were published.

- Results Document- Forum of Port Alegre Local Authorities- Agenda 21 for Culture
- Europe’s Role in the World, in cooperation with CIDOB Foundation.
- Scientific Knowledge and Cultural Diversity
> Towards A World Without Violence (CD)

> Health and Development: Challenges for the 21st Century in cooperation with Institut Municipal d'Investigacions Mèdiques (IMIM).


> Ethical Wealth of Nations: Values and Social Development (dossier of the magazine *Idees*, no. 25)

> Tourism, Cultural Diversity and Sustainable Development, in cooperation with the Instituto de Turismo Responsable.

> Human Rights, Emerging Needs and New Commitments, in cooperation with the Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya.

> From Marginality to Citizenship: 38 city cases of Production and Social Management of the Habitat, in cooperation with Habitat International Coalition and Urban TC.


> Rethinking Migration Policies. Ideas proposals and experiences from the World Congress Human Movements and Immigration, with IEMed and the UNFPA.

> Social Brain Matters. Stances on the Neurobiology of Social Cognition, with the ‘Social Brain’ Chair at UAB.

> The Value of the Word, with PEN Català.


> 141 Questions for 141 Nights.