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de Extremadura

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Education, Culture and Social
Transformation Network



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ESPAÑOLA DE
**UNIVERSIDADES
POPULARES**

What is a **Popular University**?

Popular Universities are learning spaces open to all citizens, where anybody can learn, participate, and grow at a personal level. They are municipal centers that promote education, culture, and social and economic development, guaranteeing the right to lifelong learning.



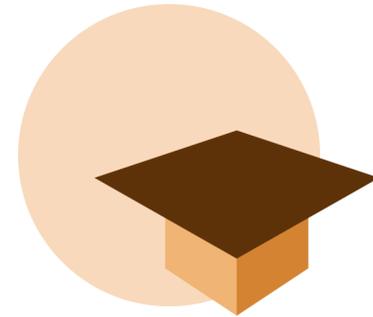
A Humanist
Pluralist model
(for everyone)



A tool for social
transformation



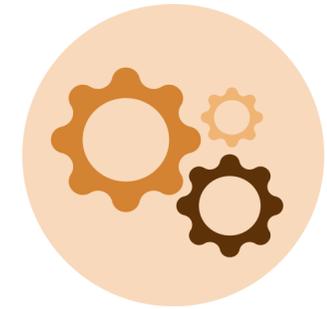
A space for social
participation at
the local level



Una escuela
de ciudadanía



A cultural
development
project that
operates in the
municipality



A network of
resources

Our model: What is a Popular University?

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What do **Popular Universities** do?

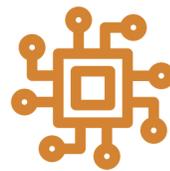
Popular Universities work on the following areas:



Culture



Education



Technology



Employment



Equality



Health



Ecological transition
and sustainability



Historical action
Sustainable Development Goals

Where can you find **Popular Universities?**

In Europe

Portugal	Finland
Spain	Iceland
Italy	Norway
France	Sweden
Belgium	Romania
Germany	Estonia
Austria	Hungary
Albania	Netherlands
Switzerland	Poland
Denmark	



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Where can you find **Popular Universities?**

In Latin America

Argentina	Ecuador
Brazil	Guatemala
Chile	Nicaragua
Mexico	Paraguay
Venezuela	Uruguay
Bolivia	Peru
Colombia	Panama

Other locations

United States of America
Canada
Russia



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Where can you find **Popular Universities?**

In Spain

Popular Universities are present in **13 of the 17** 17 regions of Spain, consolidating themselves as a key network for learning and social development throughout the country.

Galicia
Principado de Asturias
La Rioja
Aragón
Cataluña
Comunidad Valenciana
Región de Murcia
Andalucía
Extremadura
Castilla La Mancha
Comunidad de Madrid
Castilla y León
Islas Canarias



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What is the history of **Popular Universities**?

The history of Spain's Popular Universities dates back to the early 20th century. They are linked to prominent intellectuals such as **Blasco Ibáñez, Antonio Machado, Carmen Conde, Antonio Oliver** ...

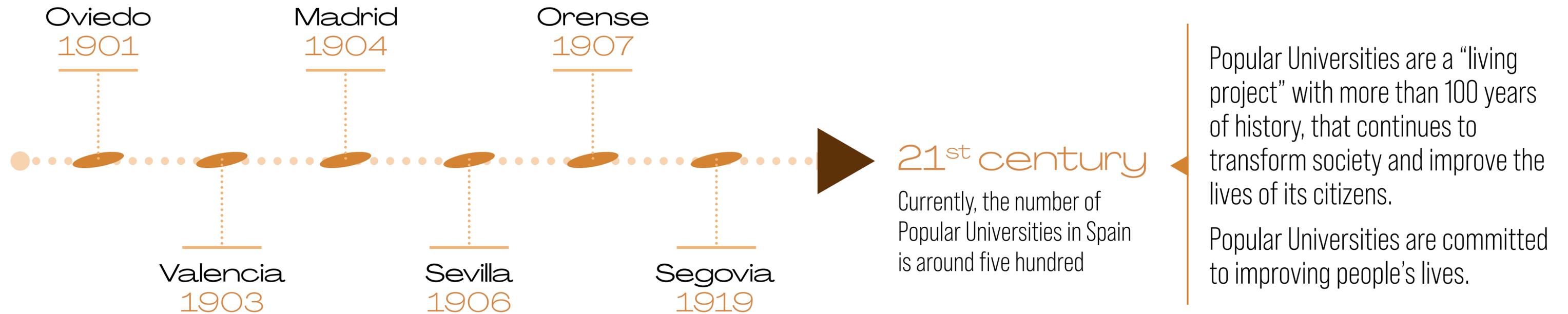


Modelo UP ¿Qué es una Universidad Popular?

Las Universidades Populares en España. FEUP
Las Universidades Populares. AUPEX

What is the history of **Popular Universities**?

The first Popular Universities in Spain were:



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Why is a Popular University **different and special?**

A Popular University is a **space for coexistence, learning, and participation.**

Its **inclusive and community-based approach**, along with its unique and flexible methodology, make it a **unique model of social development.**

Its purpose is to **respond to the needs of citizens**, fostering a more just, humane, and transformative society.

Through the diversity of its actions and collaboration between groups, **it generates a positive impact and real value in the environment.**



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Popular Universities in Spain.

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Established in **1982**.

FEUP represents the Popular Universities at the national and international levels, to support the value of their experience and defend their interests.

FEUP serves as a meeting space for the exchange of experiences, methodological systematization, collective reflection and theoretical production.

FEUP is the Spanish organization that represents Popular Universities in the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) and is a member of the European Association for Adult Education (EAEA).



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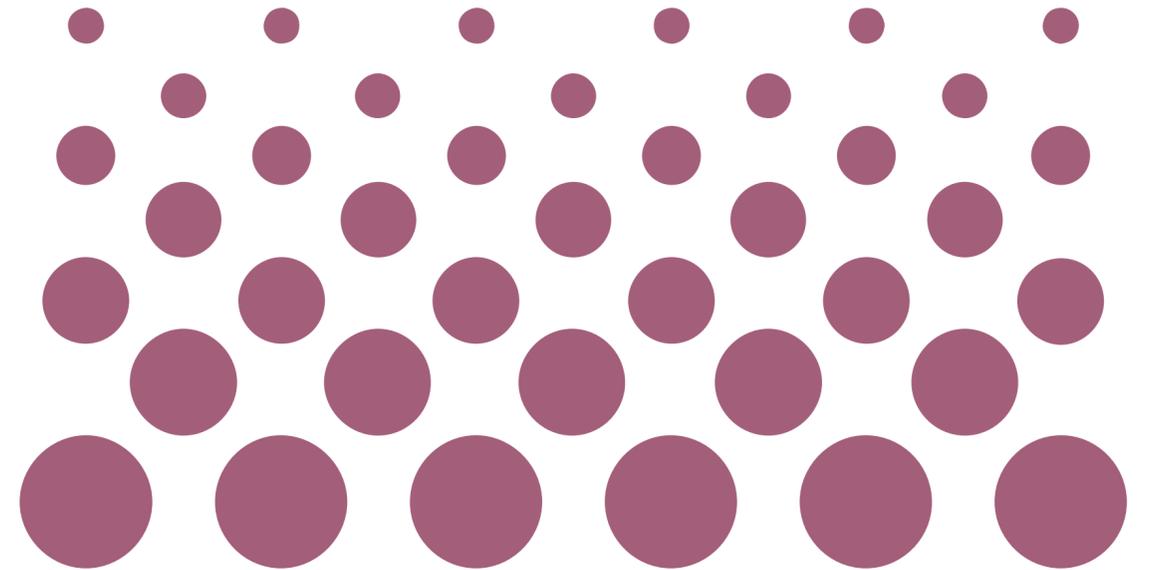
Popular Universities in Spain.

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FEUP contributes significantly to the group of Popular Universities in Spain in several aspects:

- Coordination and support
- Defense and representation
- Sharing resources and best practices
- Professional development
- Innovation and research
- Networks and collaboration
- Public awareness and community engagement

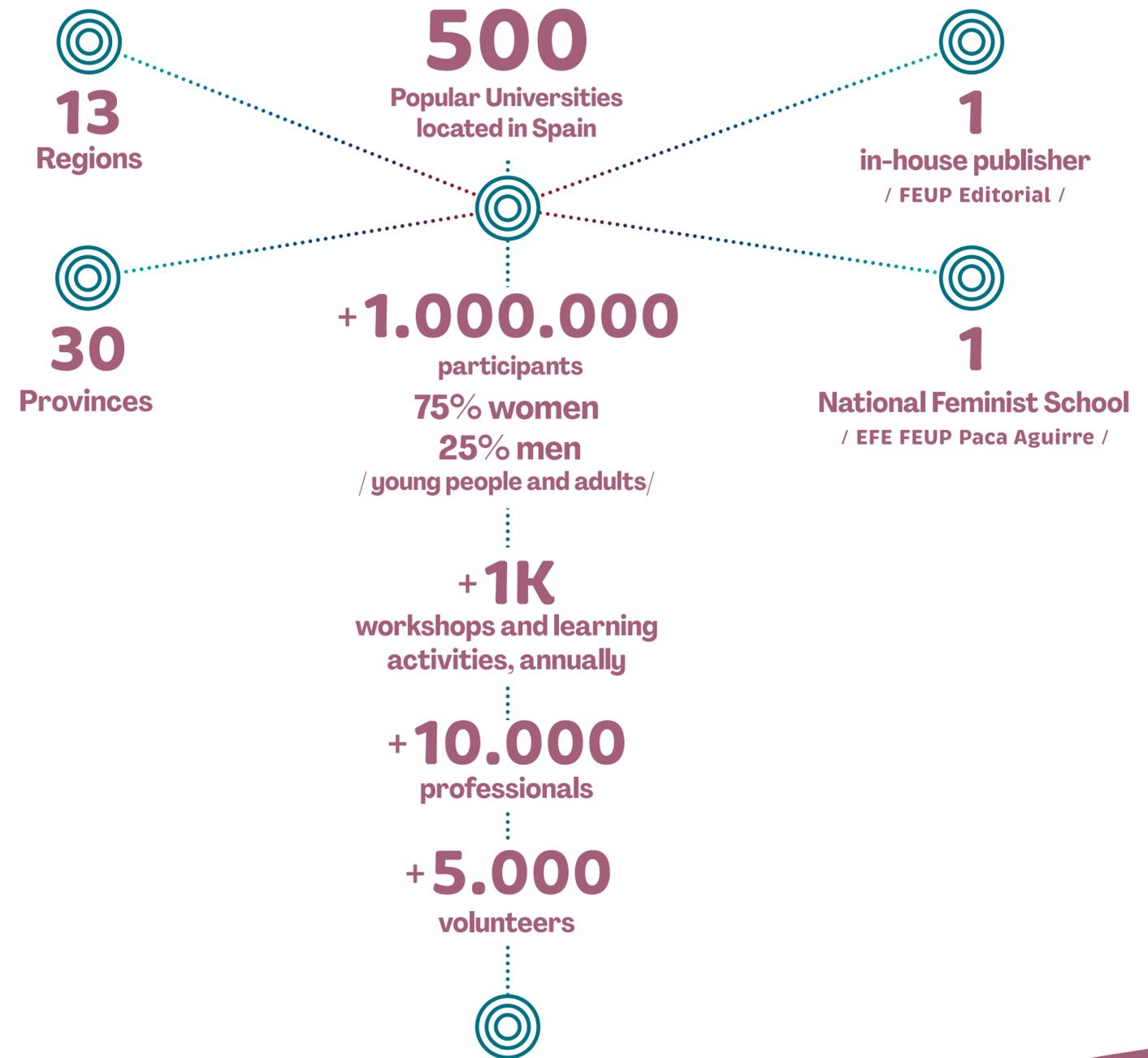
FEUP plays a crucial role in capacity building, visibility, and impact of Popular Universities in Spain, ensuring that they continue to be vital institutions for adult education in lifelong learning.



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There are currently Popular Universities in the following regions:

Galicia	Región de Murcia	Castilla y León
Principado de Asturias	Andalucía	Islas Canarias
La Rioja	Extremadura	
Aragón	Castilla La Mancha	
Cataluña	Comunidad de Madrid	
Comunidad Valenciana		



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AUPEX is a non-profit entity declared of **public utility**

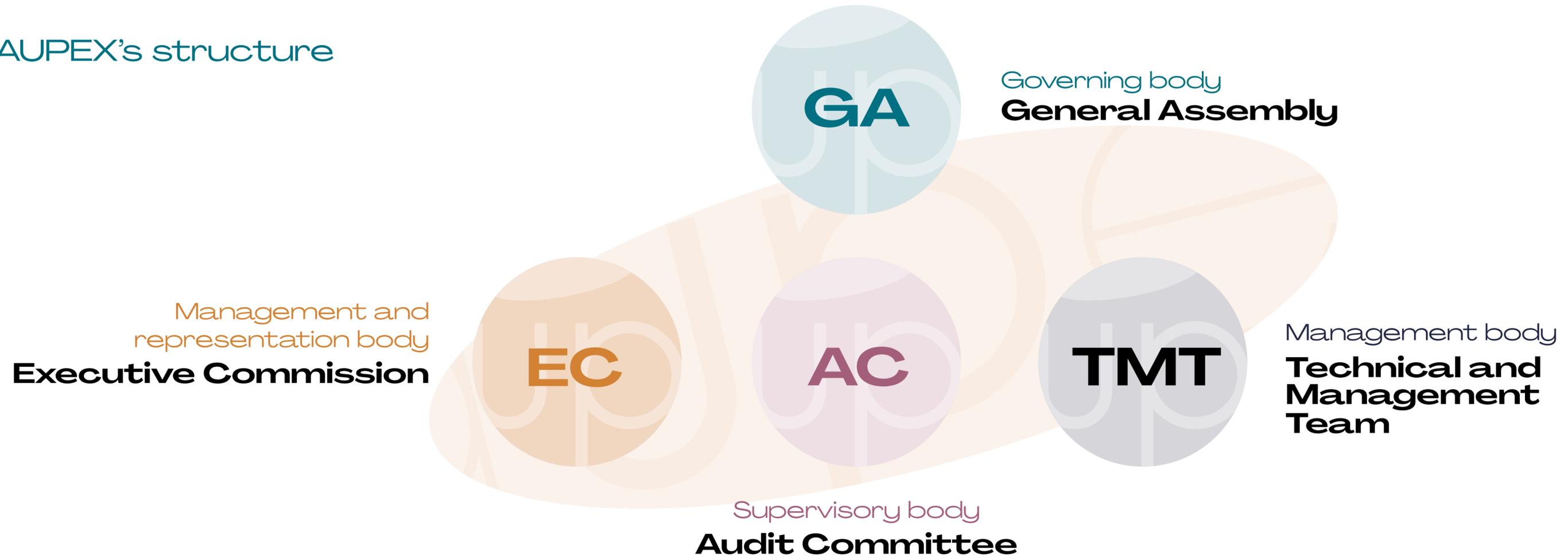
AUPEX is a **plural entity** with a **municipal character** (democracy at local level).

AUPEX provides a **space for collective reflection** and service provision for the region's Popular Universities. One of its main objectives is to strengthen them.



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AUPEX's structure



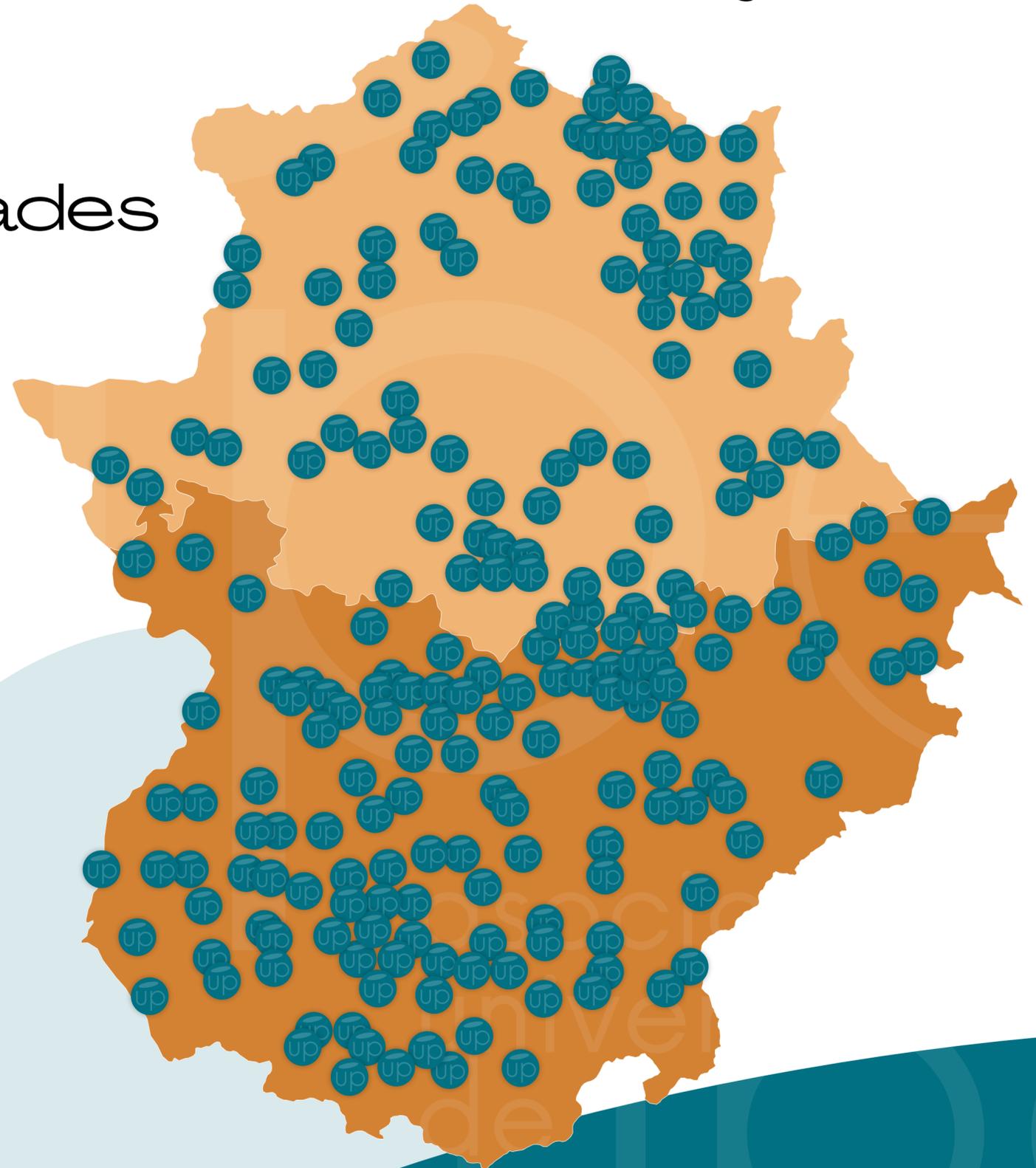
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Location in the territory

AUPEX is present throughout the Region of Extremadura.

It currently has more than 200 associated Popular Universities in both provinces, Cáceres and Badajoz

+220
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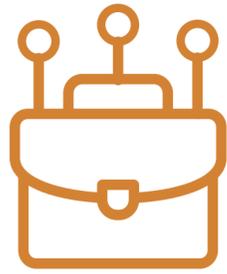
Work areas

1



LIFELONG
EDUCATION AND
TRAINING

2



EMPLOYMENT
AND DIGITAL
SKILLS

3



SOCIAL
INTERVENTION
AND INCLUSION

4



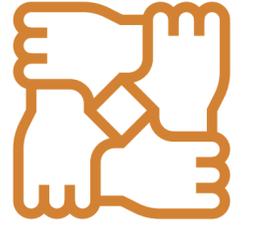
SUSTAINABILITY
AND ECOLOGICAL
TRANSITION

5



CULTURE AND
HERITAGE

6



INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION
AND GLOBAL
CITIZENSHIP

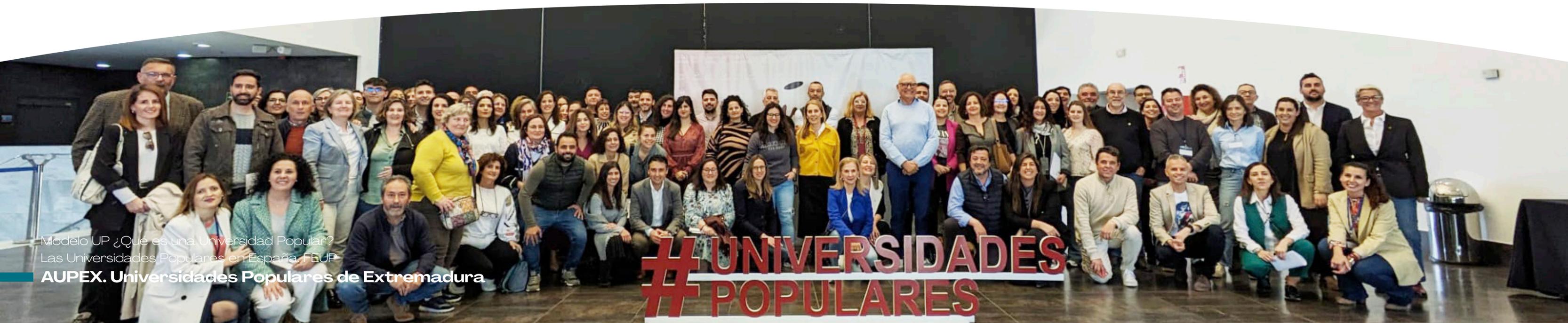
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Who are we? Human Value

AUPEX is not just an organization, it is the joint effort of a team that believes in the power of learning and culture to transform lives.

Total number
of workers

+ than 250



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We are a **professional, diverse, and committed team**, working every day to **promote education, culture, and innovation in the Region of Extremadura.**

More than **250 employees throughout Extremadura**, reaching more than **200 municipalities.**

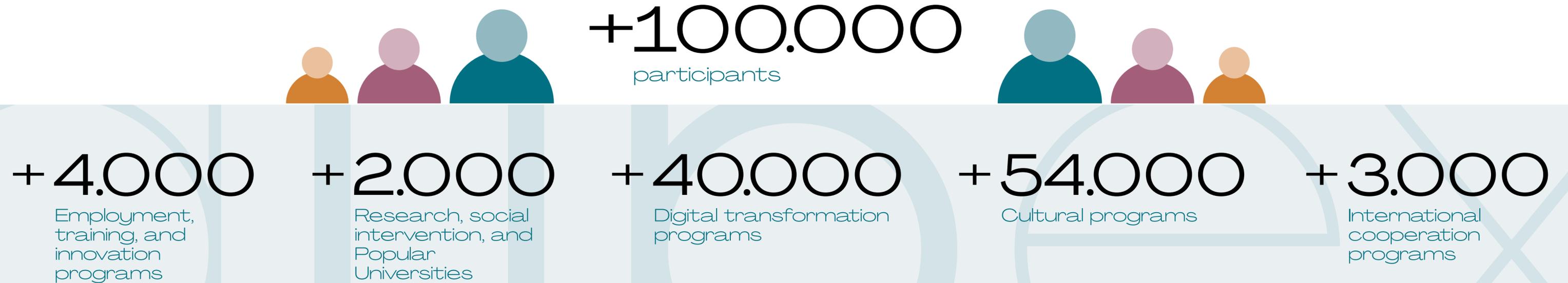
A multidisciplinary team that combines **innovation, creativity, and social commitment.**

Our **values as a team:**

- ✓ Networking with municipalities, organizations and citizens.
- ✓ Innovation and sustainability in every project.
- ✓ Commitment to education and territorial development.
- ✓ Professionalism and management expertise.

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Our participants / Impact data, annual average



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Some Recognitions

These are some of the awards and recognitions our organization has received.

AUTELSI Awards (ICT)

FAMUFEX Awards (Equality)

Senda Awards for “The demographic challenge”

Red Cross Alliance Awards

All Digital Awards 2021

Social Hackathon Award of Foligno

Active and Independent Seniors Award

United Generations Award 2011

Equality Awards FIC-2010

Sailors Awards of HOY Newspaper

FUNDETEC Award: Best nonprofit project for citizens

Humanity Prize in the category of the Principle of Unity

FATEX Award of Amateur Theater 2008

Reading Promotion Award 2005

Human Rights Award in the Tolerance category

Miguel Hernandez Award for Educational Equality

“Culturas 2003” Awards

“Stockholm Challenge” Award

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Commitment to research and knowledge management

At Aupex, we create and disseminate knowledge to transform education, culture and society



Publications and Studies

Reports on education, culture, and social development

Impact studies and project evaluations

Pedagogical materials and training guides.

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Applied research

Innovation projects in education and culture

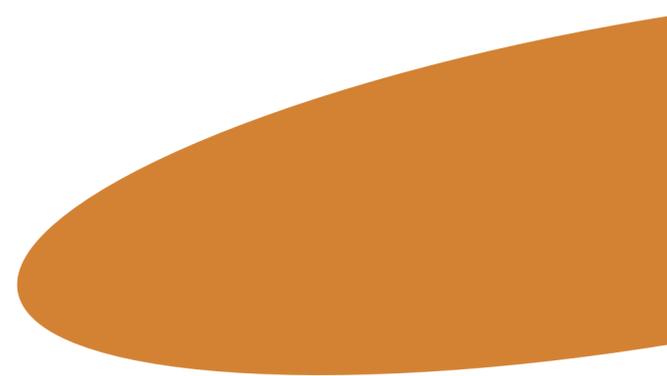
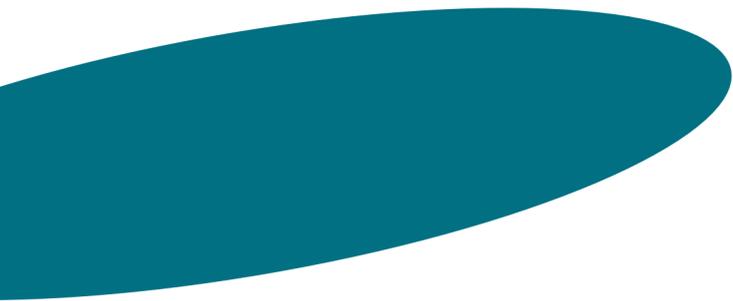
Collaborations with universities and research centers

Knowledge management

Creation of spaces for exchange and reflection

Knowledge transfer between professionals and organizations

Dissemination of results at national and international conferences and networks



Join our commitment and
be part of the change

MORE THAN 30 YEARS PROMOTING CULTURE,
EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL INNOVATION






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