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Xavier Matilla is an Architect, Urban Planner and Professor based in Barcelona.

Chief Architect of the city of Barcelona between October 2019 - June 2023. During this period, he has led many urban transformations with the aim of achieving a healthier, friendlier and fairer city. Highlight being the "Barcelona Superblock" project, internationally recognized as an effective strategy to transform city streets into spaces with better environmental quality and more local social and economic relations. Also, the "Let's protect schools" program, which has improved the environment and security of the surrounding areas of more than 200 schools, as well as public space transformations as Meridiana Avenue, Parc de Glòries or Via Laietana, among others.

Co-founder of Territoris XLM, an office dedicated to urban planning and public space design.

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