



Building Red-Green Alternatives

Reclaiming public services as Commons: strategies for Remunicipalisation and Democratisation

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In the last **15** years
235 cities in
37 countries
have brought
water services
back under
PUBLIC
CONTROL
benefitting
100 MILLION people

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Our public water future

The number of cities that brought water services back under public control doubled in the years 2010–2015 compared with 2000–2009.

2000
2 cases

2015
235 cases

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Nice, France
Population:
538,613

**Remunicipalisation is
a economically
logical choice for a
local government**

**Public- public
partnerships can
support
remunicipalisation
efforts**

PUBLIC SERVICES UNDER ATTACK

TTIP, CETA, and the secretive collusion between business lobbyists and trade negotiators



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**Threat to public services:
Trade agreements and investor protection (TTIP, CETA, TiSA)**

The choice of how to provide essential services should be based on democratic decisions



(Re)municipalisation in public services



(Re)municipalisation sectors

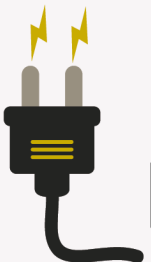
Water



COUNTRY	N°CASES
France	106
USA	61
Spain	34
Germany	17
Argentina	8
Hungary	4
Italy	3
South Africa	3
Kazakhstan	3
Bolivia	2
Canada	2
Colombia	2
India	2
Indonesia	2
Mozambique	2
Turkey	2
Ukraine	2
Uzbekistan	2
Venezuela	2
Albania	1
Belgium	1
Central African Republic	1
Ecuador	1
Guinea	1
Lebanon	1
Malaysia	1
Mexico	1
Portugal	1
Russia	1
Sweden	1
Tanzania	1
Uganda	1

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Energy



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COUNTRY	N°CASES
Germany	284
US	6
Netherlands	3
UK	3
Dominic Rep	2
France	2
Albania	1
Argentina	1
Denmark	1
India	1
Lithuania	1



Waste

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COUNTRY	N°CASES
Germany	13
UK	7
Canada	6
France	3
Spain	2
Norway	1

Social services

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COUNTRY	N°CASES
UK	28
Germany	26
Norway	20
Spain	18
France	17
Austria	13
Sweden	8
Canada	4
Denmark	4
Finland	2
Netherlands	2
India	1

	23	building and cleaning
	15	security and emergency
	17	public (green) space
	18	housing
	24	school catering
	11	sports
	9	cultural
	4	funeral
	9	social care
	26	health care
	1	Support victims of domestic violence
	3	other

Transport

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COUNTRY	N°CASES
France	13
UK	4
Austria	3
Germany	2
Canada	1
India	1
Turkey	1

Education

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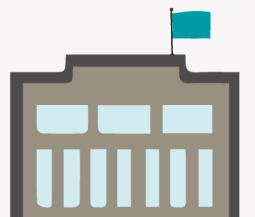
COUNTRY	N°CASES
Germany	5
UK	3
India	1
Nicaragua	1

Local government

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	7	construction
	5	Human Resource
	4	IT

COUNTRY	N°CASES
UK	9
Canada	5
Austria	1
Finland	1
Germany	0



(Re)municipalisation: returning and creating local public services

Remunicipalisation

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Municipalisation

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Building Red and Green alternative strategy

- 1. Not privatise at first place**
- 2. Public-Public Partnerships, Inter-municipal cooperation**
- 3. Just energy transition as opportunity**
- 4. In-sourcing instead of outsourcing**
- 5. Democratising and commonising public services**
- 6. Tripartite cooperation, social dialogue as concrete tool to make public services strong, efficient and democratic.**
- 7. Cities and citizen alliance to reinvent public services**



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