



We are at a critical juncture. The project to expand the airport of Barcelona - el Prat, promoted by AENA and supported by the Spanish government and the Generalitat de Catalunya, can irreversibly jeopardize our future. **Aena, which is a public company with private involvement, proposes a plan which responds to the logic of limitless growth to satisfy exclusively the interests of its shareholders and the board, and externalize all kinds of impacts at all costs.**

The expansion of the airport is a project going against the urgent need to tackle the climate emergency and the alarming loss of global biodiversity. **Increasing the number of passengers and receiving more intercontinental flights is totally incompatible with the historical moment we live in. It contradicts the Paris Agreement commitments and the net zero target for 2050, and clashes with the European Green Deal and the European Climate Law.** It is seriously irresponsible to actively promote the increase in air and noise pollution, and the associated greenhouse gas emissions (at least 45% more than in 2024). It is specially so in a context in which the Llobregat Delta is already threatened with flooding due to rising sea levels in the coming decades and extreme weather events.

Aena's project would involve, among other actions, **building a new satellite terminal and lengthening the third runway, occupying the protected areas of La Ricarda and El Remolar.** Therefore, it would bury under concrete hundreds of more hectares of soil in a key place for the functioning of the Llobregat delta ecosystem, essential for the preservation of the biodiversity of fauna and flora, regulator of the water system and heat attenuator, and fundamental to preserve the coastal front and agricultural activity of the Delta. **We need to preserve and restore the Delta, instead of compensating and sacrificing spaces for speculative and predatory business and urban interests.**

**The expansion proposal does not meet the needs of a diverse and resilient economy; on the contrary, it perpetuates the tourist specialization of Barcelona and its surroundings.** The false promises of the supposed advantages of a hub collide with reality: the airport is a final destination and basically for tourism, being more than 70% of the flights operated by low-cost companies. The projected future is that more than 25 million new passengers will pass through the airport, of which at least 15 would be tourists. This would entail aggravating the process of deadly touristization experienced across much of the territory, more real estate pressure and gentrification, more saturation of public space, more inequality and labor exploitation, and more overload of public services to meet the demands of the tourism industry. In short, more economic benefits for the usual suspects, and more precariousness, poverty and discomfort for the majority.

**Insisting on expanding the airport is irrational.** It would be a very serious mistake that must be stopped immediately, before it is too late. **What is urgent is not expanding the airport, but investing in everything necessary to steer the country toward a more life-respecting horizon and, at the same time, to tackle the significant challenges of the future with certain basic rights.** We need to invest in local trains (Rodalies). It is necessary to protect biodiversity, farmers, the local productive fabric, the local industry... and it is necessary to make cities and territories more livable, healthy and with minimal environmental impact.

In the face of the arrogance with which decisions are being made, a firm, clear, and unequivocal stance is needed. **We demand the immediate withdrawal of the expansion project and the reorientation of resources toward sustainability, a resilient economy, and improved living conditions for the majority.**

**As Zeroport platform we call for the massive positioning against the expansion. People's power stopped this outrage in 2021, and we will stop it again.**

*No to the Expansion*

*Expansions Never Again*

*We defend the climate, health and life!*