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Support Plan for the Third Social Sector

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Background

The Social Third Sector Support Plan is a comprehensive programme to support the development of the social economy in Catalonia

Established in 2008, it is a **transversal collaboration agreement** between:

- Government of Catalonia
- Catalan Third Social Sector entities, represented by the *Taula d'entitats del Tercer Sector Social de Catalunya* (Catalan Third Social Sector Platform)

The Catalan Government is currently evaluating the 3rd edition of the Plan and preparing the 4th edition.

It is the policy instrument meant to be addressed by RaiSE project and the Action Plan measures will be included in the 4th edition of the Plan

The Plan establishes several **instruments of governance and coordination**:

- Annual summit between the **Catalan President** and the federations of **social entities** (thematic member organisations)
- Annual meeting between the **Catalan Third Social Sector Platform** and the **ministers** related to the measures of the Plan
- A **Monitoring Commission** with representatives of the Generalitat and the Platform, which meets quarterly, in order to monitor the application of the measures

It works as an **Interdepartmental Plan** where all the ministerial departments coordinate to put the **person** at the centre of the public policy.

Policy context

Population: 7,600,267

Surface area: 32,108 km²

GDP: 242,313 M€

GDP per capita: 31,882 €

Unemployment: 11.64%

The Third Sector in Catalonia accounts for:

559,000 associates

563,000 donors

367,000 volunteers

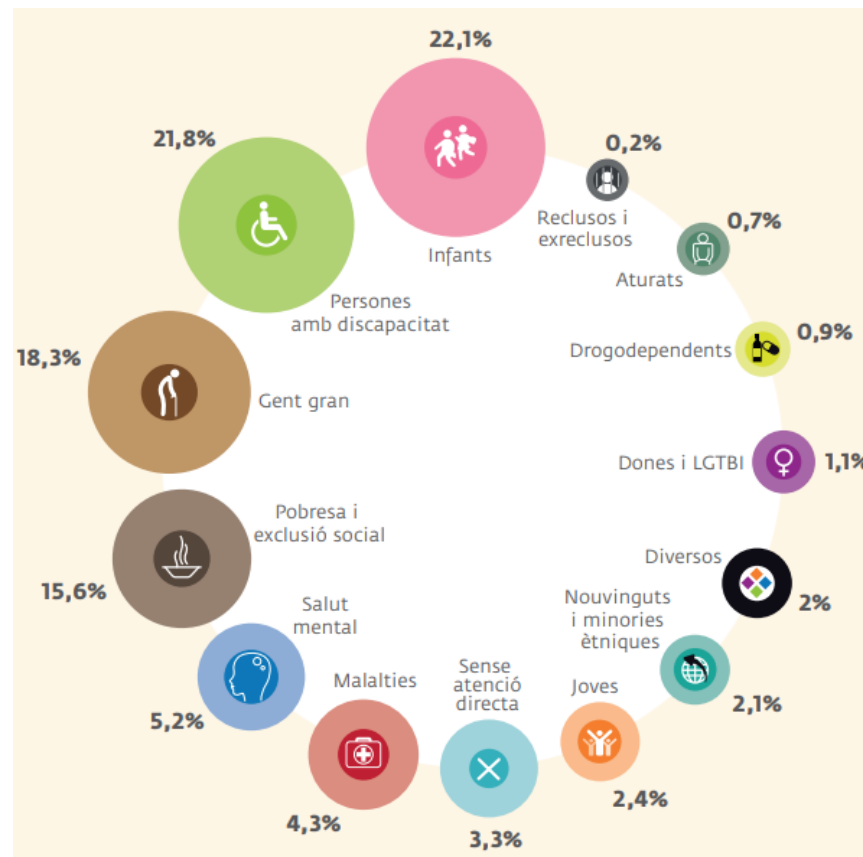
87,700 employees

And attends around **1,584,000 people** every year

Policy context

The **Catalan Third Social Sector Platform** represents more than 3,000 non profit social entities, which create around 1.4% of the Catalan GDP (more than 3,000 M€).

% of entities by group



Source: [Third Sector Barometer 2018](#)

Goals

The Plan faces **all emerging social economy challenges**

Its main objectives are:

- to strengthen the independence of the social economy organisations
- to optimise the governance between government departments and agencies, and the social economy organisations
- to promote the improvement and to strengthen the social economy organisations through training, innovation, internationalisation, research, quality and excellence in the services provided

Areas of action

The 3rd edition has focussed on **6 areas of action** to contribute, improve, build up and strengthen social entities:

1. Information, evaluation & transparency
2. Participation in social policies
3. Contribution to economic empowerment & financial stability
4. Improvement of the collaboration between public administrations & the third social sector
5. Support to innovation, internationalisation & competitiveness improvement
6. Recognition & promotion of the citizens & corporate support



Measures

The areas of action are defined in **32 measures**

Measure 24:

“Advice, train & support the third social sector entities for the internationalisation of their activities & services”

Instruments

- 40 ACCIÓ's Trade & Investment worldwide offices – 110 countries
- Prospective missions
- Individual promotion plans: service “Aracoop International”



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