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SPAIN CHAPTER

1. Snapshot of Spain

- Multi-cultural character: Tradition & Identity

2. Introduce INTBAU Spain

- Importance of identity in a local/global context

3. Why an INTBAU Spain chapter is needed?

- Regeneration of built environment as a means of reinforcing local identity

By way of its history in all its richness and diversity, Spain can contribute to the promotion of local traditions as a powerful source of identity

- Promote the general principles of INTBAU's Charter whilst encouraging the study & conservation of traditional architecture and urbanism within the Spanish context
- Explore the relationship between physical and social regeneration
- Spain's unique architecture and UNESCO heritage sites, its distinctive gastronomy and landscapes, and its renowned art and folklore are a source of inspiration for locals and visitors alike
- To offer the public a choice, an alternative to modernist developments
- To demonstrate that "traditional" and "modern" are not antonyms
- Promotion of traditional buildings and places as a way of reinforcing local identity VS homogenisation
- Catalan model as a leading autonomous community
- Currently no comparable institution

The spirit of Catalonia

- Self-government for more than 600 years
- Strong economic model
- Rooted culture & identity
- Local & cosmopolitan
- Commitment to Europe as an active member

It is a "*colossal error to confuse mature with old or obsolete*"
(José Montilla, ex-president of Catalonia)