

[Human Rights and Companies Observatory \(ODHE\)](#)

City: Barcelona

Organisation responsible: NOVACT and SUDS

Period: Since 21st April 2017



Activity: Initiative that identifies Catalan companies and their practices to evaluate their respect for human rights.

Objectives

Raising awareness among Barcelona citizens about how the practices of arms and security industry contribute to human rights violations in North Africa and the Middle East.

Promoting the implementation of institutional mechanisms that guarantee a transparent Catalan trade policy and respectful with human rights of countries in conflict.

Description

L'ODHE works in three main fields:

Education: an informed and critical public is key.

Communication: actions oriented to create opinions favourable to transparency and control of trade relations.

Political Advocacy: Direct actions to influence public policy at the Catalan level. Valuing the good practices of the companies acting according to human rights standards.

Beneficiaries

Companies, public authorities, citizens.

GOAL 9: Promote the adoption of local, regional and National Plans of Actions

(128) Advocate for the adoption of local, regional and national plans of action to prevent violent extremism and ensure that the process of definition and adoption will include multi-stakeholder spaces of debate, and the participation of civil society.

GOAL 4: Ensure the protection of Human Rights in Counter Terrorism laws

(80) Promote an international regulation of Private Military Security Corporations that are privatising security and war.