

The permanent exhibition

The venue hosting the permanent exhibition is also open-plan and accessible and there is a seating area for taking a break. The room, where the lighting is kept low, allows visitors to explore numerous aspects of Lluís Companys' political career and thought.

The museum experience is chiefly audiovisual featuring large interactive touch-screen computers displaying his life, work and historical context. A video reviewing his career is also screened at the back of the room.

The exhibition additionally includes reproductions of original documents which cannot be found anywhere else except in archives. They include periodicals published in Catalonia and Latin America, posters, personal letters and historical photographs which are presented in display cases and on explanatory panels.



Cover photo:
Portrait of Lluís Companys, First Minister of the Catalan Government.
Palau de la Generalitat de Catalunya. National Archive of Catalonia.



Lluís Companys Centre

Opening hours:

Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm
Saturdays from 3 pm to 7 pm

Prices:

General admission €3 / Reduced admission €2 / Children aged 7-12 / Groups of more than 20 people / Groups with the Cistercian Route culture card / Youth Card / Free for children under 7.

Guided tour service:

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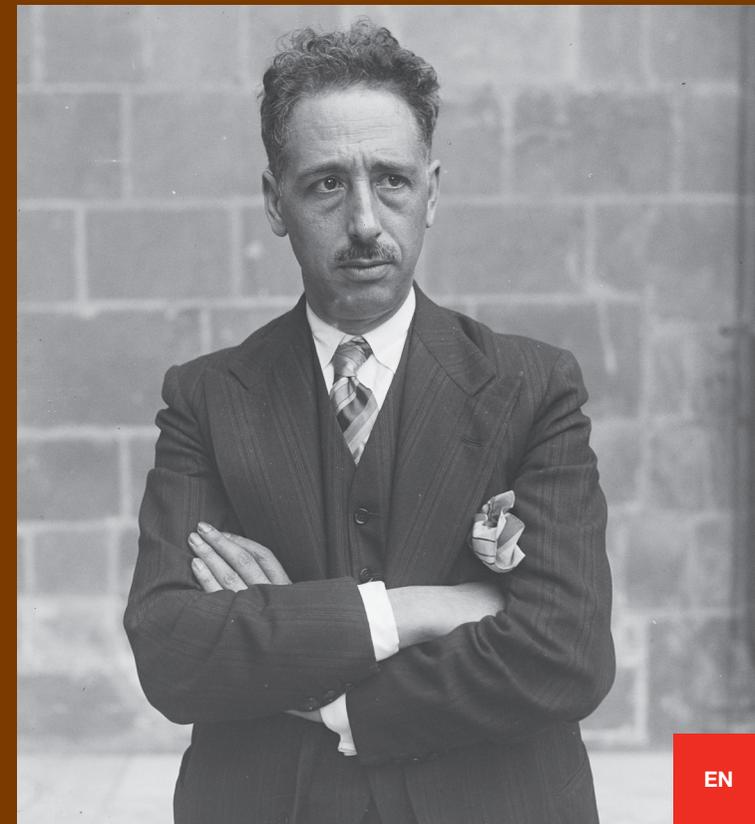
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Lluís Companys Centre El Tarròs. Tornabous



Lluís Companys i Jover was born in Tarròs on 21 June 1882. It was here that he became steeped in farming and also where he met Salvador Seguí, a prominent anarcho-syndicalist he would run into again in Barcelona when he moved there to finish high school followed by a law degree at the University of Barcelona. As a young man he entered journalism and politics.

A committed republican, he was the first Speaker of the Parliament of Catalonia and held the posts of Minister in the Spanish Government, First Minister of the Catalan Government and leader of the political party Republican Left of Catalonia. His rural background also shaped his political career as his actions in the posts he held were guided by agricultural policy.

His Catalan patriotism and the rightward shift in the Republican Government led him to proclaim the Catalan State as part of the Spanish Federal Republic on 6 October 1934, and he was imprisoned as a result. At the end of the Civil War he went into exile, but in August 1940 he was arrested by the Gestapo who handed him over to the Franco authorities. After a very short court-martial without due process, Companys was shot at Montjuïc Castle on 15 October 1940. He is the only democratically elected government first minister to have been executed in Spain.



Lluís Companys, First Minister of the Catalan Government, greets his niece on arrival at his family home in Tarròs. Between January and October 1934. National Archive of Catalonia.



Sebastián Pozas, commander of the Army of the East, Lluís Companys, First Minister of the Catalan Government, and Carles Pi i Sunyer, Catalan Minister of Culture, give a clenched fist salute during the 2nd International Writers Congress in Defence of Culture. Palau de la Música Catalana, Barcelona, 11 July 1937. National Archive of Catalonia.



Lluís Companys, First Minister of the Catalan Government, slices a melon in el Tarròs before setting out on a journey in the Aran Valley. His companions include Joan Comorera, Bonaventura Gassol and Joan Alavedra. 19 August 1934. National Archive of Catalonia.

Timeline

- 1917 Sets up the Catalan Republican Party with Francesc Layret and others
- 1917 Elected a Barcelona city councillor
- 1920 His friend lawyer Francesc Layret is murdered
- 1922 Sets up the Winegrowers Union
- 1923 Salvador Seguí is murdered
- 1930 Arrested four times between April and December
- 1931 Leftists Conference and foundation of Republican Left of Catalonia
- 1931 Proclamation of the Republic with Francesc Macià
- 1933 Appointed Minister of the Navy in the Spanish Government
- 1934 Elected First Minister of the Catalan Government
- 1934 Events of 6 October
- 1935 Sentenced to thirty years in prison for rebellion
- 1936 Restoration of the Catalan Government and Companys as first minister
- 1939 On 5 February he goes into exile
- 1940 On 15 October he is shot in Montjuïc Castle

The museum

The cultural facility was opened in 2014, sponsored by Lleida Provincial Council, the Catalan Government and Tornabous Town Council. It meets today's museum requirements such as accessibility and sustainability while also catering for the needs of visitors who expect quality experiences and services.

The centre consists of a large, open-plan reception area, a multi-purpose hall for activities and a resource and permanent exhibition room.

