

## La figura de los observatorios ciudadanos del agua

Piezas clave para el gobierno del agua. El caso del Observatori de l'Aigua de Terrassa (OAT)

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### **Resumen**

In recent years, because of remunicipalisation, the debates have focused mainly on two points; sustainability and the guarantee of rights such as the human right to water and sanitation. How can supply be guaranteed while minimizing the impact of supply on ecosystems and not promoting social inequality?

Guaranteeing access to the water supply involves relating from a balance to the ecosystems and their diversities. It is, therefore, about the sustainability of life and for this a look and a framework of action based on the common is necessary. This implies rethinking the decision-making spaces, that is, the government. From these concerns arose the water observatories, such as the one in Terrassa.

Due to their characteristics, they carry great potential to advance qualitatively in an integrated logic of urban water with the set of water systems that surround it from democratic practices based on transparency, the co-production of public

policy and social and ecosystem diversities. For all these reasons, the observatories contain potentialities to promote the socio-ecological transition in complex water management. Specifically, the OAT is one of the most advanced in its position based on the complexity and transversality of knowledge and needs.

**Palabras clave:** Water governance, commons, socioecological transition, sustainability.