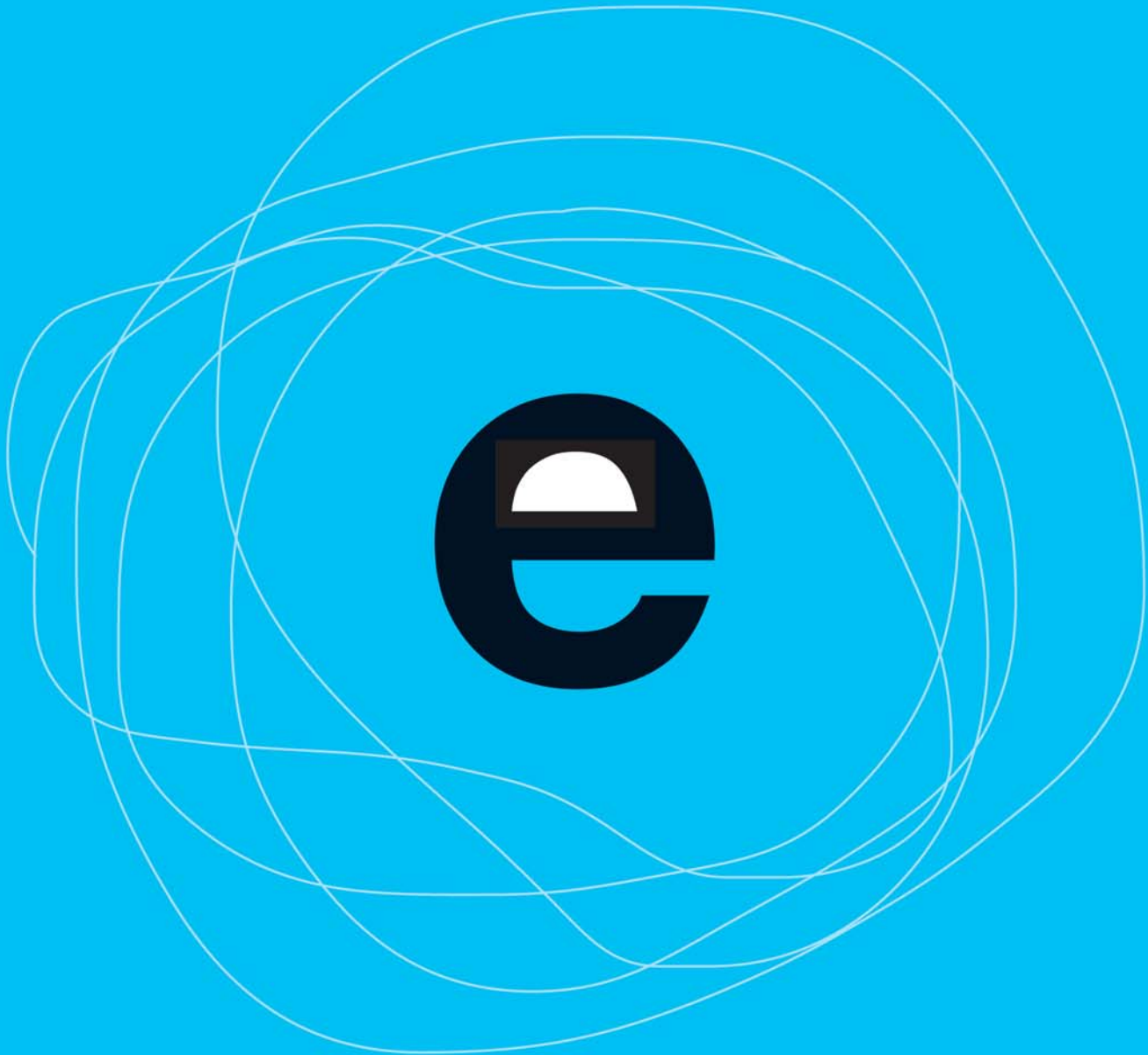




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What is Barcelona Education Consortium?

Cooperation between the Government of Catalonia and Barcelona City Council

Barcelona Education Consortium is the body set up jointly by the Government of Catalonia and Barcelona City Council de Barcelona to enable these authorities to manage education in the city of Barcelona.

The consortium was established under the aegis of the Municipal Charter, which was unanimously approved by all political groups represented in the Catalan Parliament in 1988.

Shared government and integrated management aimed at improving education

The consortium's mission is to advance towards integrated management of education in the city under the principles of proximity and efficacy, with the overall aim of improving levels of excellence and equity. The consortium is committed to education that is inclusive, embraces innovation and promotes networking by increasing autonomy and optimising public resources.

Barcelona Education Consortium is the sole interlocutor with state and subsidised private schools in the city, and the one-stop administrative window to attend to the needs of families as regards education.



One of the major objectives set out in Barcelona Municipal Charter is that of strengthening the city's autonomy in order to provide an administration that is more efficient and closer to citizens

Barcelona Education Consortium connects with the city's innovative educational traditions whilst also working for more efficient public management

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A gradual process of taking over powers

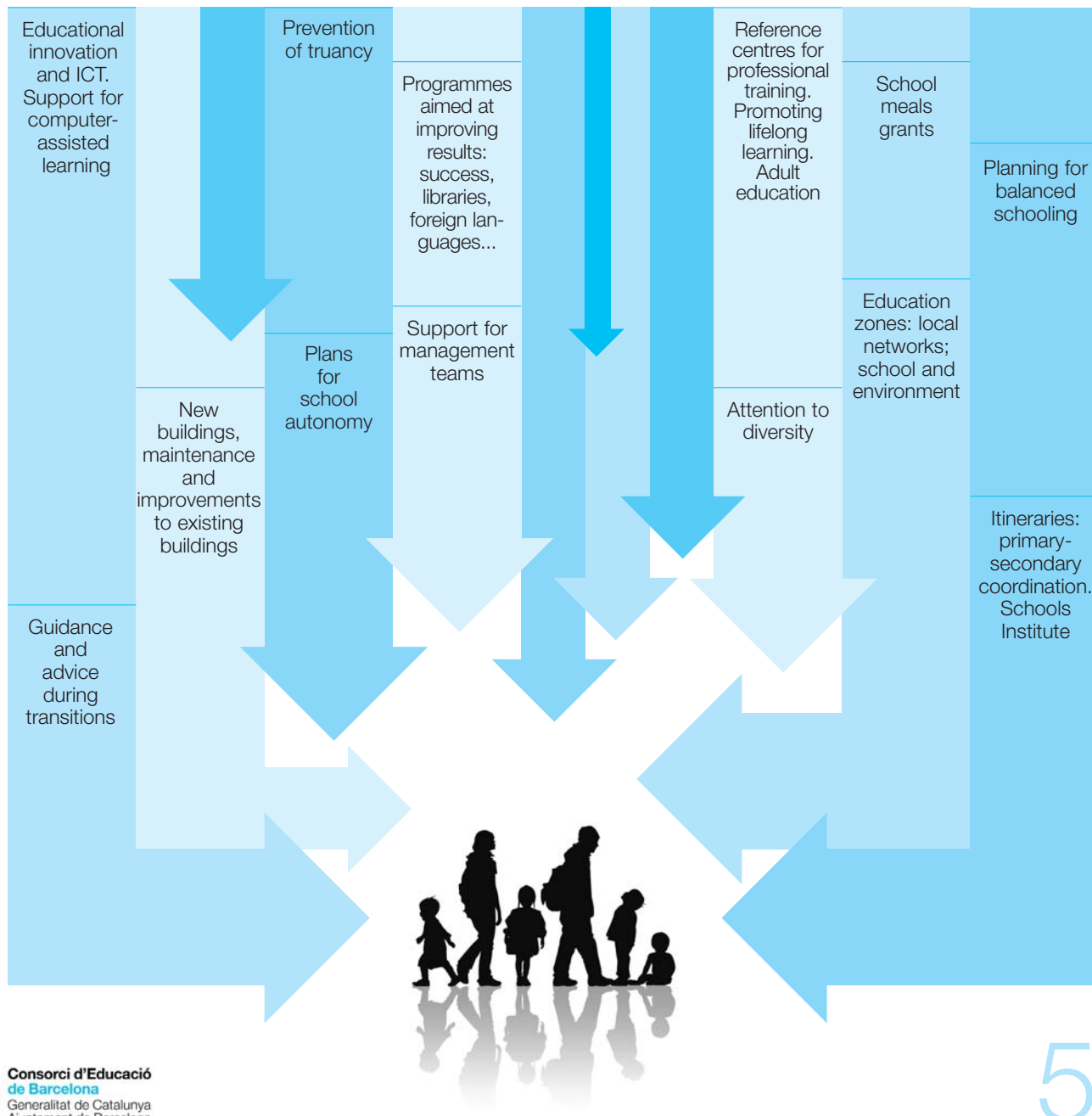
- 1998** Barcelona Education Consortium is established in accordance with the Law on Barcelona Municipal Charter.
- 2002** Barcelona Education Consortium is constituted on February 5, and its Statutes are approved. These Statutes define the new body as a legal entity in its own right and, therefore, fully capable of taking action to fulfil the mission for which it was set up. There now begins a period of institutional development, a process in which the consortium gradually takes on powers with the final objective of making it the city's sole administrative body for education.
- 2005** The consortium takes on powers regarding planning (provision and distribution of schools), schooling, education services and educational innovation.
- 2009** The consortium takes on powers to manage all centres of education in the city: infant, primary and compulsory secondary education, vocational training, special education and adult education, as well as services at subsidised and private schools. Coordination procedures are established in cooperation with the Education Inspection Service.



The consortium aims to provide a flexible, efficient local tool at the service of the entire education community

Consult legal provisions that affect Barcelona Education Consortium at www.edubcn.cat/desplegament_institucional. You will also find information about agreements between the Government of Catalonia and Barcelona City Council attributing or delegating powers and functions to the consortium.

An organisation at the service of the education community





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Barcelona Education Consortium: powers

The fact that Barcelona Education Consortium has gradually taken on its powers has helped to generate a dynamic process in which the steady increase in responsibilities runs parallel to the development of the consortium's own operational model.

Under the provisions of the Law on Barcelona Municipal Charter and the Law on Education in Catalonia (2009), Barcelona Education Consortium exercises the following functions:

- Planning and territorial distribution of non-university centres of education.
- The creation of state education centres.
- Management of all state primary, compulsory and post-compulsory, special education and adult training centres.
- Planning and management of non-university education provisions.
- Management of educational innovation programmes.
- Management of Initial Professional Qualification Programmes (PQPI).
- Construction of new schools and works to reform, extend and improve state education centres (with the exception of works financed by the Government of Catalonia through the Catalan Finance Institute, which are carried out by GISAs).
- Construction of new nursery schools.
- Conservation and maintenance of buildings used as state education centres (powers exercised by delegation of Barcelona City Council and the Government of Catalonia, whilst conserving the managerial independence of secondary schools).
- Complementary and extra-curricular education.
- Establishment and management of teaching and resource centres, and teacher support, psychopedagogical and training services.
- Vigilance to ensure compliance with compulsory schooling.
- Regulation and management of transport, meals and other schools services.
- Drafting and application of regulations to effectively apply all the powers transferred to the consortium.
- Coordination with the schools inspectorate service.
- Liaison with subsidised private schools.

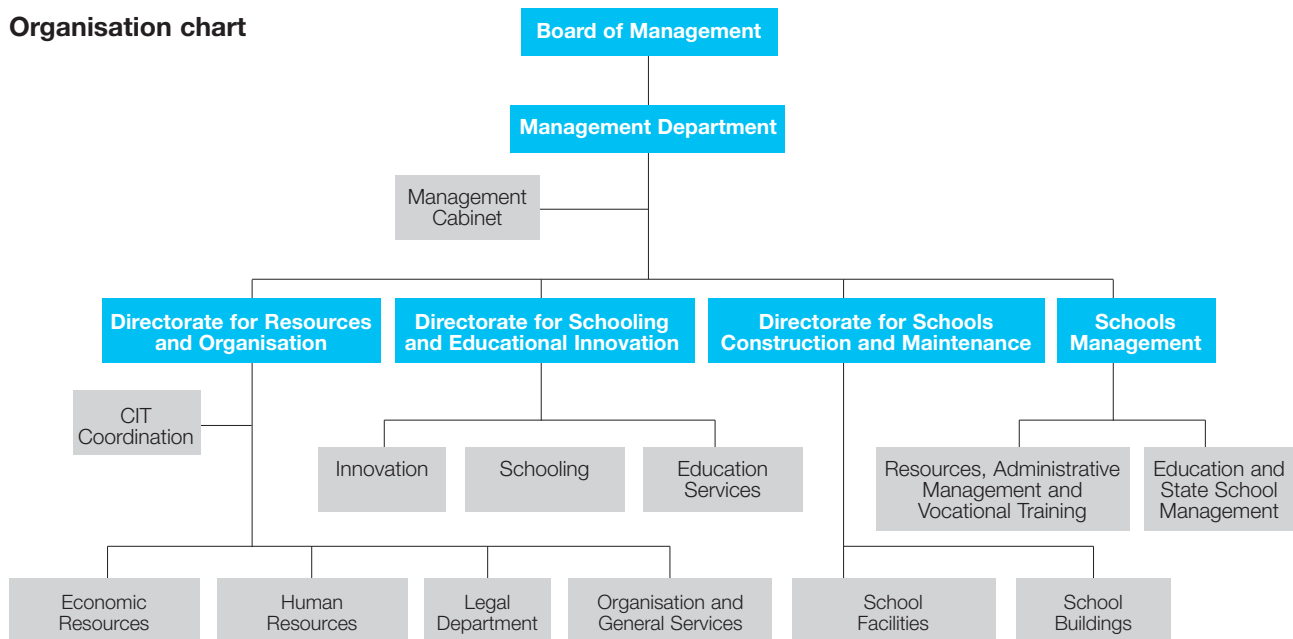
Governance and organisation

Board of Management

The Board of Management is Barcelona Education Consortium's highest governing body. It is formed by: the chair and vice-chair, five members representing the Catalan government and three representing

Barcelona City Council. The Education Minister appoints the chair of the Board, whilst the Mayor of Barcelona appoints the vice-chair.

Organisation chart





Structure

Management Department

The Management Department is the consortium's executive body. It is responsible for putting into effect and ensuring compliance with agreements established by the Board of Management and the Chair, as well as regulations governing the public function and legislation that affects the education system. The Management Department also represents the consortium administratively, and liaises with the public authorities, and with institutions, organisations and individuals.

Directorate for Schooling and Educational Innovation

The Directorate for Schooling and Educational Innovation is responsible for planning public education services and managing the schooling processes in the city – both the ordinary process and the continuous enrolment process that takes place throughout the rest of the year. The directorate also promotes action to combat truancy, manages awards of grants and assistance, and regulates and provides, if necessary, school transport and meals services. It also attends to the needs of families and pupils with regard to centres, in such regards as the issue of qualifications and other academic documentation. The directorate coordinates education services, which are multi-disciplinary teams that provide support and guidance to teachers, pupils and families at education centres. It also promotes actions aimed at fostering innovation and improving the quality of education provided at schools and raising academic success rates.

Schools Management

Department for Education Management at State Schools. Resources, Administrative Management and Vocational Training Department.

This department is responsible for managing the city's network of state schools and for providing support, advice and guidance to the heads and management teams at these centres as regards their management work and drafting plans for improvements. The Department for Education Management also establishes the criteria for assigning human and material resources to centres and for processing formalities relating to subsidised and private schools. Similarly, through the territorial management boards and in liaison with the education inspectorate service, the department ensures that the education policies established by Barcelona Education Consortium are duly communicated.

Directorate for Resources and Organisation

Humans Resources Department. Economic Resources Department. Legal Department. Department of Organisation and General Services.

This directorate is responsible for managing the consortium's human, economic and technological resources and general services, and for providing legal and organisational advice. The Information Office and the different information points are also attached to this directorate, which is, finally, also responsible for developing the use of information and communication technologies (ICT).



Directorate for School Construction and Maintenance

Facilities Department.

School Buildings Department.

This directorate manages the construction of new centres and reforms, extensions and improvements (RAM) to existing schools. It maintains school buildings and manages their cleaning and supply. Finally, the directorate is responsible for putting the Barcelona City Council Nursery Schools Plan into effect.



Management Cabinet

This body provides support for the consortium's Management Department. It is responsible for external communication, the media, internal communication (it runs a blog for teachers) and managing the institutional website. The Management Cabinet also establishes the criteria for the consortium's corporate image and ensures compliance with these guidelines, as well as coordinating institutional relations, providing indicators and producing studies and reports.



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Barcelona Education Consortium in figures, 2009-2010 academic year

288 state schools

- 5 nursery schools
- 166 schools and 1 school-institute
- 73 institutes
- 8 special education centres
- 5 language teaching centres
- 5 art schools
- 24 adult education centres consortium budget
- 1 integrated music and dance school

14 education services

9.579 professionals

8.498 teachers, 1.081 administrative and service staff (PAS) and other staff

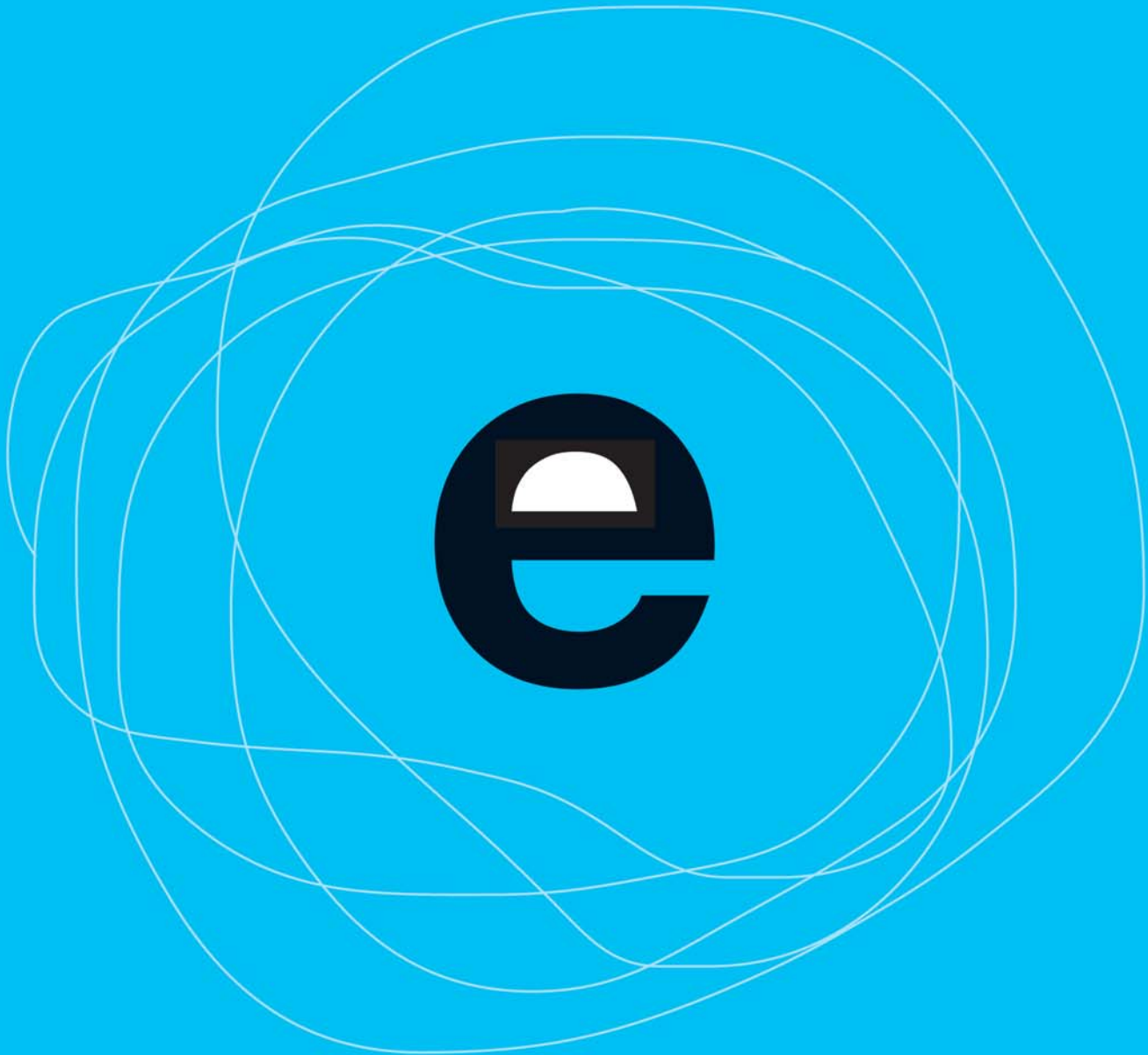
114.747 pupils at state schools managed by the consortium

Expenditure on education in Barcelona managed by the consortium (2010)

	Thousand euros
Total	907.606
From the consortium budget	167.533
From the Education Ministry budget. Teachers and other staff	740.073
From the Education Department budget	821.037
From Barcelona City Council	84.825
Other contributions	1.744

Barcelona Education Consortium manages 288 centres of education and 10,038 employees

The consortium manages resources to the value of over 900 million euros per year.



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