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Community Integration Assessment of the Housing First Pilot Scheme in Barcelona

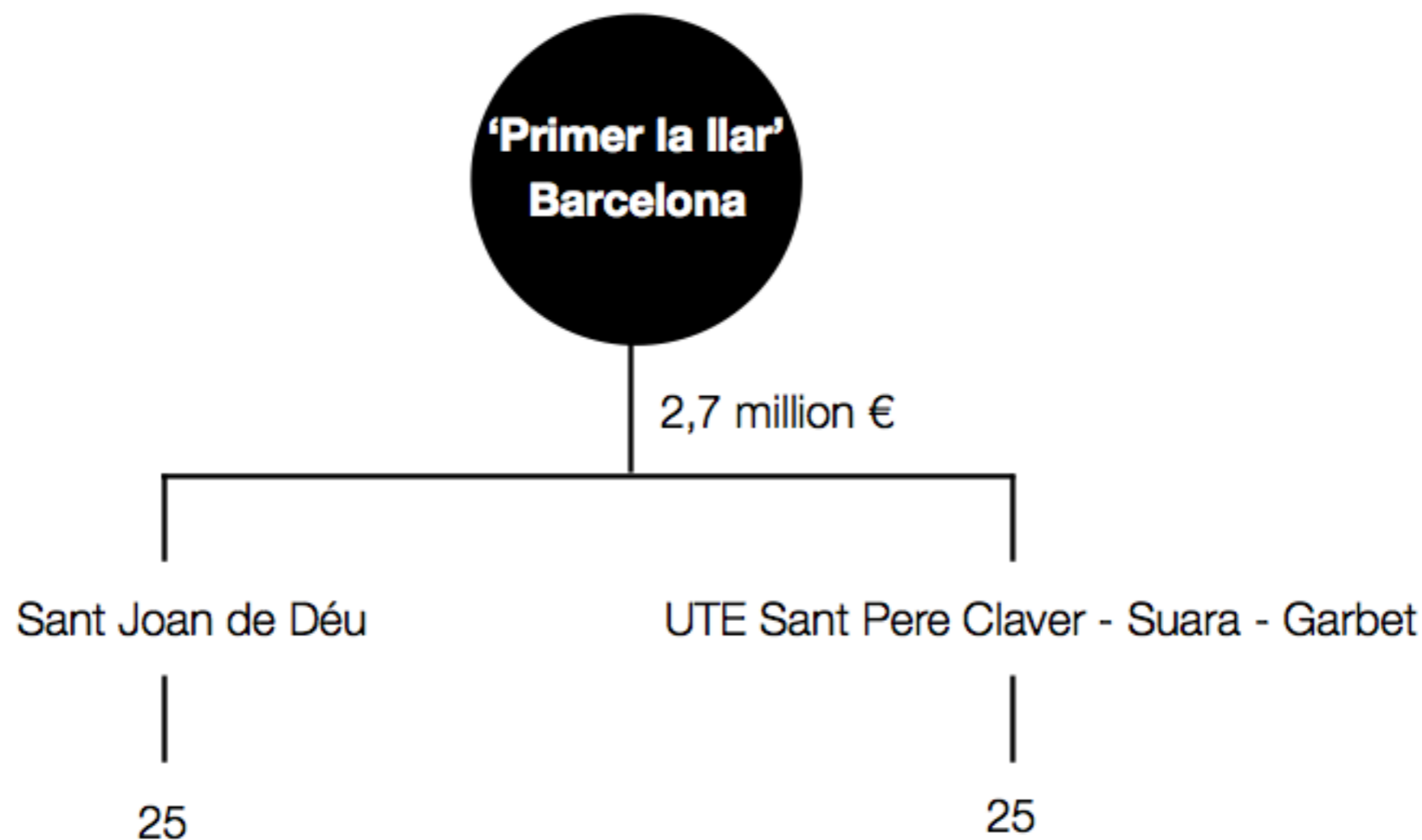
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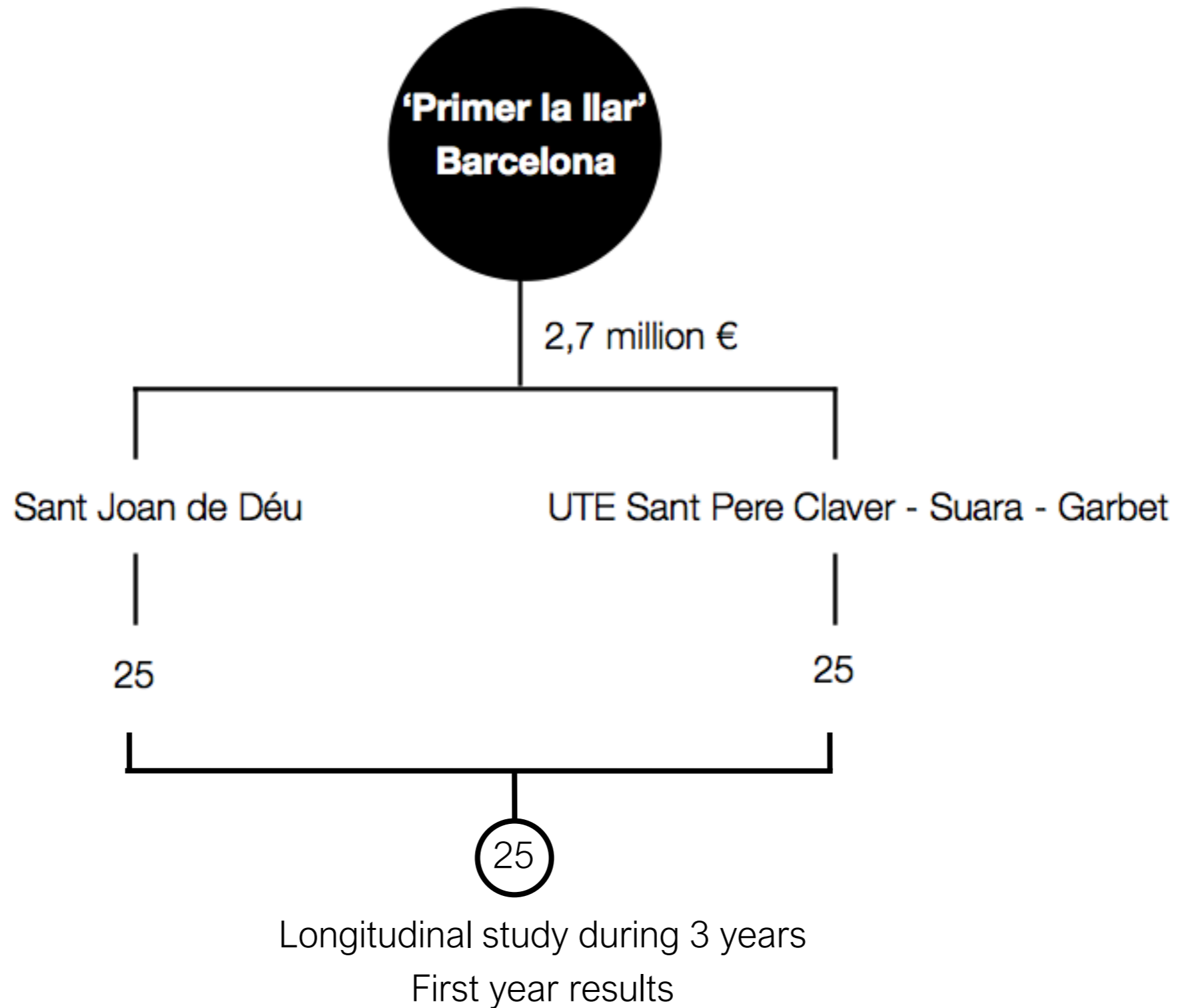


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CHANGING PROFILES OF HOMELESSNESS: IMPLICATIONS FOR SERVICES.
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1. The HF pilot scheme in Barcelona





2. We focussed on:

- Migrant homelessness in HF settings.
- Community integration assessment in HF.
- Why it is important & difficult

Migrant homelessness

“Extreme case of social exclusion” (Sánchez Morales and Susana Tezanos, 2004).

- Lack of social networks
- Lack of labour qualifications
- Cultural shock
- Social racism
- Administrative problems
- Problems to access social resources

Community integration assessment

HF does not increase friends' proximity (Henwood et al., 2015, p. 396).

It's not clear that HF offers good outcomes in community integration (Tiderington, 2017).

HF participants show a setback in community integration and sense of belonging by 40% (Stergiopoulos et al., 2014)

3. Objectives

We tried to identify:

1. How the socialisation process is developed by HF users?
2. What are the main obstacles as identified by them?

4. Methodology

In depth interviews (2 sessions, 2-7 hours) with 5 migrants in HF pilot scheme.

By mining in depth interviews, we acquired and represented approximate information of:

- Past and actual personal relationships (companions, friends, family and professionals).
- Past and actual service relations.
- Public and private cartographic where this relationships occur.
- Timestamp for these relations.

Somehow explanatory analysis but not statistically representative.

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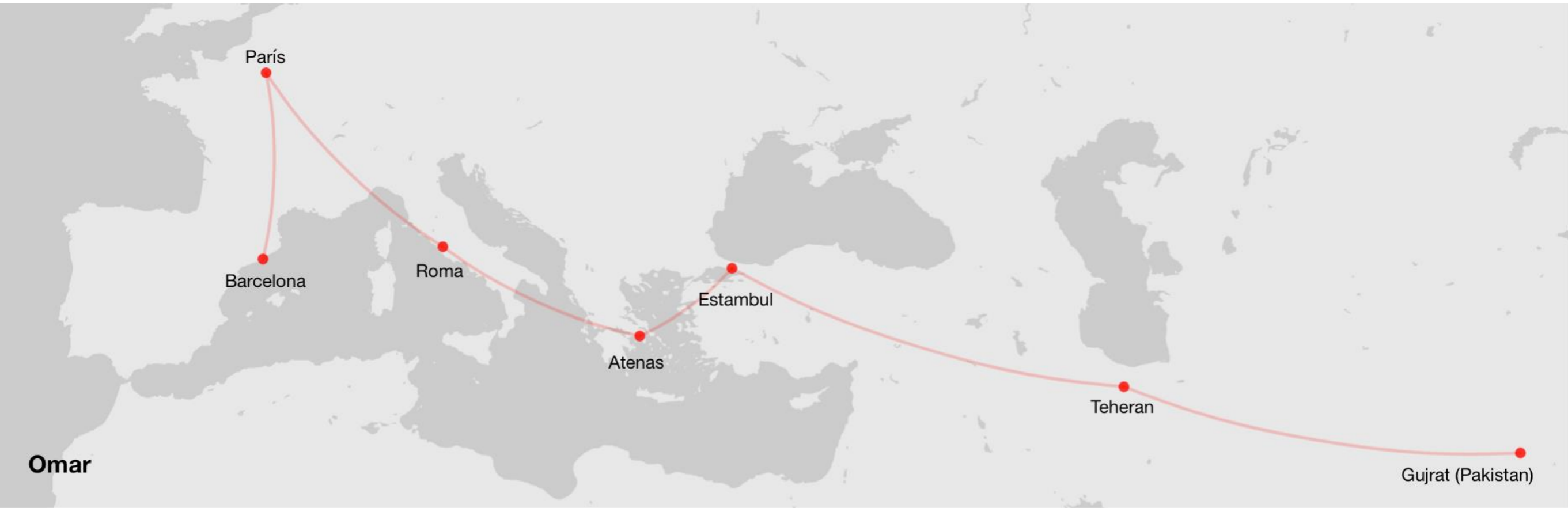
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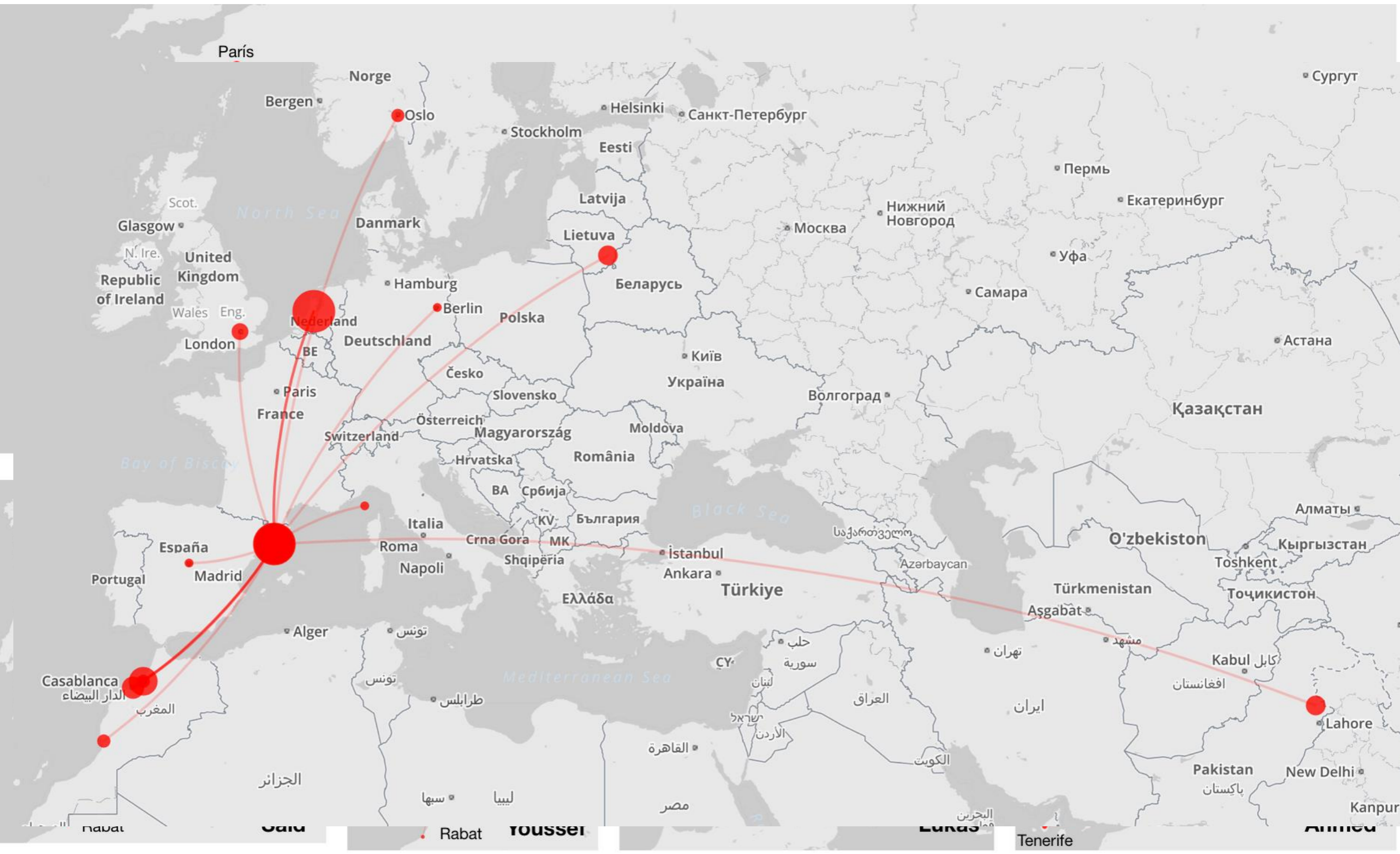


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“When I was squatter, I was with Chilean, Argentines, black people...”

Said

“I got lots of help from Sikh community, although I’m muslim”

Omar

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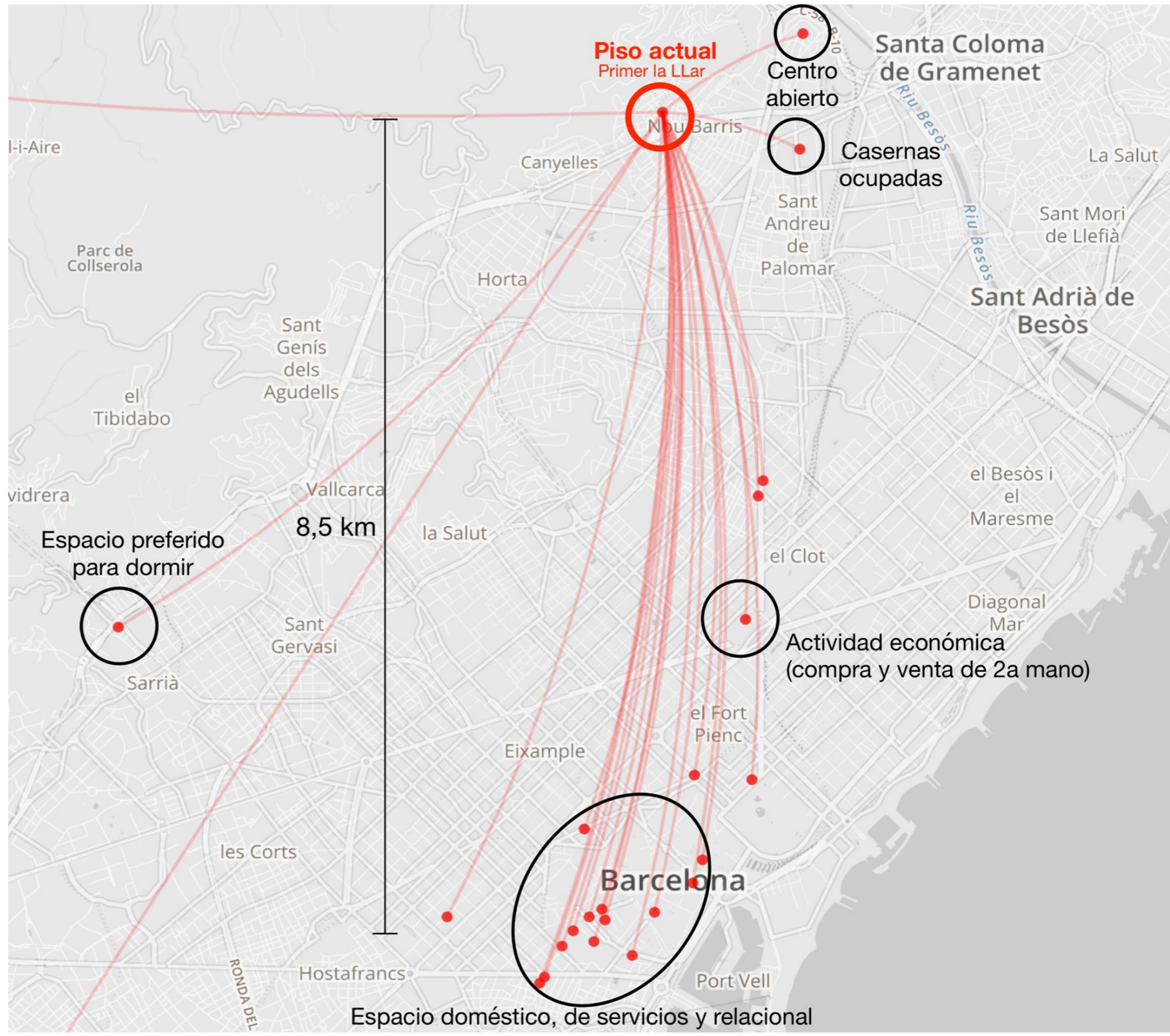
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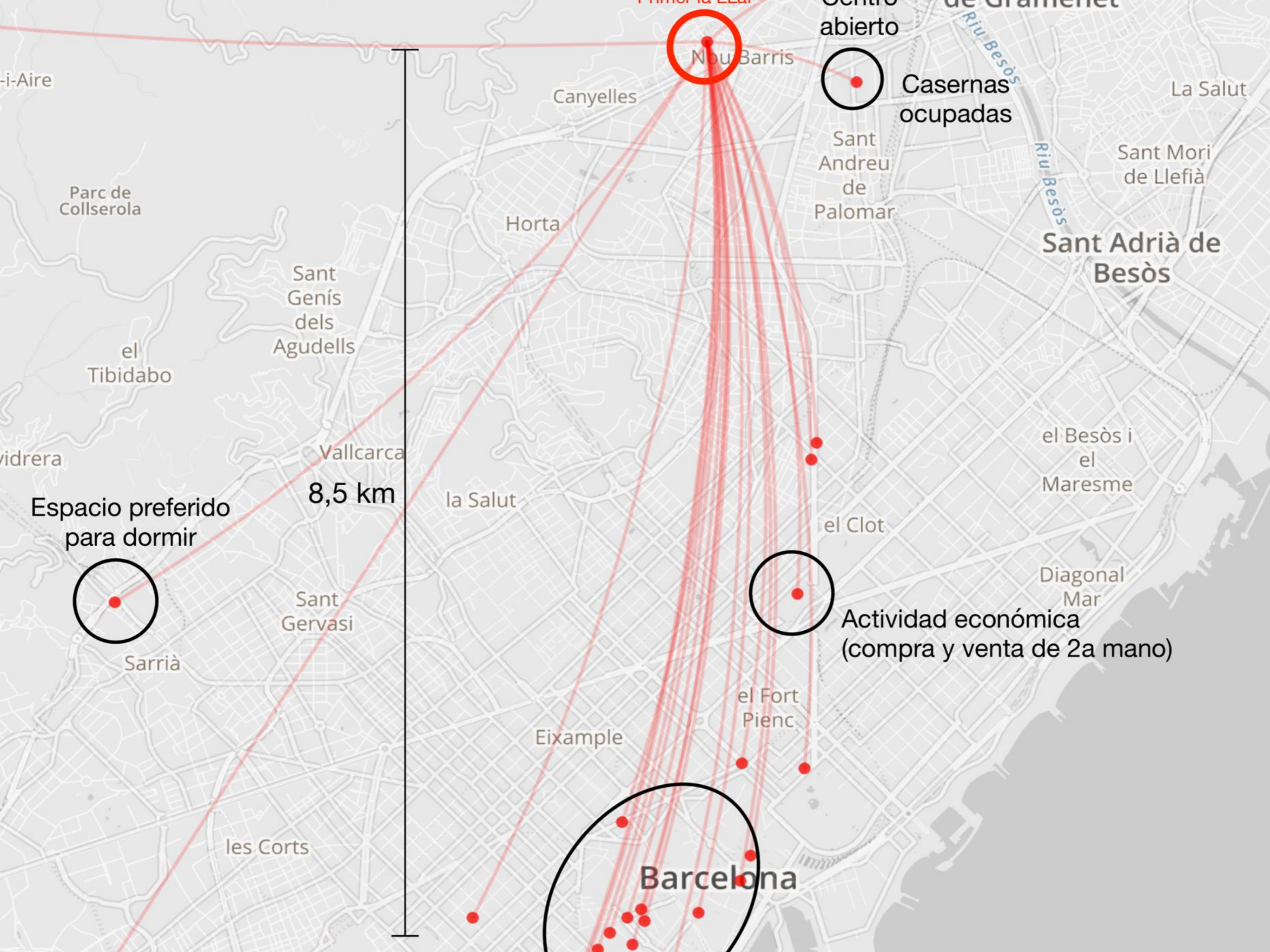
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Nou Barris

Casernas ocupadas

Espacio preferido para dormir

Actividad económica (compra y venta de 2a mano)

8,5 km

Barcelona

Centro abierto

Sant Adrià de Besòs

Canyelles

Horta

Sant Andreu de Palomar

Sant Mori de Llefia

Parc de Collserola

el Tibidabo

Sant Genís dels Agudells

Vallcarca

la Salut

el Clot

el Besòs i el Maresme

Sant Gervasi

Diagonal Mar

Sarrià

el Fort Pienc

Eixample

les Corts

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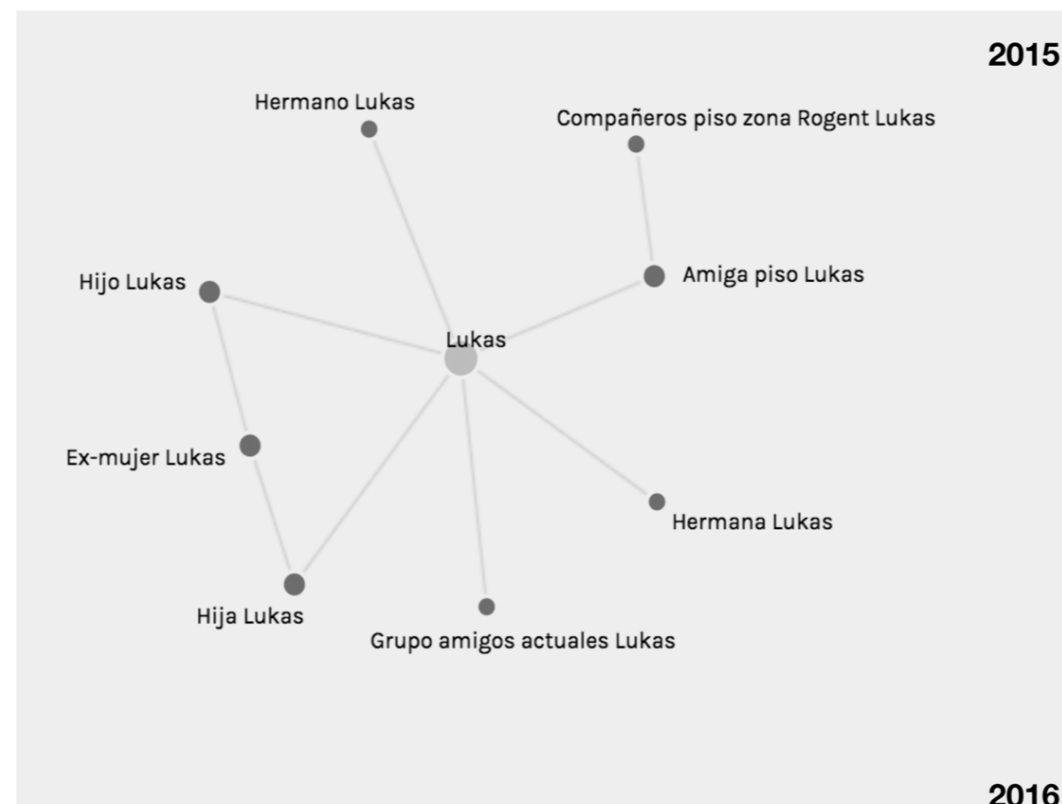
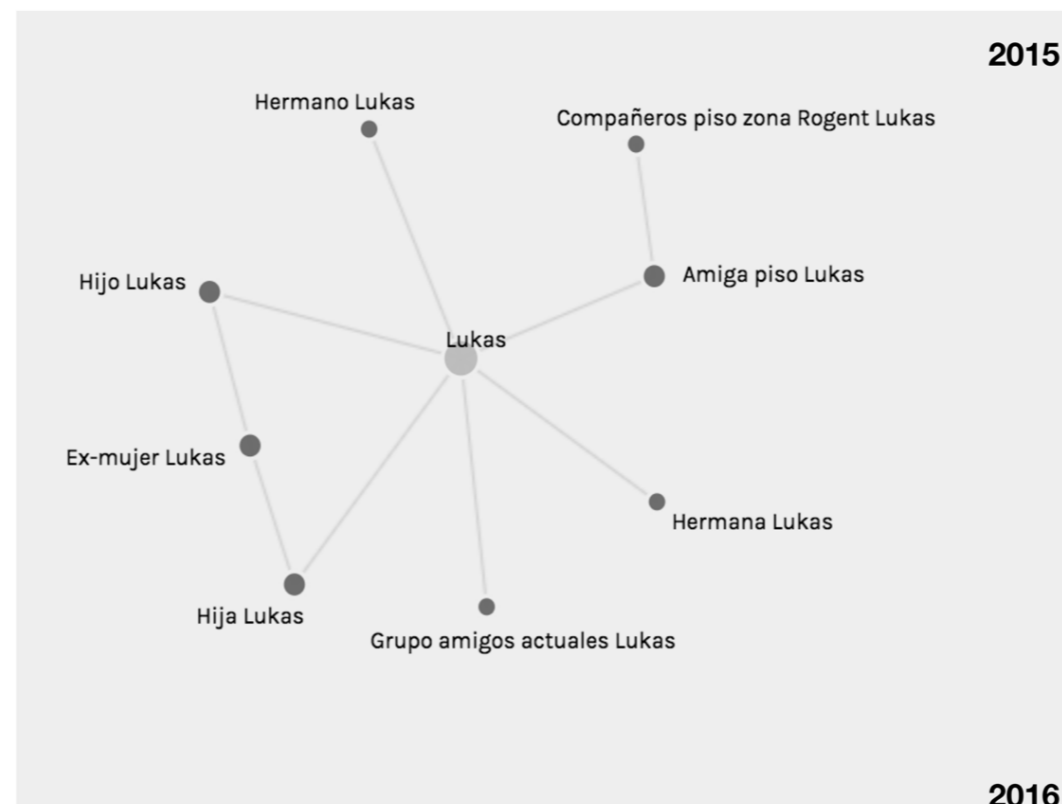
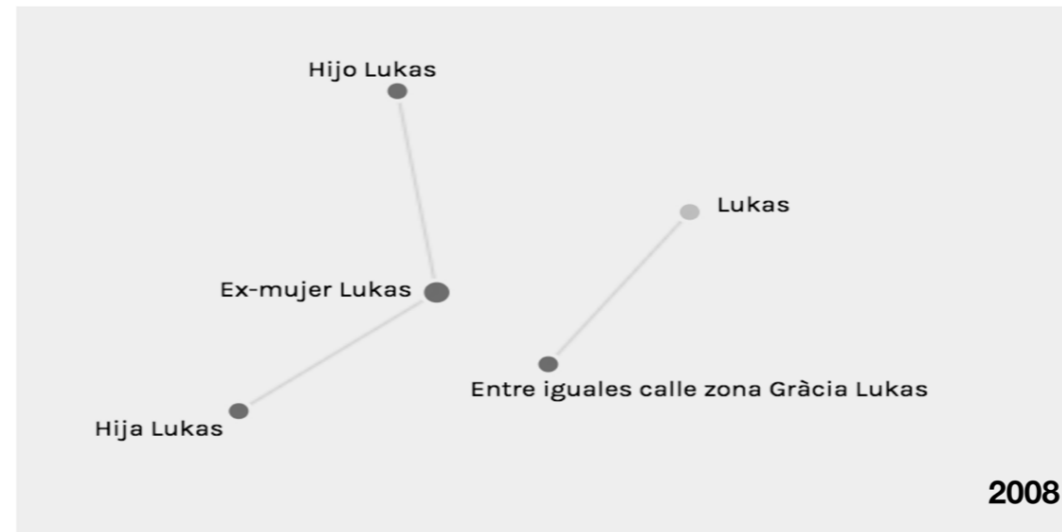
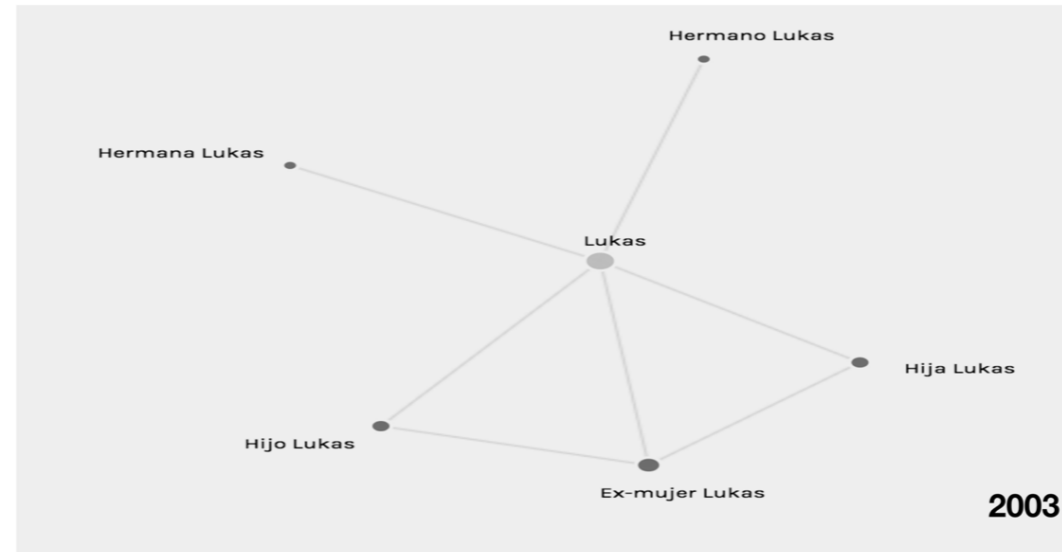
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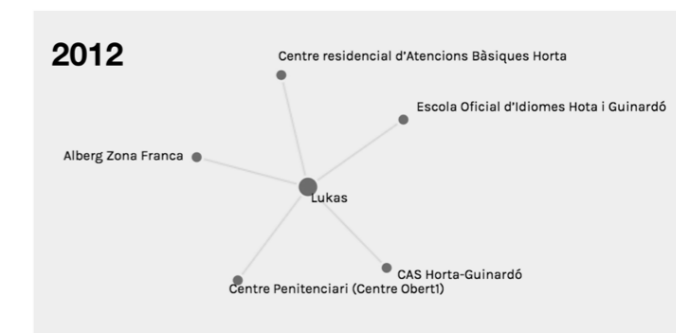
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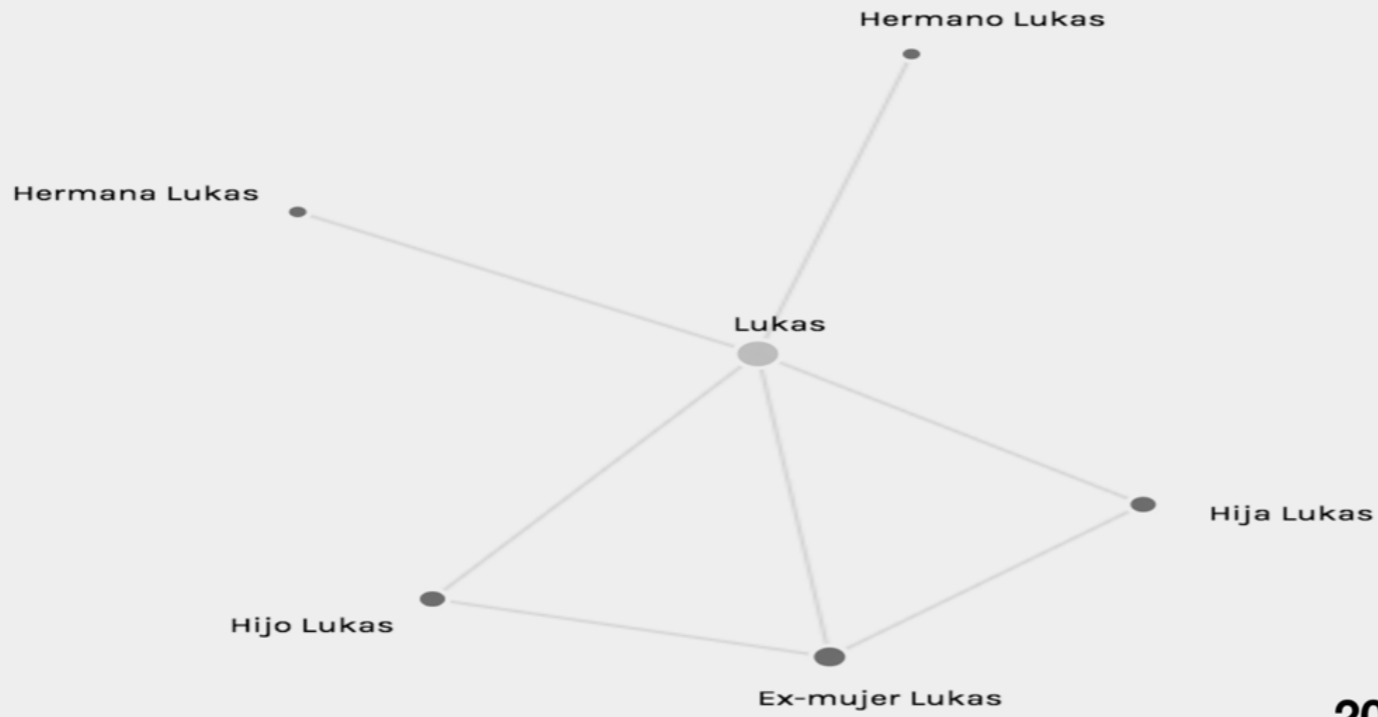
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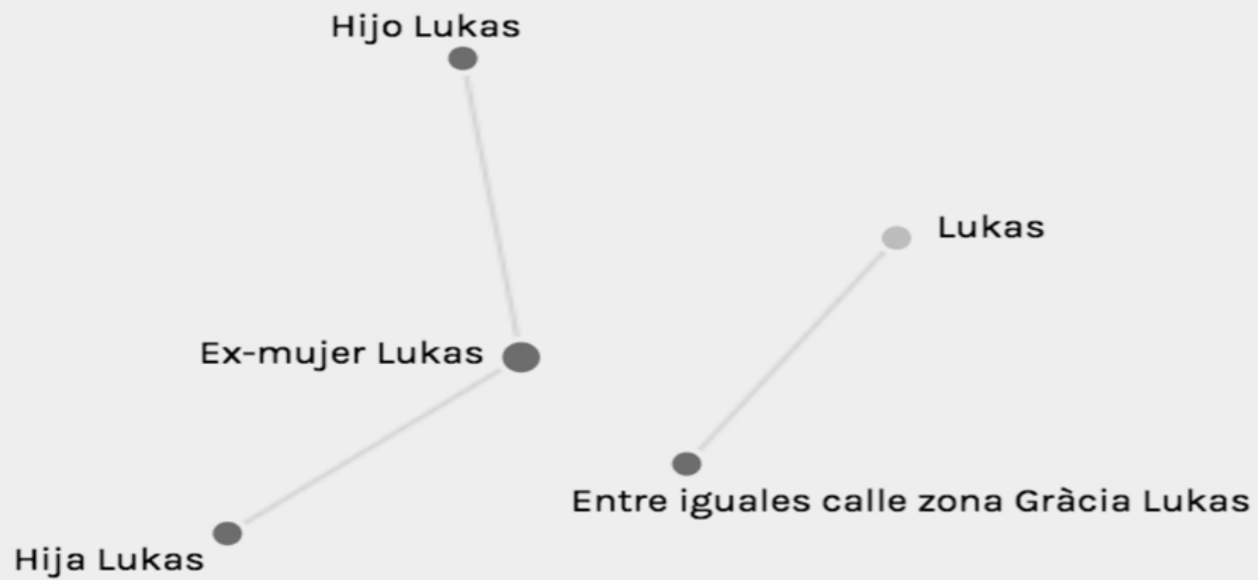


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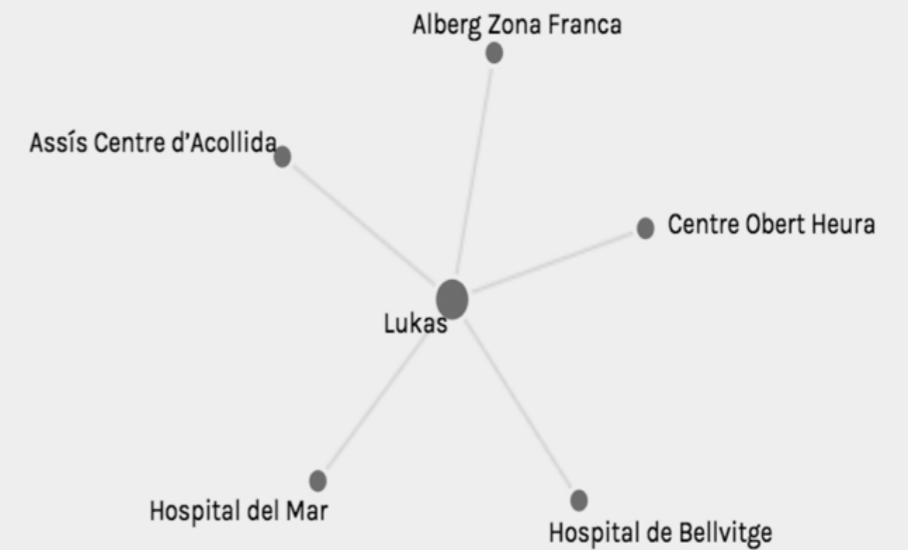


2003

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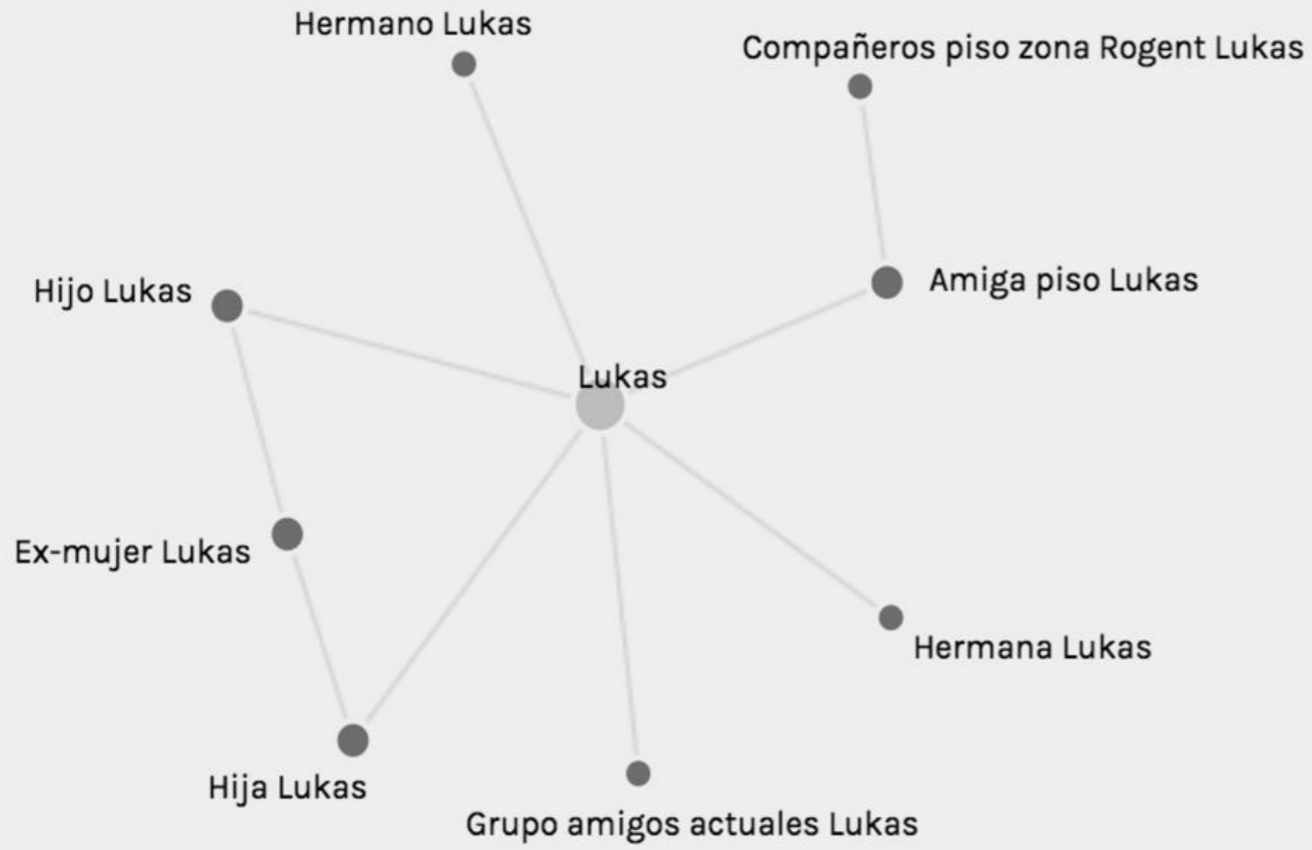


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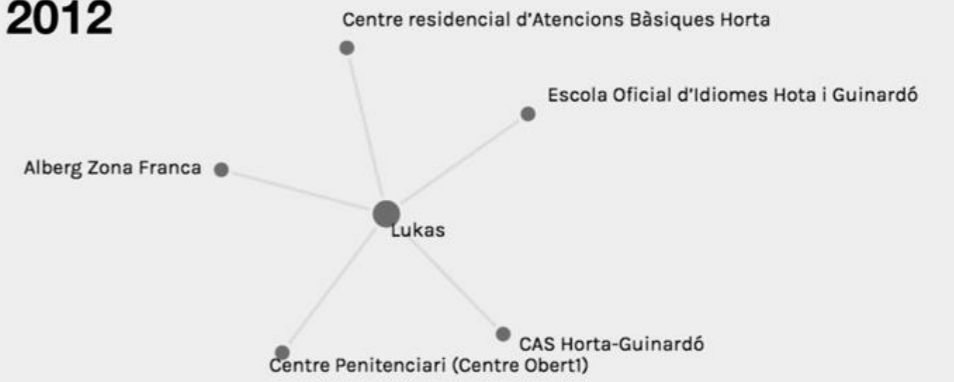
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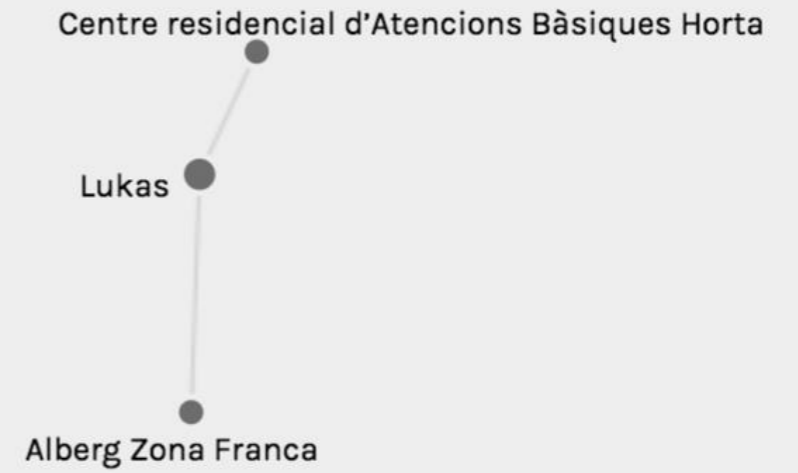


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“I only took my medication [for schizophrenia] when a doctor in Pakistan explained to me, pill by pill, what it was for”

Omar

Question: “Do you see any differences between professionals?”

Answer: “No, they work. I listen.”

Q: “But you can also give your opinion, when they talk to you”

A: “What does it mean ‘give your opinion’ ?”

Q: “When you agree or disagree, you can explain your idea”

A: “Ideas? I have not ideas. What ideas?”

Lukas

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I have been learning and doing courses for being a plumber, electrician, to work on a hardware store, as a gas installer....after prison I worked as forest guard, and now I'm studying for a taxi license....but I don't find a job, I have no luck. I'm not searching for a job hard enough."

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