

Forum BARCELONA 2004



Forum Barcelona 2004 can be defined as a meeting point for the citizens of the world and a space for dialogue where the pressing issues of the 21st century can be debated.

Over the course of 141 days visitors will be able to immerse themselves in a multicultural environment that will encourage the renewal of attitudes and ideas. Forum Barcelona 2004 is being jointly organized by the Barcelona City Council, the Catalan Autonomous Government and the Spanish Government, and has the full support of UNESCO, whose 186 member states unanimously ratified their support for the Forum at the 29th General Conference.

Barcelona a city whose character encompasses both the quiet stroll around neighborhood streets and the cosmopolitan vibration of its inhabitants—provides an ideal setting for the celebration of a Universal Forum of Cultures. This summer presents a magnificent opportunity for people of all ages to come to Barcelona and be part of an event offering countless innovative proposals for the new century.

Over the 141 days that the event runs, the Forum will offer performance events in addition to those associated with Barcelona's regular summer festivals: Sonar, Grec and La Mercè), major exhibitions in nearly all of the city's museums, and international conferences and debates. The length of the event and the diversity of its content will provide visitors with a wide variety of activities, allowing them to custom-design their own Forum experience.

The epicenter of this event will be located next to the Mediterranean Sea, at the end of Avinguda Diagonal. This area, located on the border between Barcelona and Sant Adrià de Besòs, is the extension of the waterfront and the culmination of a massive urban renewal project that began with the 1992 Olympic Games. The newly built Forum Site extends over thirty hectares, and is a perfect example of social and environmental development.



Three main themes define the Universal Forum of Cultures:

Cultural Diversity

"The watches of the men and women of the world's civilizations are not all set to the same time. One of the wonders of our endangered planet is the range of their experiences, memories and desires. Any attempt to impose a single, unified policy upon this diversity is like a prelude to death".

Carlos Fuentes, Mexican writer

Sustainable Development

"In a world where man exploits man, nature is also exploited. We are to blame for our failure to establish a rational, ordered and logical way of living. Nature has no capacity to defend itself against man, and both nature and humanity are now fighting for survival. Both may perish together and we are not even conscious of the risk".

Yasar Kemal, Kurdish writer; Premi Internacional Catalunya 1996

Conditions for peace

"Peace, development and justice are all connected to each other. We cannot talk about economic development without talking about peace. How can we expect economic development in a battlefield?".

Aung San Suu Kyi. Nobel Peace Prize 1991.



Calendar

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| 5 | Interaction 2004 |
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| 8 | Culture and Urban Development |
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| 12 | The World Today |
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| 14 | The Role of Europe |
| 15 | Shared Memory |
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| 17 | Information, Power and Ethics in the 21 st Century |
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| 20 | Communication and Cultural Diversity |
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| 24 | TV-Citizens (INPUT 2004) |
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| 30 | Global Audiovisual Communication, Diversity |
| 31 | Water... |

June

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| 1 | Strategic resource |
| 2 | Energy and Sustainable Development |
| 3 | Scientific Knowledge and Cultural Diversity |
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| 7 | Listening to the Sea |
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| 11 | Sports: Universal Dialogue |
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| 13 | Everyday Conflicts |
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| 15 | Conflicts: Prevention, Resolution, Reconciliation |
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| 20 | International Justice |
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| 23 | Toward a World Without Violence |
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| 29 | Work... |
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| 15 | Poverty, Microcredits, and Social Development |
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| 17 | The Role of Businesses in the 21 st Century |
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| 21 | Communication and Language in the Digital Era |
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| 23 | (Association for Computational Linguistics) |
| 24 | Social Values and Development |
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| 26 | Globalization, Identity and Diversity |
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| 29 | Living and Living Together. Women's |
| 30 | World Forum |
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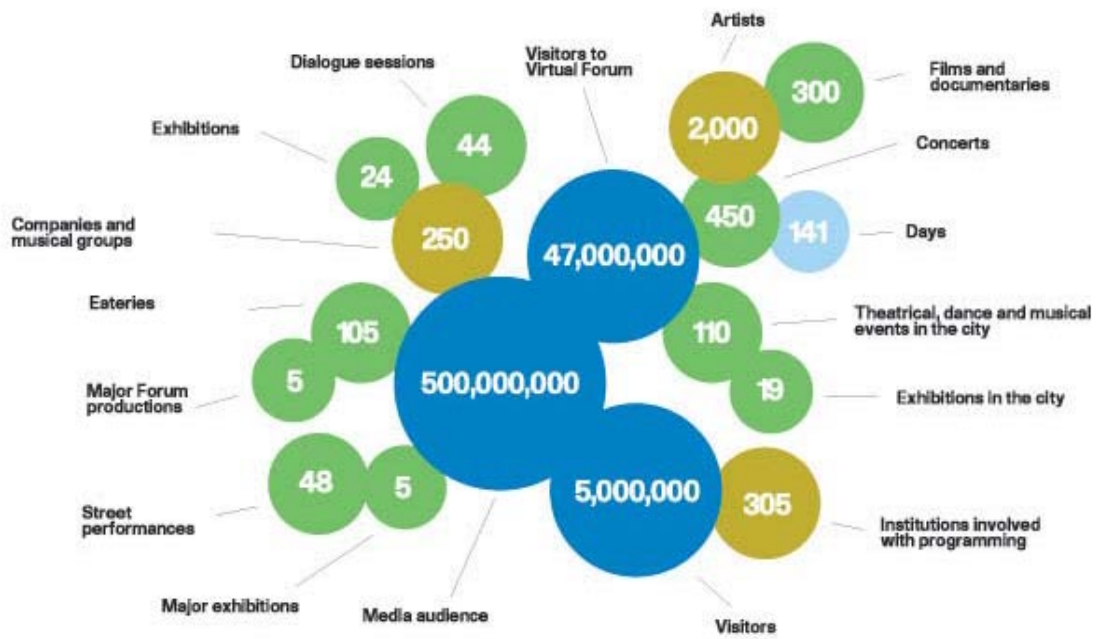
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| 19 | World Volunteer Conference |
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| 24 | Cultural Rights and Human Development |
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| 29 | Dialogue Between East / West |
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September

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| 14 | World Urban Forum |
| 15 | Diversity and Identities of Narrative Languages |
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| 18 | Human Rights, Emerging Needs, and New Commitments |
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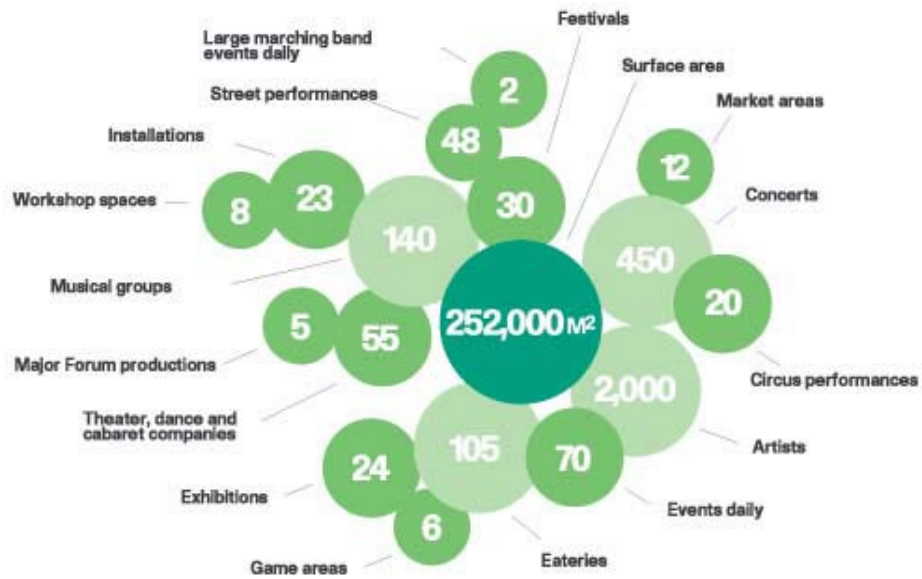
The Forum in Figures



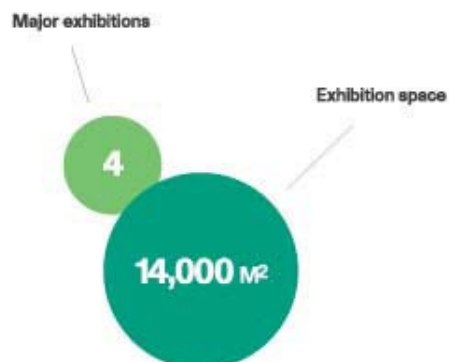
Dialogues



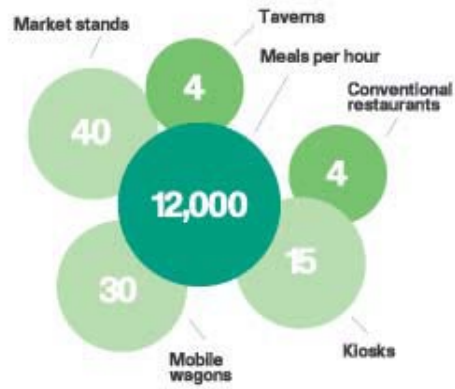
The Plaza



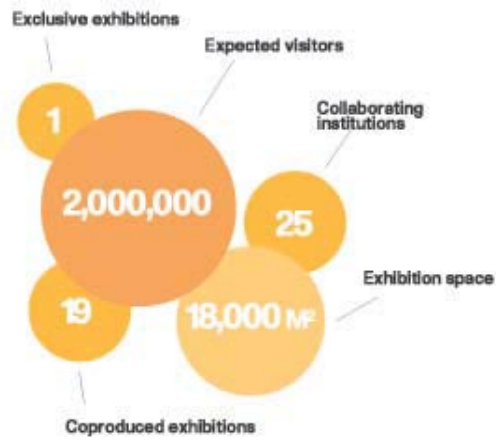
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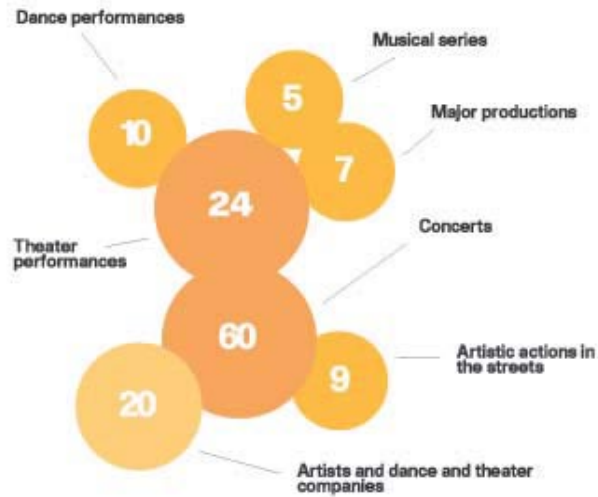
Food Services



Exhibitions in the City



Performances in the City



The Forum Site

