

# La Rambla attack memorial & the MUHBA intervention

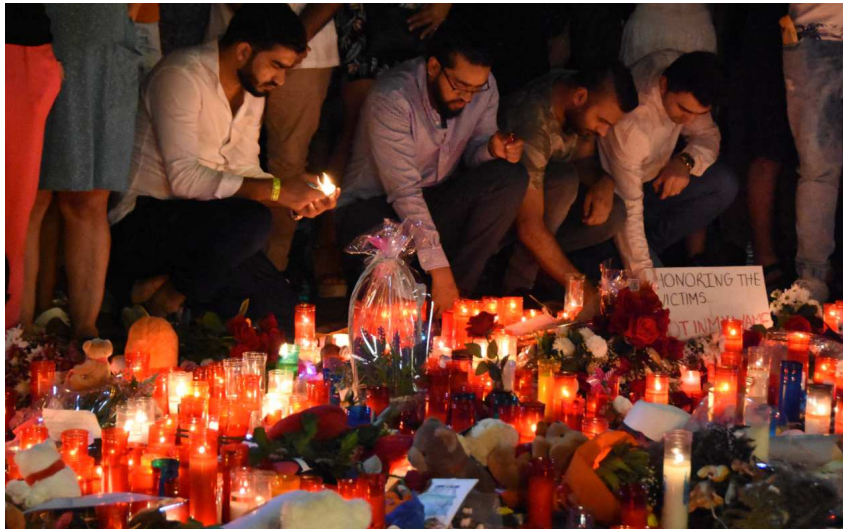
Collecting, documenting and archiving the memorial of the  
2017 August, 17<sup>th</sup> attack in Barcelona





**Barcelona “La Rambla” August 17th 2017. 16 persons killed. More than 100 injured. Victims from 34 different countries”**

**August 18th 2017. Police reopens “La Rambla”. Immediately, people starts bringing there memorial objects**



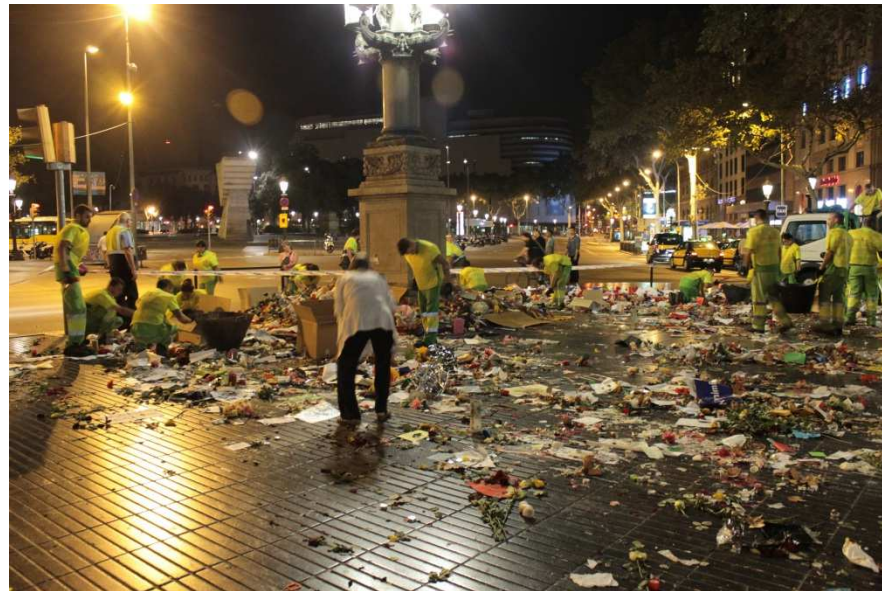


## 150 Memorial spots all along 500m, from large ensembles to single items





# Collecting logistics: seven departments of the municipality coordinated





# The MUHBA archive source: great quantity and diversity of objects



## Predominant memorialistic forms:

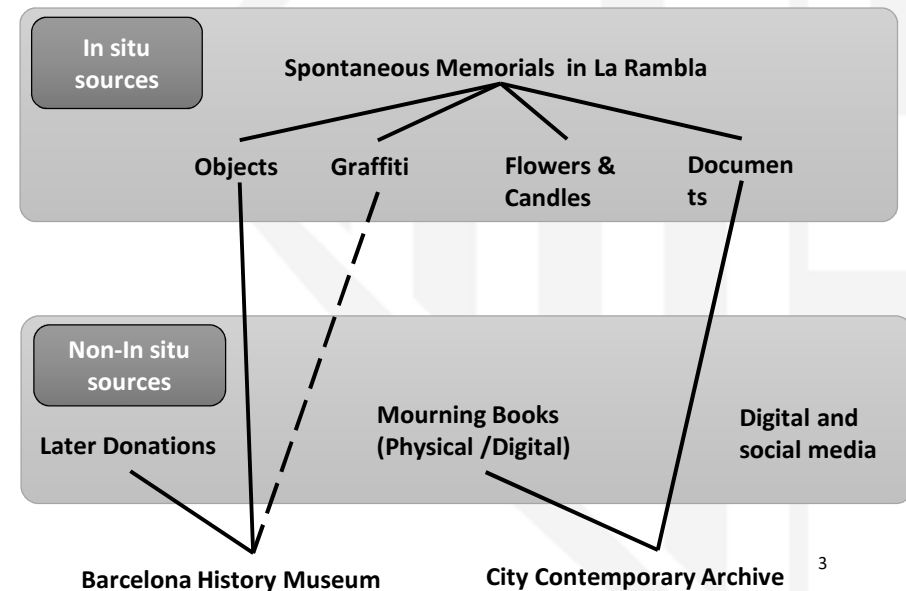
Candles: **29 m3**, recycled

Flowers (natural and dry) **2730 Kg**, recycled

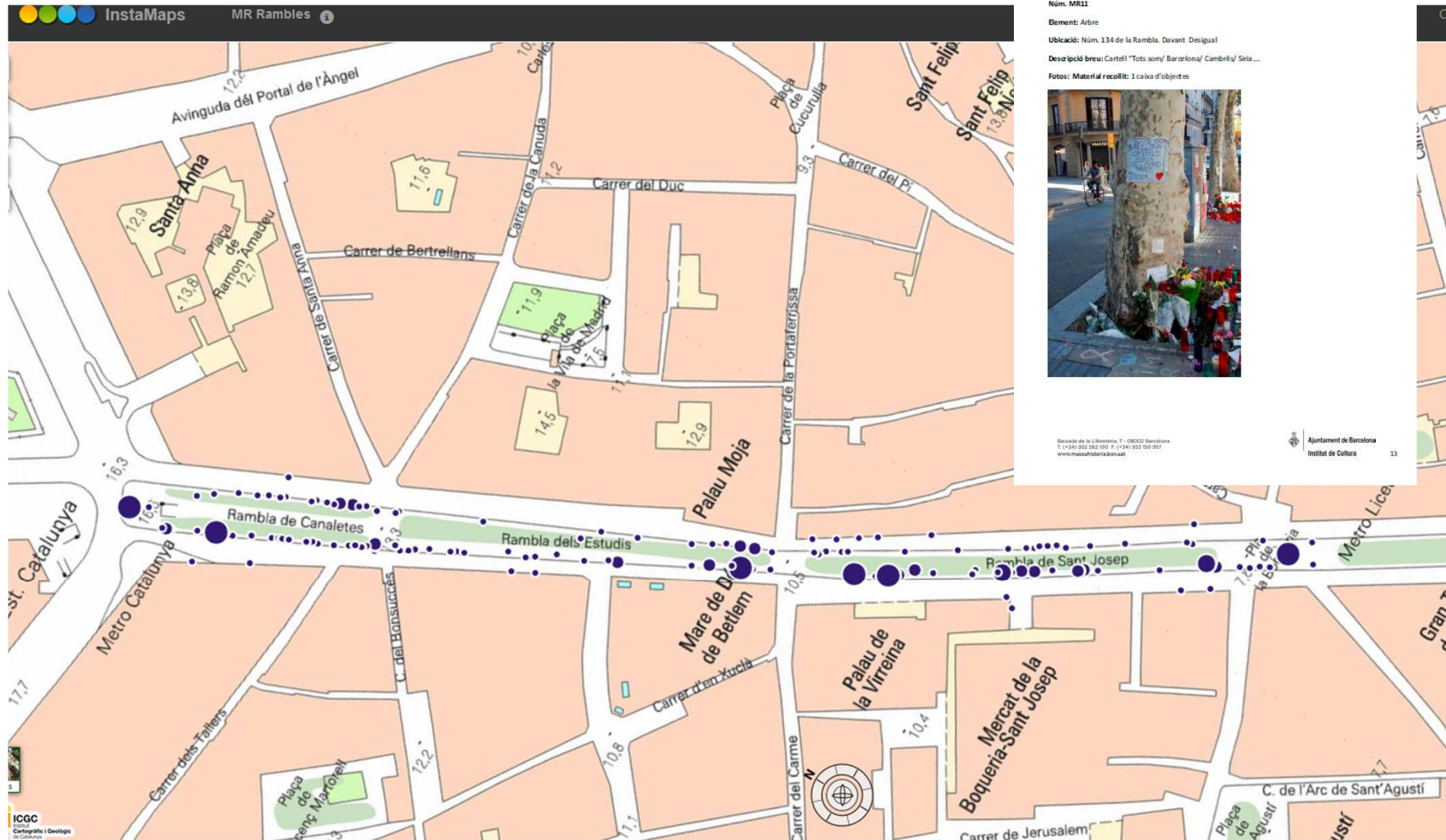
Ephemeral writings (on ground, on trees), documented

**4654** written documents, to the Archive

**7838** objects , to MUHBA



## Field documentation: Datasheets and cartography





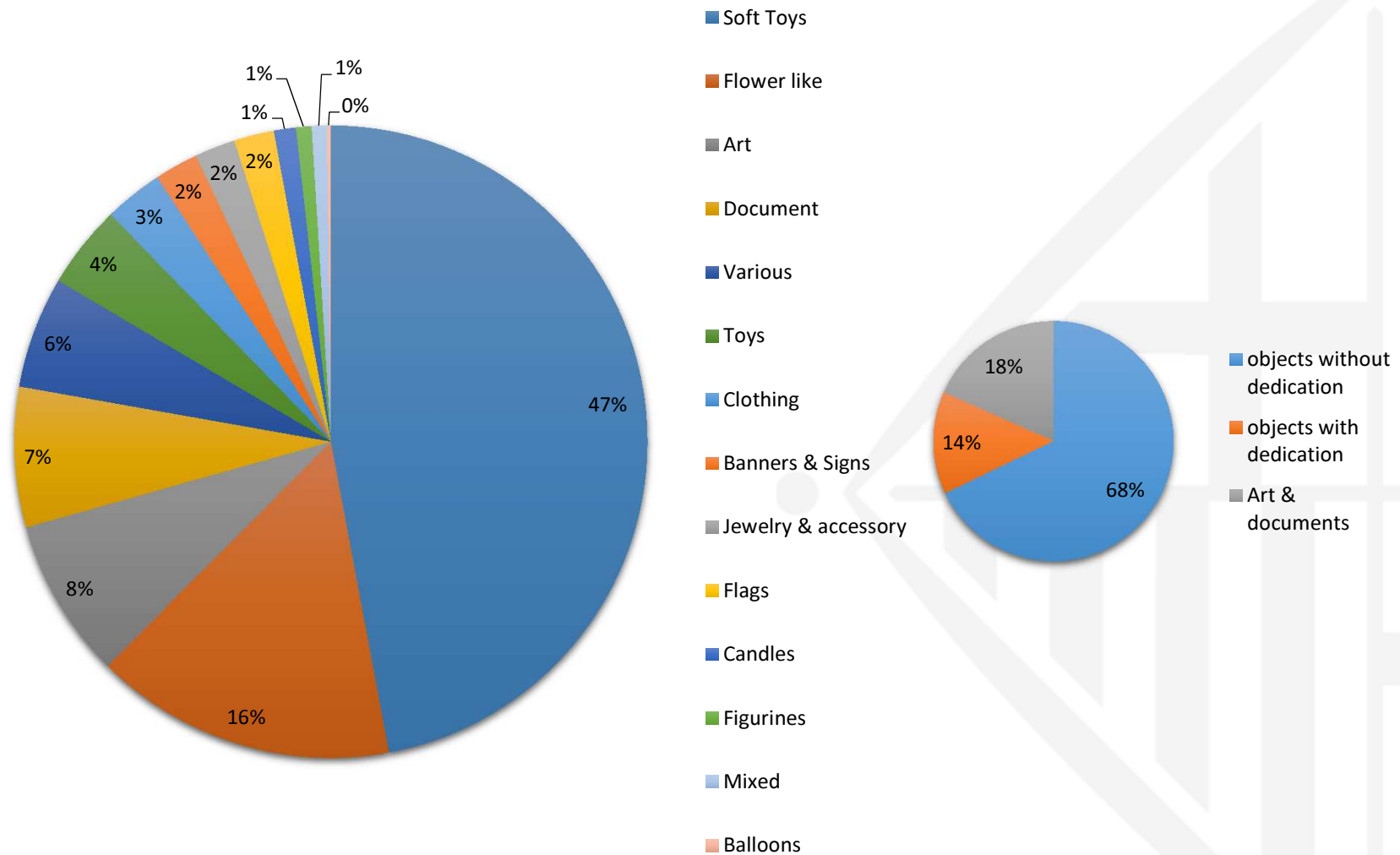
## Inventory and storage: a database to manage and to study





# The MUHBA archive is formed by 7838 objects

## Every object is registered and photographed





# The meaning of the objects: subjectivity in the archive formation

-Victim related objects: pictures, family and friend messages, specific items

-Unique objects



-Serialized and mass sold objects:

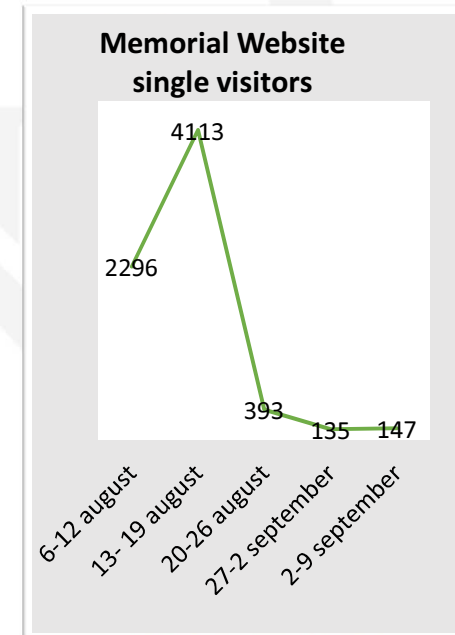
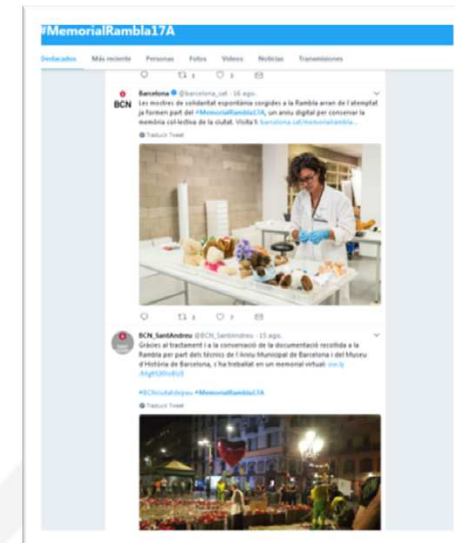


-“Senseless” objects





# Long term access: victims, general public and specialists





## Collecting affects the memorials: objects crafted to be displayed. Spontaneity?



# Media coverage: overreacted and oversized?



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## Future uses: the objects role for explaining the tragedies



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## Barcelona “La Rambla” August 18th 2018. One year after







**Thank you for your attention**

<http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/museuhistoria/en>  
<https://www.barcelona.cat/memorialrambla17a/en/>

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## Related videos

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<https://es.euronews.com/2017/08/29/retiran-los-objetos-depositados-por-las-victimas-en-barcelona>

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