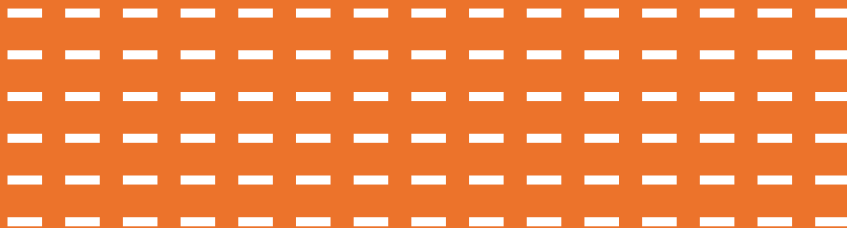


Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council: Regulations regarding internal function



Introduction

The regulations governing Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council were initially approved by the Plenary Council of Barcelona City Council on 22 July 1997 and finally approved on October 24 that same year. **The Municipal Immigration Council was officially constituted on 15 December 1997.**

In 2008, with the agreement of all interested parties, it was decided to update these regulations, which, at the instruction of the City Council's Legal Services, became known as the **Regulations Regarding Internal Functioning.**

The Regulations Regarding Internal Functioning, set out below, were drawn up with the participation of all the **organisations represented on the Council** itself, as well as Barcelona City Council's **Legal Services** and **Immigration Department.**

The **Regulations** were approved by the Council Plenary on 17 February 2011. They then underwent the appropriate administrative procedure: on March 15, as an initial step, they were approved by the Commission for Culture, Education and Social Welfare with the **agreement of all political groups**; and, from April 8 to May 14, they were published in the provincial official journal, or *Butlletí Oficial de la Província*, establishing a period of thirty working days in which any individual or association could lodge objections. No objections were lodged.

The Regulations Regarding Internal Functioning of the Municipal Immigration Council were finally approved by the Plenary Council of Barcelona City Council on 30 September 2011.

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Statement of purpose

The Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council (CMIB) was established in 1997 and, that same year, by agreement of the Plenary Council on October 24, the regulations governing the Council's activities, valid until the present, were approved. The CMIB was set up with the purpose of complying with the mandate established in Article 9.2 of the Spanish Constitution, which states that: "It is the duty of public powers to produce the necessary conditions to ensure that the freedoms and equality of the people and groups in which they integrate become real and effective; to remove obstacles which may impede or hinder its compliance, and to facilitate citizen integration in the political, economic, cultural and social aspects of public life."

Moreover, Article 43.1 of the Statute of Autonomy of Catalonia establishes that: "the public authorities shall promote social participation in drafting, providing and evaluating public policies, and also the participation of individuals and associations in civic, social, cultural, economic and political matters, with full respect for the principles of pluralism, free enterprise and autonomy."

Article 2 ter 2 of Organic Law 4/2000, of January 11, on the rights and freedoms of foreigners in Spain and their social integration, and Organic Law 2/2009, of December 11, call on the public administrations to incorporate the objective of integration between immigrants and the host society as a transversal issue, throughout all public policies and services, and to promote and foster the economic, social, cultural and political participation of immigrants according to the terms provided by law and in conditions of equal treatment.

The city of Barcelona is granted special status under the terms of Article 89 of the current Statute of Autonomy of Catalonia, Barcelona Municipal Charter (approved by Law 22/1998, of December 30) and State Law 1/2006, of March 13, on the special status of the municipality of Barcelona. Moreover, Article 30 of the Municipal Charter guarantees citizen participation, particularly in areas that most directly affect citizens' quality of life. Finally, 62 and

63 of Legislative Decree 2/2003, of April 28, approving the revised text of the Municipal and Local Government Act of Catalonia, regulate sector-based participatory bodies and their functions.

The Rules for citizen participation, approved by agreement of the Barcelona City Council Plenary Council on 22 November 2002, also specifically endorse the commitment made by the municipal administration to the European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City with regard to not only guaranteeing but also actively promoting participation. To this end, the aforementioned Rules establish that all citizens have the right to intervene – whether directly or through civic associations – in the management of public affairs, through the participatory bodies, authorities or mechanisms provided for by legislation, and to put forward suggestions and proposals at city or district level. Moreover, articles 19 ff. of these Rules govern the composition, selection, bodies and functions of sector-based councils.

The 2008-2011 Municipal Action Plan and the Immigration Work Plan, as well as the more recent Barcelona Intercultural Plan, all establish objectives and measures related to the Municipal Immigration Council. In the latter, Axis 1.3 provides for the promotion of active citizenship by extending and consolidating spaces for participation and democratic deliberation, guaranteeing that these will reflect the city's socio-cultural diversity. Amongst the specific measures established is that of reinforcing the advisory role played by the Municipal Immigration Council, as a body representing associations of immigrants in the city, many of whom lack political rights, in drafting municipal policy.

The 2008-2011 Immigration Work Plan approved by the Municipal Immigration Council revolves around four main issues: promoting and supporting associations and new forms of participation; full citizenship; internal functioning; and interculturalism. The measures provided for with regard to internal functioning include updating and agreeing the regulations governing the Council to adapt them to the conditions that currently govern

local institutions (the code of ethics for associations in Barcelona), the social environment and associations.

The Council Secretariat was formally commissioned to perform this duty over the course of 2010 by agreement approved at the plenary session of 5 November 2009. This task was duly carried out, with particular efforts to reach consensus amongst the organisations and associations concerned with regard to procedures and mechanisms to guarantee participation. These Regulations Regarding Internal Functioning, as they will be known from now on, comprise a revised and updated version of the Rules hitherto in force, and were drawn up in accordance with a participatory method that involved all the bodies and organisations on the Council. In short, the new Regulations were drawn up with the objective of adapting and responding to new circumstances and challenges.

TITLE I. General provisions

Article 1. Nature

1. Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council is a sectorial and participatory advisory body that was established according to the provisions of Article 12 of the Rules regulating citizen participation and articles 62 and 63 of Legislative Decree 2/2003, of April 28, approving the revised text of the Municipal and Local Government Act of Catalonia.
2. The Council was set up in accordance with the express will of Barcelona City Council to contribute to compliance with the mandate enshrined in articles 9.2 of the Spanish Constitution and 43.1 of the Statute of Autonomy of Catalonia.
3. The City Council establishes this participatory advisory body under its own powers, as one of the mechanisms necessary to ensure that Barcelona adopts a plural, integrating approach to immigrants, ethnic minorities and all cultures in general. To this end, the Immigration Council is established as a bridge between Barcelona City Council and immigrants to promote equal rights and opportunities and recognition of diversity and to help build a fairer, more cohesive city.
4. The purposes or objectives of Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council are as follows:
 - a. To work for freedom and equal rights, duties and opportunities for all immigrants.
 - b. To combat social and institutional racism, discrimination and xenophobia.
 - c. To support actions and initiatives aimed at promoting interculturalism.
 - d. To help and encourage immigrants and their associations to take part in political, social and economic life.
 - e. To promote social dialogue and to foster recognition of all diversity.

Article 2. Functions

1. The functions of Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council are as follows:
 - a. To promote the participation of immigrants in the city's associations.
 - b. To work to ensure that all the different immigrant groups and, generally, the social reality of the city, are represented on the Municipal Immigration Council itself.
 - c. To advise, recommend and cooperate with municipal policies, plans and programmes.
 - d. To monitor and assess municipal policies, plans and programmes.
 - e. To reach out and connect with organisations that work with immigrants in their relations with the public institutions.
 - f. To generate knowledge about the circumstances of immigrant groups and the issues that affect them.
 - g. To foster and promote projects and strategies related to the Council's mission, objectives and nature.
 - h. To issue reports and to inform on the Council's position with regard to plans, laws and other issues of interest to citizens in this field.
 - i. To issue reports on municipal action with regard to local immigration policies.

2. Municipal Immigration Council reports submitted to municipal government bodies have the status of recommendations and will, in no case, be considered binding.

TITLE II. Composition and selection

Article 3. Composition

1. The Municipal Immigration Council is presided over by the mayor, who may delegate this function to a councillor responsible for immigration affairs.
2. There will be two Vice-presidents on the Council:
 - a. The first vice-president shall be selected from amongst Council members representing immigrant associations. This vice-president will be elected by all the members from these associations at the beginning of each mandate.
 - b. The second vice-president shall be the commissioner designated by the mayor for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue or whomsoever occupies an equivalent post.
3. The members of Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council shall be as follows:
 - a. One councillor representing each of the municipal groups present on the City Council.
 - b. One representative from each of the immigrant organisations and associations that form part of the Council.
 - c. One representative from each of the representative residents' associations, civic and cultural organisations and unions in the city, from a particular sector or engaged on particular issues that have members specifically devoted to the immigrant population and form part of the Council.
 - d. One representative from each of the organisations working with immigrants and asylum seekers that form part of the Council.
 - e. Experts and citizens of recognised standing in the field of immigration.

4. The post of Secretary shall be held by a member of the Council or a person at the service of Barcelona City Council. In the latter case, the Secretary shall attend sessions but shall not have the right to vote.
5. Up to ten people at the service of Barcelona City Council, designated by the President, may attend Council sessions, with voice but not vote.

Article 4. On the representatives from municipal groups present on the City Council

1. The members representing the municipal groups on the City Council must be proposed by the groups they belong to. With the exception of the President, municipal representatives shall have voice but not vote.
2. These representatives may act as CMIB members throughout the mandate.

Article 5. On the representatives from associations of immigrants

1. The members representing immigrant associations in the city of Barcelona shall be designated by the organisation they represent.
2. Immigrant organisations must satisfy the following requirements to be accepted as members of the Municipal Immigration Council:
 - a. They must be legally-constituted, not-for-profit immigrant associations or federations of a social, civic, sporting or cultural nature.
 - b. Their headquarters must be in the city of Barcelona.
 - c. The organisation must accredit continued activity in the city for the minimum period of the preceding two years. Associations unable to

satisfy this requirement may join the Council as observers until the necessary time has passed, enabling them to become full members.

3. Each association will provide one representative as a Council member. Federations will have a single representative for all their member organisations.
4. The procedure that an organisation or federation must follow in order to become a member of the Municipal Immigration Council is as follows:
 - a. Applications must be made in writing to the Council Secretariat.
 - b. Applications should be accompanied by the following documentation:
 - b1. The statutes of the organisation, accrediting registration with the appropriate Register of associations.
 - b2. Documentation accrediting continued activity over the previous two years.
 - b3. Agreement of the organisation's board to apply for membership of the Council. Federations should also present a list of their member organisations.
 - c. The Council Secretariat will verify compliance with these requirements and will report their conclusions to the Permanent Commission, which will formulate the appropriate proposal to be submitted to the next Council plenary session. This proposal will adopt one of the following options:
 - c1. That the organisation be admitted as a member of the Municipal Immigration Council.
 - c2. That the organisation be admitted as a member of the Municipal Immigration Council with observer status, as said organisation has failed to accredit continued activity over the past two years. The organisation will become a full member once the aforementioned mandatory period has been met.
 - c3. That the application for membership should be rejected. This proposal must be accompanied by reasons supporting such a resolution.

- d. In plenary session, the Council will adopt the appropriate agreement by simple majority.
5. Immigrant organisations may be permanent members of the Municipal Immigration Council. However, if they fail to attend, without justification, all the plenary or working group sessions that have been duly notified to them over a period of two years, the procedure to terminate their membership may begin. Under this procedure, they will be required to ratify, in writing, their wish to continue their membership of the Municipal Immigration Council and to take part in its activities, and shall attend the next session announced. Should an organisation fail to comply with these conditions, its membership shall be terminated.

Article 6. On the representatives from other types of representative organisations in the city or from particular sectors or fields

1. This group is formed by representatives from residents' associations, civic and cultural organisations and unions that represent their specific sectors in the city and that have members and/or specific groups from the immigrant population.
2. The procedure for obtaining membership of the Municipal Immigration Council shall be as established in Article 5. 3 of these Regulations, with the following specific conditions:
 - a. The application must be submitted by one of the member organisations, as established in the previous article.
 - b. It is not necessary to accredit continued activity over the previous two years, but applicant organisations must have a specific member or group devoted to immigrants.

3. The provisions of Article 5, Paragraph 5 shall also be applicable.

Article 7. On the representatives from organisations that work with immigrants and people seeking asylum

1. The following types of organisation may belong to this group:
 - a. Organisations considered immigrant associations due to the fact that, although the majority of members are not immigrants, their mission is to work for the full integration of immigrants into the host society, with equal rights and duties, and these organisations form part of the network of immigrant organisations promoted by Barcelona City Council in accordance with the Municipal Immigrant Plan.
 - b. Organisations whose mission is to provide legal advice and guidance to people seeking asylum or subsidiary protection.
2. These organisations must satisfy the following requirements in order to become members of the Municipal Immigration Council:
 - a. They must be legally constituted, not-for-profit organisations.
 - b. Their headquarters must be in the city of Barcelona.
 - c. They must accredit continued activity in the city for a minimum of the five preceding years.
 - d. The total of such organisations may not account for more than 25% of the total number of immigrant associations that are members of the Municipal Immigration Council, as described in Article 5.
3. The procedure for obtaining membership of the Municipal Immigration Council shall be as established in Article 5. 3 of these Regulations, with the following specific conditions:

- a. A period for the submission of membership applications for this type of association will open at the start of each mandate.
 - b. Organisations must accredit continued activity in the city for a minimum of five years.
 - c. Should the number of such organisations granted membership exceed 25% of the total (see 2.d) then, all other things being equal, membership shall be granted on a “first come first served” basis.
4. These organisations can become members of the Municipal Immigration Council for a full mandate. The provisions of Article 5, Paragraph 5 also apply to these organisations.

Article 8. Experts and persons of recognised standing

1. The CMIB shall include, members with individual status, experts and persons of recognised standing in the specific field of immigration. Such members should account for no more than one-third of the total membership of the Council.
2. The procedure for granted membership to such individuals is as follows:
 - a. A full member of the Municipal Immigration Council shall submit an application the Secretariat, describing the professional trajectory of the person proposed and the reasons for requesting that they be made a member.
 - b. Having received the proposal, the Secretariat will contact the expert or individual concerned, inviting them to confirm that they wish to become a member of the Council.
 - c. The application, along with other documentation relating to the application procedure is submitted to the Permanent Commission, which will issue a report.

- d. If this report is favourable, the proposal will be submitted to the decision of the Plenary Council. The decision will be adopted by a simple majority vote.
3. These individuals may be members of the Council for one or more mandates.
4. Their membership may be terminated at their own request or by agreement of the Council members.

TITLE III. Organisation and functioning

Article 9. Organisational structure

1. Composition: the Council is formed by the President, the Vice-presidents, the Plenary Council, the Permanent Commission, the Emergency Advisory Committee and the Secretary.
2. Barcelona City Council will provide the Municipal Immigration Council with the human and material resources it requires in order to support and promote the activities of its various bodies.

Chapter 1. The President and the vice-presidents

Article 10. The President

1. Assisted by the vice-presidents, the President directs and represents the Council, and is responsible for calling and chairing sessions, establishing the order of the day, submitting Council proposals to municipal management and government bodies, and all other functions associated with the functioning of a collegial body, such as casting the deciding vote in case of a tie. The President will also exercise all powers delegated to him or her by the Presiding Council.
2. The President and the Vice-presidents are responsible for promoting and managing the participation of associations that form part of the sector in the Council's activities and deliberations.

Article 11. The Vice-presidents

1. The first and second vice-presidents assist and cooperate with the President, as well as performing any tasks that the President may delegate to them.
2. The post of vice-president is held for a period of two years, after which the same person may be re-elected for a further period of a maximum of two years.

Chapter 2. The Plenary Council

Article 12. Composition

1. The Plenary Council is the highest body within the organisational structure of Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council.
2. The Plenary Council is formed by:
 - The President
 - The vice-presidents
 - The ordinary members:
 - a. One councillor from each of the municipal groups represented on the City Council.
 - b. One representative from each of the immigrant organisations and associations that form part of the Council.
 - c. One representative from each of the residents' associations, civic and cultural organisations and unions representing the sector in the city, and that have members specifically devoted to the immigrant population and form part of the Council.
 - d. One representative from each of the organisations that work with immigrants and people seeking asylum or subsidiary protection.
 - e. Experts and persons of recognised standing in the field of immigration.
 - The Secretary

Article 13. Powers of the Plenary Council

As the highest body within the organisational structure of Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council, the Plenary Council has the following functions:

- a. To adopt agreements concerning Council functions related to Article 2. 1 of these Regulations.
- b. To elect the first vice-president.
- c. To approve the admission of new members of the Council, as well as proposals to terminate membership.
- d. To approve the Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council Work Plan for each mandate.
- e. To approve the Municipal Immigration Council's annual report.
- f. To approve its own regulations of internal functioning, subject to the approval of the Barcelona City Council Plenary Council.
- g. To annually select the organisation that should receive special mention as part of the Municipal Immigration Council Prize.
- h. To approve recommendations and reports.

Article 14. Notification of sessions

1. Plenary Council members shall receive official notification of sessions, accompanied by their respective order of the day, with minimum notice of fifteen working days, with the exception of extraordinary sessions, which can be announced with five working days' notice.
2. Members shall receive the documentation relating to sessions a minimum of three working days before they are due to take place.
3. Notification shall be communicated, preferably, by electronic means. Should this not be possible, any other means may be used in accordance with current legislation governing administrative procedures. Documentation may be made available on the municipal website, with all necessary steps taken to ensure that such information is both accessible and secure.

Article 15. Constitution of the Plenary Council

1. For the valid constitution of the Plenary Council at the first call, the presence is required of the President and the Secretary, or their substitutes, and at least half of the ordinary members.
2. At the second call, the Plenary Council is validly constituted if one-third of the members are present.

Article 16. System governing sessions

1. Plenary sessions may be ordinary or extraordinary. Extraordinary sessions must be called by the President, at his or her own initiative or at the request of a minimum of one-quarter of the Plenary Council members.
2. In the case of absence, vacancy or illness, or any other justified cause, the person occupying the Presidency shall be replaced by the first or second Vice-presidents, in this order; if these, too, are absent, the President's substitute shall be the longest-standing ordinary member and, if two or more members are tied in this, by whoever is oldest among them.
3. The bodies, associations and organisations represented on the Council shall designate their members and may also designate reserve members in case of absence, vacancy, illness or any other justified cause.
4. The person occupying the post of Secretary may be substituted by another person at the service of the Administration.
5. If authorised, non-members may attend Plenary Council sessions, though with observer status only.

Article 17. Adoption of agreements and voting system

1. Plenary Council agreements are adopted by a simple majority vote. In case of ties, the President shall cast the deciding vote.
2. Only issues on the order of the day may be considered, unless all members are present and the urgency of the issue is declared by absolute majority vote.
3. Members who place their vote against or abstention on the records are exempt from any liabilities that may derive from such action.

Chapter 3. The permanent commission

Article 18. Composition

1. The Municipal Immigration Council shall elect a Permanent Commission, whose functions and composition are described below.
2. The Permanent Commission shall be formed by:
 - The President of the Municipal Immigration Council, who may delegate this post to one of the vice-presidents.
 - The first and second vice-presidents, if appropriate.
 - The member who acted as First Vice-president during the immediately previous mandate.
 - The members representing the two union organisations with the most members in the city of Barcelona and which form part of the Council.
 - Seven (7) members representing the organisations that are members of the Council.
 - The Secretary.

Article 19. Selection of members representing organisations

The representatives from organisations that are members of the Permanent Commission shall be selected by the Plenary Council at the first session in the mandate period from amongst those who submit their candidature. The representatives for the organisations with the highest votes from each of the following groups shall form part of the Commission:

1. One representative from organisations representing immigrant from each of the following continents: Africa, America, Asia and Europe.
2. One member representing organisations that work with immigrants or people seeking asylum, or residents' associations, civic or cultural organisations engaged in this field in the city and which are members of the Council.

3. Two more members, representing organisations of any type, which shall be those that receive the most votes.

If there are no candidates from groups 1 or 2, more members from Group 3 shall be elected to complete the total of seven (7) members.

In order to present their candidature to sit on the Permanent Commission, organisations must have at least three years' standing on the Municipal Immigration Council and have played an active role in its work.

Representatives from organisations may sit on the Permanent Commission throughout the mandate and may be re-elected for a maximum of one further period.

Members of the Permanent Commission may terminate their membership on request. Moreover, those who fail to attend, or justify their absence from any of the sessions that take place over the course of a year will also be removed from the Commission. Proposals for such measures must be approved by the Plenary Council. Outgoing members shall be replaced by representatives from the organisations with the next highest number of votes within the appropriate group.

Article 20. Powers of the Permanent Commission

The Permanent Commission is the body responsible for facilitating the mechanisms that enable Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council to fulfil its functions.

The Permanent Commission has the following functions:

1. To draw up reports, recommendations and proposals on issues that fall within the competence of the Plenary Council.

2. To approve proposals formulated by the Technical Secretariat and that do not fall within the competence of the Plenary Council, such as the following:

- a. Approving the methodology for drafting the work plan.
- b. Approving the guidelines for the report to be submitted to the Plenary Council.
- c. Deciding the composition of the jury for the Municipal Immigration Council Prize.

Article 21. Organisation of sessions

1. Official notification of sessions, accompanied by their respective order of the day, should be sent to members with notice of at least five (5) days, except in cases considered urgent by the President, which should be stated on the notification.

2. Sessions may be ordinary or extraordinary. There shall be one ordinary session every two months, with a total of six per year.

3. With regard to other issues concerning the organisation of sessions, the adoption of agreements and the voting system, the provisions applicable are those established in articles 16 and 17 of these Regulations on the functioning of the Plenary Council.

Chapter 4. On the technical secretariat and working groups

Article 22. The Technical Secretariat

The functions of the Secretary to the Municipal Immigration Council Technical are as follows:

1. To work for the consolidation and expansion of Council membership.
2. To advise and provide technical support for all members over issues related to the Council's mission and competences.
3. To promote and encourage the work of the various working groups, and to monitor this, especially as regards the formulation of proposals and projects.
4. To facilitate mechanisms to ensure communication, coordination and liaison with other municipal bodies.
5. To announce sessions as ordered by the President.
6. To take minutes on sessions, duly filing and conserving these records.
7. To ensure that all necessary communications are effectively sent out.
8. To fulfil all other functions inherent to the post.

Article 23. The working groups

At the proposal of the Permanent Commission or the President, the Plenary Council may agree to set up working groups. Council members so desiring may form part of these working groups, as may other people who are experts in the subject dealt with or can make contributions to the working group's activities.

Chapter 5. On the Urgent Consultation Commission

Article 24. The Urgent Consultation Commission

In response to any situations or events that might arise of an exceptional nature that directly affect the rights or interests of the immigrants, a meeting of the Urgent Consultation Commission may be called in order to issue communications making clear the Municipal Immigration Council's position and opinion with regard to them.

The Commission will be formed by the President of the Municipal Immigration Council, who may delegate this post to one of the vice-presidents, the Secretary and members representing at least eight organisations on the Plenary Council, at least four of whom should also be Permanent Commission members.

Article 25. Notification and functioning of Commission meetings

A meeting of the Urgent Consultation Commission may be called at the proposal of the President, at the agreement of the Plenary Council or the Permanent Commission, or at the request of at least eight organisations members of the Council.

Notification of meetings, with the corresponding order of the day, should be communicated to members with notice of at least 24 hours.

Agreements on the content of communications to be issued and the manner in which they should be distributed shall be adopted by two-thirds majority vote of those present.

All Council member organisations shall be informed of the agreements adopted, and a report on their content shall be made to the Plenary Council.

Fisrt additional disposition

In the case of any questions not covered by these Regulations, the Rules regulating citizen participation, approved at the Municipal Council Plenary Meeting of 22 November 2002, shall apply, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 13.1 and Law 26/2010, of August 3, on the legal system and procedure governing the public administration in Catalonia.

Second additional disposition

Should any district council be established that is devoted to issues concerning immigration within its territory, this council may have a representative on Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council.

Derogation provision

The Rules governing Barcelona Municipal Immigration Council, finally approved by a plenary meeting of Barcelona City Council on 24 October 1997, are hereby repealed.

Final disposition

These Regulations will enter into effect the day after their publication in the *Butlletí Oficial de la Província de Barcelona* [Official Journal of the Province of Barcelona].

List of organisations members of the Municipal Immigration Council (November 2011)

- **Associació Catalana per la Integració d'Homosexuals, Bisexuals i Transexuals Immigrants (ACATHI)**
Catalan Association for the Integration of Homosexual, Bisexual and Transsexual Immigrants
- **Asociación Sociocultural y de Cooperación al Desarrollo por Colombia e Iberoamérica (ACULCO)**
Sociocultural and Cooperation Association for the Development of Colombia and Ibero-America
- **Associació d'Ajuda Mútua d'Immigrants a Catalunya - Unió General de Treballadors (AMIC-UGT)**
Mutual Assistance Association for Immigrants in Catalonia - General Workers Union
- **Asociación Amistad de las Mujeres Filipinas**
Association of Filipino Women
- **Asociación Casal Colombiano**
Colombian Association
- **Asociación Cultural Social y Arte Culinario de Honduras y Amigos**
Honduras and Friends Cultural, Social and Culinary Art Association
- **Asociación de Ecuatorianos en Catalunya**
Association of Ecuadorians in Catalonia
- **Asociación de Jóvenes Ecuatorianos en Catalunya (JOVECU)**
Association of Young Ecuadorians in Catalonia
- **Asociación de Mujeres Empresarias Chinas y Españolas**
Association of Chinese and Spanish Businesswomen
- **Asociación de Mujeres E'Waiso Ipola**
E'Waiso Ipola Women's Association
- **Asociación Intercambio Cultural China-España**
China-Spain Cultural Exchange Association
- **Asociación Intercultural Latinoamericana Dosmundosmil**
Latin-American Intercultural Association
- **Asociació Romanesa de Catalunya (ASOCROM)**
Rumanian Association of Catalonia
- **Associació de Suport a les Organitzacions Populars Xilenes (ASOPXI)**
Association for the Support of Chilean Popular Organisations
- **Associació Catalana de Residents Senegalesos**
Catalan Association of Senegalese Residents
- **Associació Catalunya-Liban**
Catalonia-Lebanon Association
- **Associació Cultural Educativa i Social Operativa de Dones Paquistaneses (ACESOP)**
Cultural, Educational and Social-Operative Association of Pakistani Women
- **Associació Cultural Mexicanocatalana (MEXCAT)**
Mexican-Catalan Cultural Association
- **Associació Cultural Riebapua Comunitat Bubi a Catalunya**
Riebapua Cultural Association of the Bubi Community in Catalonia
- **Asociación de la Comunidad Dominicana en Cataluña**
Association of the Dominican Community in Catalonia
- **Associació de Paisans de Zhejiang a Catalunya**
Association of the Zhejiang Community in Catalonia

- **Associació de Treballadors Pakistanesos de Catalunya**
Association of Pakistani Workers of Catalonia
- **Associació d'Immigrants Saharais de Catalunya (AISAC)**
Association of Saharan Immigrants in Catalonia
- **Associació Shur Rong Acadèmia Cultural**
Shur Rong Cultural Academy Association
- **Associació Sociocultural Ibn Batuta**
Ibn Batuta Sociocultural Association
- **Associació WFAE**
WFAE Association
- **Asociación de Trabajadores e Inmigrantes Marroquíes en Cataluña (ATIMCA)**
Association of Moroccan Workers and Immigrants in Catalonia
- **Casa Eslava**
Slavic House
- **CCOO Barcelonès. Departament d'Immigració**
Barcelona Comissions Obreres Immigration Department
- **Centre Bolívia Català**
Catalan Bolivian Centre
- **Centre Cultural d'Ucraïna a Catalunya**
Ukrainian Cultural Centre in Catalonia
- **Centro Filipino - Tuluyan San Benito**
Tuluyan San Benito Filipino Centre
- **Centro Peruano de Barcelona**
Peruvian Centre of Barcelona
- **Colectivo Maloka (Mujeres P'alante)**
Maloka Group
- **Colectivo Tripartito (Angola – Congo – R.D. Congo)**
Tripartite Group
- **Consell de la Joventut de Barcelona**
Barcelona Youth Council
- **Federación de Asociaciones Americanas en Catalunya (FASAMCAT)**
Federation of American Associations in Catalonia
- **Federació d'Associacions de Veïns i Veïnes de Barcelona (FAVB)**
Barcelona Federation of Residents' Association
- **Federació d'Entitats Bolivianes a Catalunya (FEDEBOL)**
Federation of Bolivian Organisations in Catalonia
- **Federación de Entidades Latinoamericanas de Cataluña (FEDELATINA)**
Federation of Latin-American Organisations in Catalonia
- **Federació d'Entitats Peruanes a Catalunya (FEPERCAT)**
Federation of Peruvian Organisations in Catalonia
- **Fundación Juan Pablo II**
John Paul II Foundation
- **Red Solidaria Argentina en Barcelona**
Argentinian Solidarity Network in Barcelona
- **Taller Ecuatoriano de Arte y Cultura (TEAC)**
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