

Barcelona: A proposal for a Time impact assessment tool

First in Europe (2003) to establish time policies
Founder of the European Network for Time Use Policies
Named World Capital of Time Use (2023)
Institutional anchorage:
From the Gender Mainstreaming strategy

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Time as a Public Resource: Why Evaluation Matters

- Governments redistribute time, not just money
- Time poverty shaped by paid and unpaid work
- Evaluation prevents inequitable time impacts

Introducing the Time Impact Assessment

Tool to assess the time use implications of public policies
Predicts how time is redistributed across gender and social groups

Inspired by logic from:

- Gender impact assessments
 - Environmental assessments (e.g., resource durability)
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- Will the opening hours of a library work equally for all?
 - Will women feel safe using a redesigned street at night?



How the Tool Works

Step 1: Diagnose time use in the intervention area

Step 2: Estimate how time will shift after implementation

If negative impact: Reformulate policy or add corrective measures

If positive impact: Establish indicators for follow-up

•Outcome: Gradual integration of time logic in policymaking



**From time
poverty
to time
for life**

Theoretical approaches
and practical guidelines

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Time Evaluation in Action: School Mobility

- Pilot conducted in 2023
- Data by age, gender, and transport mode
- Girls more often accompanied than boys
- Public transport: slowest option
- Key findings:
- More autonomy for children = more time for caregivers + healthier kids
- Published in: From Time Poverty to Time for Life





Gender & Time Inequities in Transport Tariffs

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Daily unpaid
work gap

Women's additional
unpaid work time

Care mobility

Short, frequent,
fragmented trips

Current tariffs

Penalize non-linear
mobility patterns

“Women spend more time than men on mobility

because the system is designed around work-related trips.

Does this mean that women's time is considered less valuable than men's?”

Bridging the Gap: What Needs to Change

Challenges

- Lack of gender-disaggregated data
- Missing care-related trip analysis

Proposals

- Flat-rate passes for fragmented mobility
- Time-zone tariff systems
- Care mobility data collection



Tariffs Are Public Policy — Let's Treat Them That Way

Transport pricing is not neutral — it's a political decision

Mobility must be equitable, accessible, time-aware and gender-responsive