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3 ethical alternatives to the Mobile World Congress



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<p>PANELS - Auditori</p> <p>17:30h RD Congo: explotació de recursos, conflictes armats i conseqüències locals i globals del creixement de la indústria electrònica</p> <p>19h Vulneracions de drets humans i laborals a les fàbriques de regions productores d'electrònica: flexibilització del treball i altres límits a la llibertat d'associació</p> <p>TALLERS - Sala Plató</p> <p>17:30h Circuit Pangea / eReuse.org: Canalitzar els teus dispositius digitals cap a l'economia social i solidària per la reutilització i reciclatge final</p> <p>18:30h Fairphone. Minería urbana: què hi ha dins d'un telèfon mòbil i d'on ve?</p> <p>18h Restart Party - Sala Plató</p> <p>19h DJ música Creative Commons - Pati</p> <p>1 de març 2017</p> <p>Alternatives a les estructures monopolístiques i privatives de les telecomunicacions i sobirania tecnològica</p> <p>PANELS - Auditori</p>	<p>PANELS – Conference room</p> <p>17:30h DR Congo: exploitation of natural resources, armed conflict and local and global consequences of the growth of the electronics industry</p> <p>19h Violations of human and labor rights in factories of electronics producing regions: flexible work and other limits on freedom of association</p> <p>WORKSHOPS – Studio room</p> <p>17:30h Pangea Circuit / eReuse.org: How to direct your digital devices to the social and solidarity economy for reuse and recycling</p> <p>18:30h Fairphone. Urban Mining: What is inside a mobile phone and where does it come from?</p> <p>18h Restart Party - Studio Room</p> <p>19h DJ Creative Commons music- Patio</p> <p>1 March 2017</p> <p>Alternatives to monopolies and exclusion in telecommunications, and technological sovereignty</p> <p>PANELS – Conference room</p>
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The Mobile Social Congress 2017 will take place on 28th February and 1st March in the Pati Manning in Barcelona.

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Oliver "Pere Quart"

It will take place on 4th March at the Community Center Joan Oliver «Pere Quart» in Barcelona / Image: sobtec.cat.



The Anti-MWC Event will take place on Saturday 18th, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th February / Image: Anti-MWC.

During the same days of the Mobile World Congress there will be in Barcelona other more ethical and solidarity-based alternatives. Blood minerals, labour rights, and technological sovereignty are some of the topics that will be

discussed at these three events.

It's already mid-February and one of the next events in Barcelona is the [Mobile World Congress](#). From **Monday 27th February to Thursday 2nd March** this world-reference congress expects tens of thousands of visitors from around the world. According to figures provided by the organisers, last year's edition had [more than 100.000 attendees from over 200 countries and 40 new electronic devices were presented](#).

However, and despite the impressive figures and the **big technological innovations** presented at the congress, year after year we see that the Mobile World Congress does not provide any information on the issue of conflict minerals that are contained in mobile devices, or the **terrible working conditions** of the workers of companies producing these devices.

Because of this quite unethical approach, last year several organisations started to organise events running in parallel to the Mobile World Congress. Now, in 2017 there will be: the [Mobile Social Congress 2017](#), the [2nd Congress on Technological Sovereignty](#) and the [Anti-MWC Event](#).

Mobile Social Congress 2017

Organised by [Setem Catalunya](#), the [Mobile Social Congress 2017](#) will take place on **28th February and 1st March** in the [Pati Manning](#) in Barcelona. During the Mobile Social Congress, there will be panels to discuss blood minerals, the violation of human rights and labour rights in factories producing electronic devices, the alternatives to the oligopoly over telephony and the Internet, and technological autonomy.

During these two days there will also be **workshops** on reusing and recycling electronic devices with [Circuit Pangea](#) and [eReuse.org](#), disassembly and recognising the parts of a [Fairphone](#) mobile phone, work sessions on business with open licenses and collaborative production of mobile applications and workshops on how to use [GNU/Linux](#).

After these workshops and sessions there will also be workshops to learn how to **mend your electronic devices** and sessions with DJs.

2nd Congress on Technological Sovereignty

Organised by the [Grup Promotor per la Sobirania Tecnològica](#), it will take place on **4th March** at the [Community Center Joan Oliver «Pere Quart»](#)

The programme includes conferences and discussions on: women and technology, big companies dealing with people, technological sovereignty, gender-based violence and new technologies, quantum computation, the [Xarxa d'Innovació Pública](#) (Public Innovation Network) and the open, free and neutral network [Guifi.net](#). Workshops on [Open Source Intelligence](#) i [Nabú Project](#) and demonstrations on [decidim.barcelona](#) will also take place.

Anyone wishing to participate in the organisation of this congress should [send and email to the organisers](#). The whole organisation of the congress **is open** and you can participate through this [wiki](#).

Anti-MWC Event

Organised by libertarian movements, [these events](#) will take place in different venues such as [La Cinètika](#) or [Can Batlló](#). They will take place on **Saturday 18th, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th February**. There will be conferences on labour rights, the technologisation of borders, what really is behind the [Mobile World Congress](#), new technologies linked to repression, electromagnetic contamination and social networks. There will also be networks on digital self-defence and open sources of information.

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