



ACT4DYS

Spain



Empowering youth workers, young people, and young persons with disabilities to become active advocates, using creativity and leadership to make their cities more inclusive & sustainable!

We are developing an e-portfolio featuring 40+ good practices from across Europe, offering adaptable, practical ideas. As part of this process we conducted national research and focus groups to inform the development.

Desk Research Snapshot



Spain is advancing inclusive and sustainable urban development through smart mobility, accessible public spaces, and youth-focused planning, though rural gaps and green washing concerns remain.



Key Insights

- **Smart Cities:** Madrid and Barcelona lead in sustainable mobility.
- **Services like Renfe's Atendo** support inclusive travel.
- **Inclusive Green Spaces:** Parks like Madrid Río are designed for all abilities.
- **Youth Inclusion:** National strategy promotes youth participation in planning.
- **Urban-Rural Gap:** Rural areas lag in accessibility and infrastructure.
- **Disability Metrics:** City inclusivity scores show room for growth.

Focus Groups

Two (2) online focus groups.

Who took part?

26 total participants in April 2025.

Key Findings

1. Urban-Rural Divide.
2. Positive Urban Practices.
3. Some participants questioned whether sustainability efforts are genuine or just “green washing.”



Insights

Urban progress with purpose - empowering youth through inclusion and sustainability.

Recommendations

Expand accessible transport and green infrastructure to ensure inclusive, sustainable urban development for all.

In Madrid, over 80% of Metro stations are accessible, while in Barcelona, this figure exceeds 90%. Local buses in both cities are 100% accessible



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