Energy poverty and gender in an energy community and a social movement in Barcelona

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LA COMUNITAT ENERGÈTICA BORDETA

Women	Men
47%	53%

62
members
51 individuals
11 organizations

48 kWn
Installed capacity
Across 4 installations

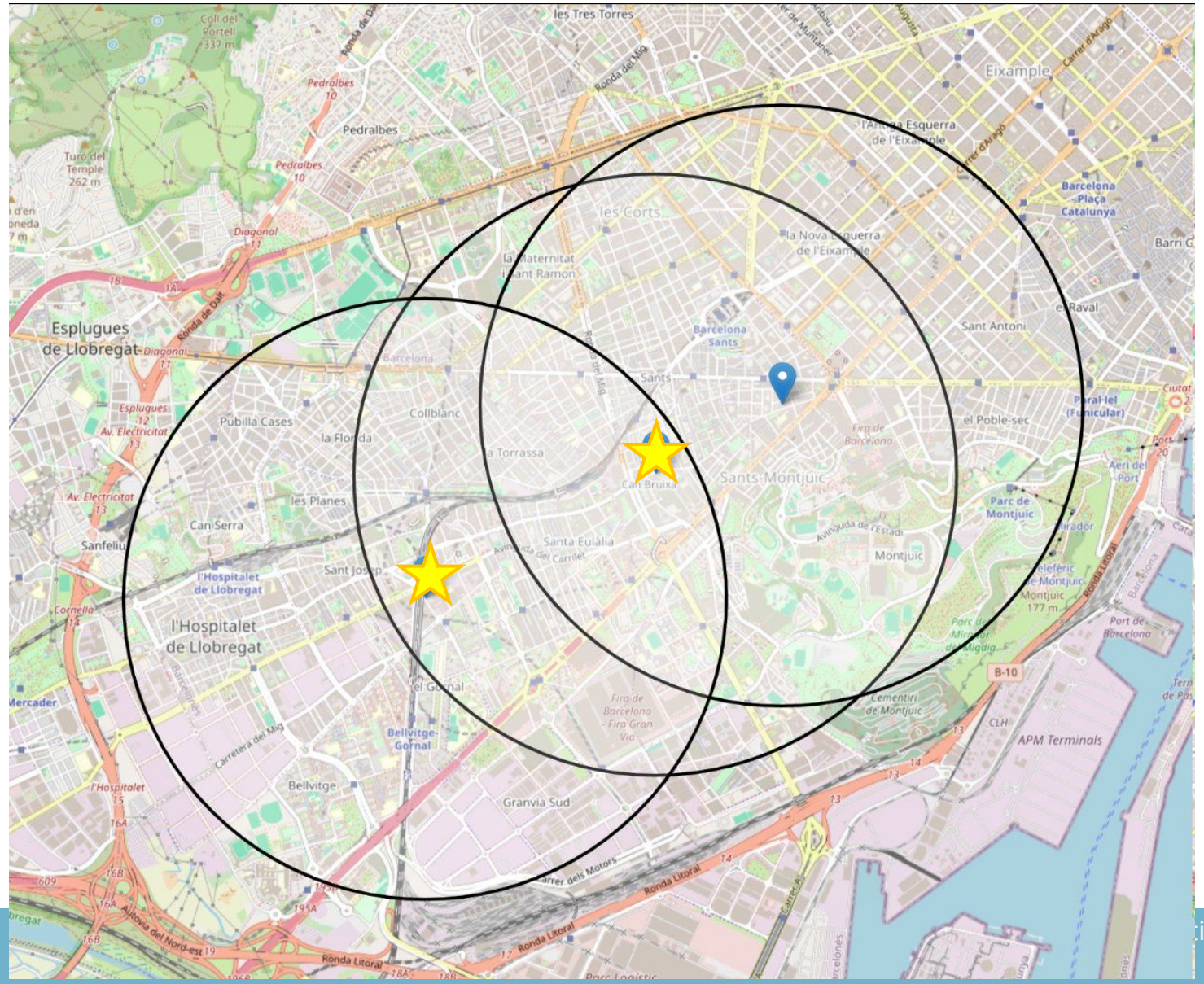
27.500 €
contributed to cooperative capital

We want to manage the production, distribution, and use of clean energy collectively and democratically.

Specific goals

1. Leave fòssil fuels behind
2. Reduce energy consumption
3. Invest in distributed, local and responsible production of clean energy
4. Combat energy poverty
5. Reduce big company dependency
6. Promote training and information on the energy transition
7. Democratic management, autonomy, and voluntary and open membership

Collective self-consumption



Members participanting to the collective self-consumption:

Nov 2024		*June 2025*
29	→	46

Challenges: administrative processes

Working Groups: **WG Energy Rights**

- Mapping energy poverty in the territory (including hidden cases)
- Open trainings, workshops, events **to involve and empower** the neighborhood
- Creation of the **Solidarity Fund**
  - Initial contributions
  - Yearly payment
- **Feminist approach and gender balance:**
  - **Cooperative:** 55% women and 45% men
  - **Governing council:** gender balance

1. 200,000 supply disconnections avoided thanks to Law 24/2015.
2. Mutual support, self-organisation and collective actions.
3. 200 collective advice sessions since 2014.
4. Cancellation of Endesa's debt for 41,000 families.
5. Debt cancellation of water bills
6. Installation of more than 1,000 social water meters.
7. Visibilisation of the concept of energy poverty.
8. Judicial victory against Endesa's debt collectors.
9. Extension of the ban on disconnections at state level.
10. Empowerment and struggle at local and international level.

The creation of knowledge continues to pivot on practices that harm women:

✦ Excluding them from the process of knowledge production.
✦ Denying their authority to participate.
✦ Disparaging other cognitive styles (that is, the expression of feelings).
✦ Producing theories that portray women* as inferior, or as significant only insofar as they serve male interests.
✦ Producing theories about social phenomena that render women* or gender power relations invisible.
✦ Producing knowledge that reinforces gender and other social hierarchies.

And then there was Light

A STORY ABOUT ENERGY POVERTY AND CHILDHOOD

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Thank you !

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