



# 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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