

SITE CONTEXT: THE MARESME

Maresme = from latin *maritima*, same meaning as Catalan, "belonging to the sea"

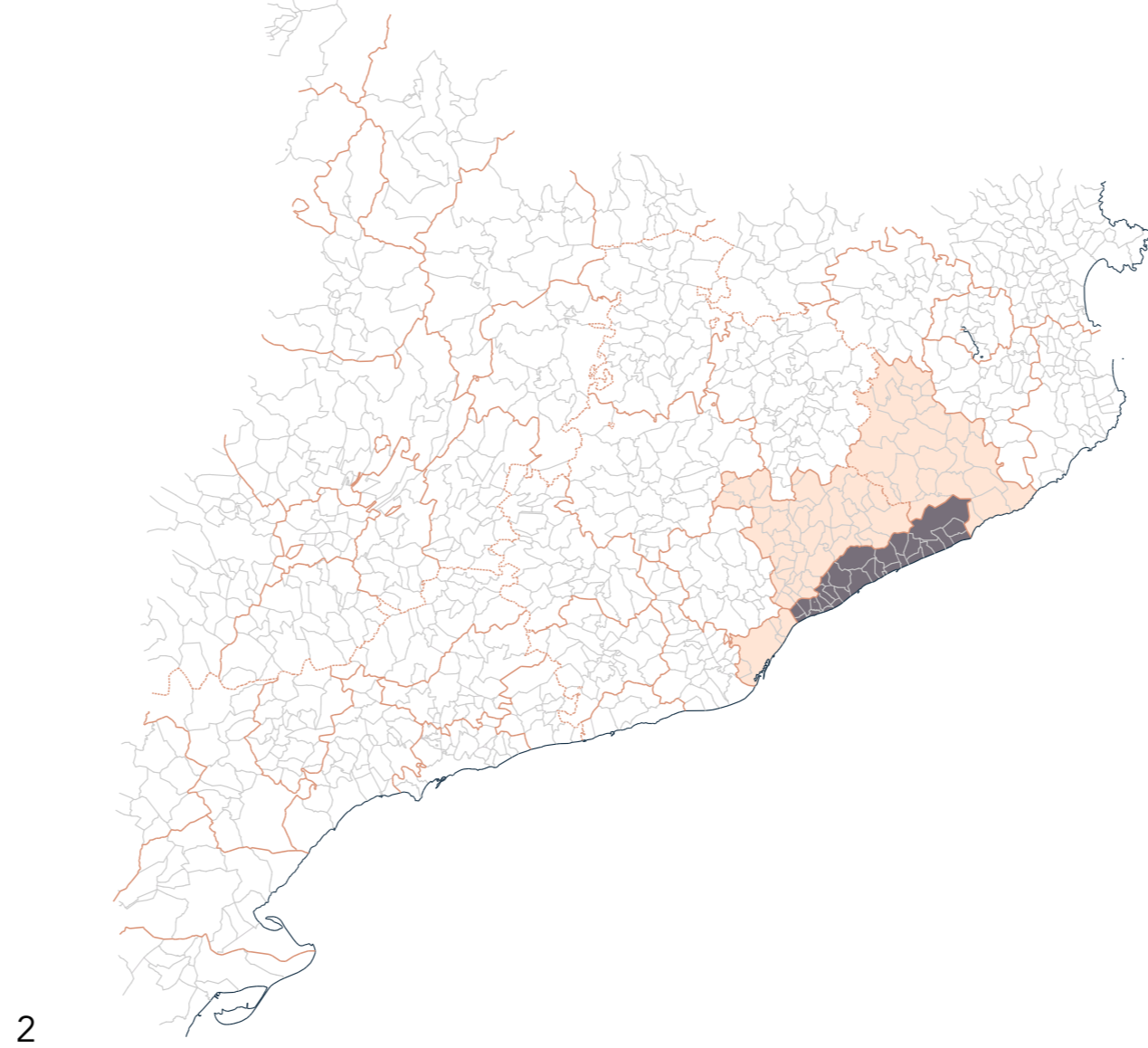
This is the name of this county, located north-east of Barcelona, with a complex morphology, consisting of the Serralada Litoral mountain range, the hills and the coastal area. The torrents of the Maresme, perpendicular to the coastal ridge, often follow fault lines and collect small tributaries along the descent. They have always represented a very significant feature of the natural landscape and of the identity of this county; they also perform important hydrological, ecological and social functions. The system of large parks and natural areas is articulated following the various massifs that constitute the Coastal Cordillera.

The new *Metropolitan Territorial Plan of Barcelona* foresees, with regard to transport infrastructures, the displacement of the suburban line Barcelona-Mataró in the hinterland, in order to increase its territorial coverage on some urban settlements that have been extended inland, improving the environmental quality of the coastal facade of the affected populations.

In the Lower Maresme, considering the municipality of Vilassar de Mar as the project area, it is mainly a question of acting on the coast to overcome the impact it generates on the relationship between city and sea. It is precisely starting from this consideration that the proposal inserts the waterfront project within a broader system that considers the coastal front as a pivotal meeting point not only with the city but also with the entire landscape.

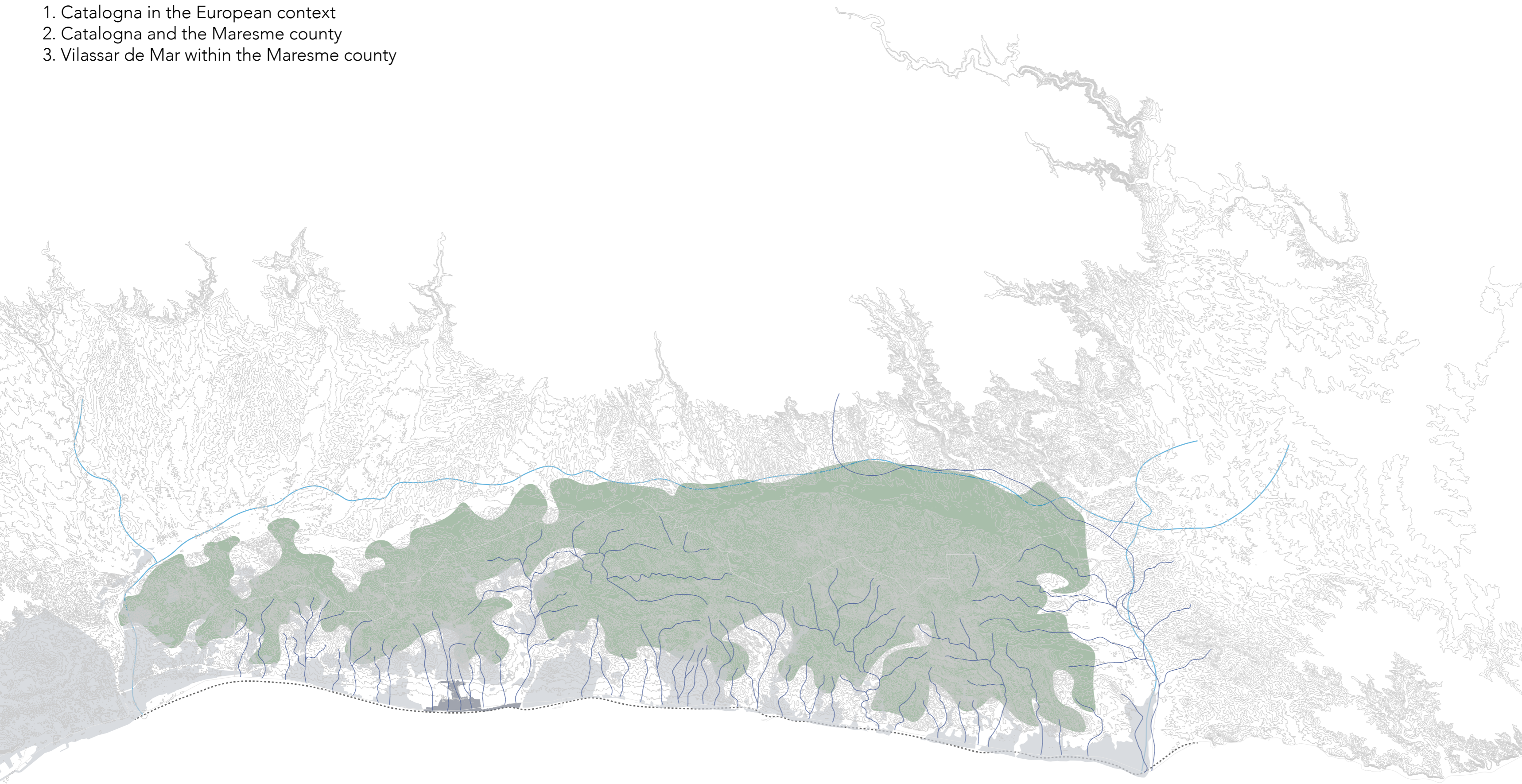


1. Catalogna in the European context

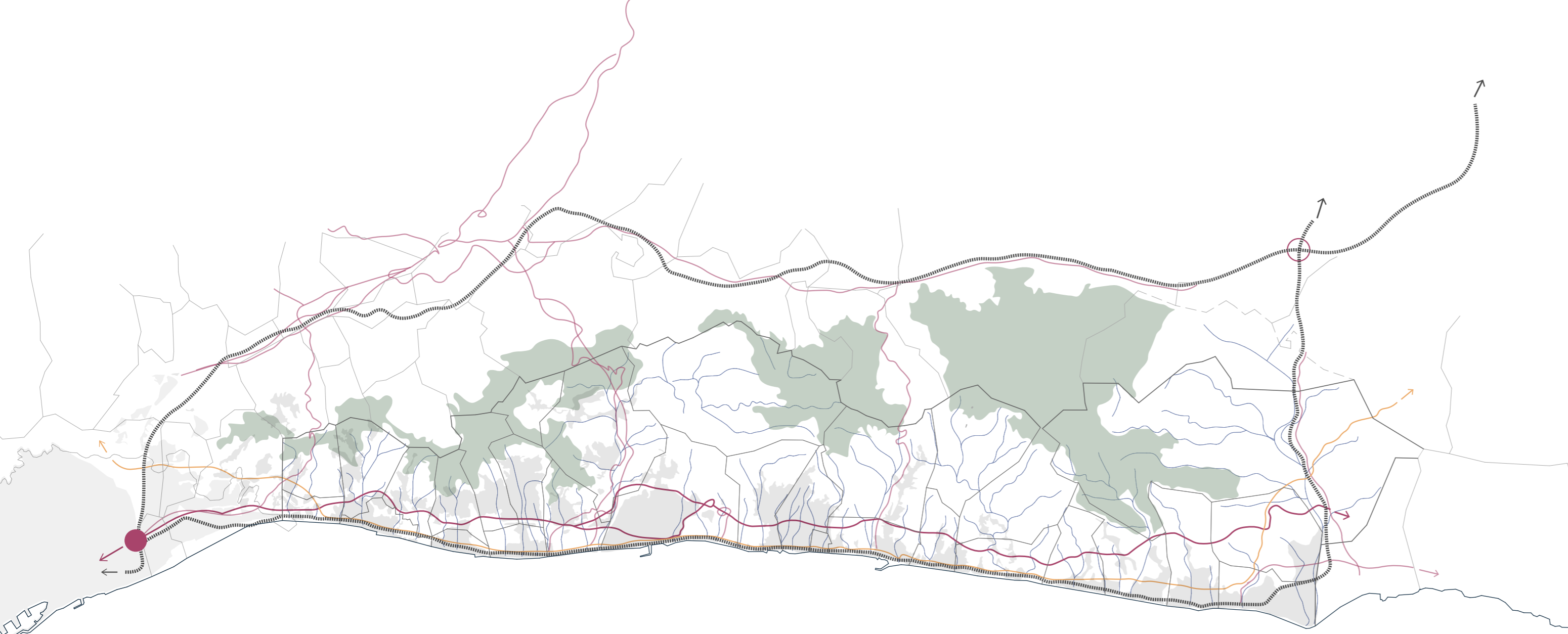


2. Catalogna and the Maresme county

3. Vilassar de Mar within the Maresme county



4. Morphologic framework of the Maresme county: rieras (torrents), orography and Serralada Litoral mountain range

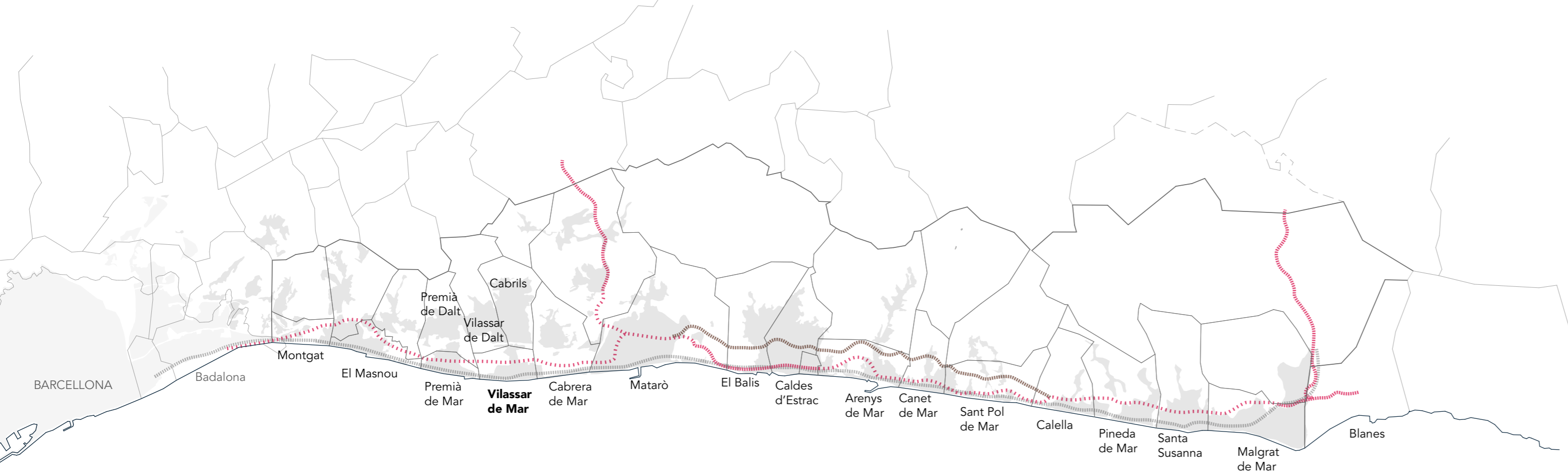


5. Infrastructural system of Maresme

- Existing railway network
- Avenida Nacional
- Primary and secondary highway system
- Municipal boundaries
- Interchange railway station
- Intersection of the railway without interchange station

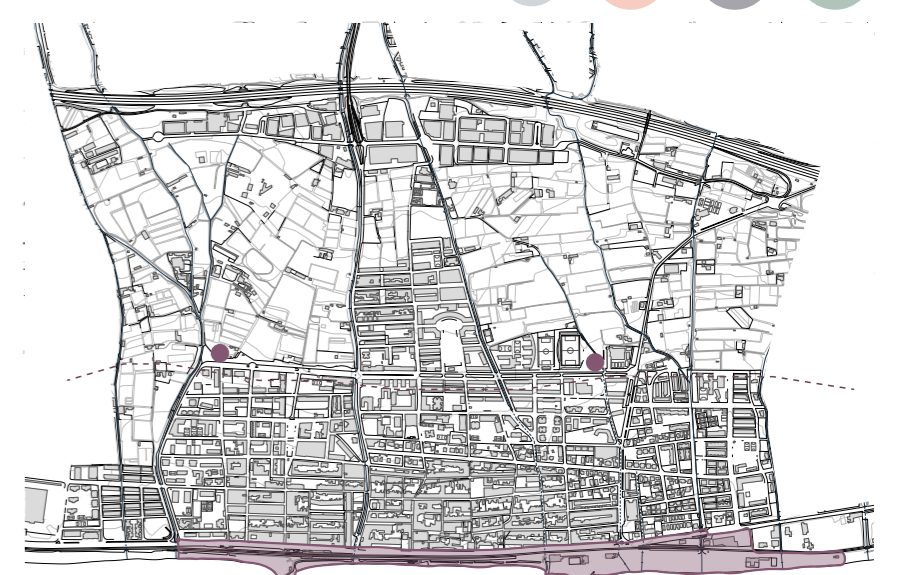
RELATION WITH THE SEA
BIODIVERSITY
FACILITIES
AGRICULTURE

Municipality	Relation with the Sea	Biodiversity	Facilities	Agriculture
MONTGAT	●	●	●	●
EL MASNOU	●	●	●	●
PREMIÀ DE MAR	●	●	●	●
VILASSAR DE MAR	●	●	●	●
CABRERA DE MAR	●	●	●	●
MATARÓ	●	●	●	●
EL BALIS	●	●	●	●
CALDES D'ESTRAC	●	●	●	●
ARENYS DE MAR	●	●	●	●
CANET DE MAR	●	●	●	●
SANT POL DE MAR	●	●	●	●
CALELLA	●	●	●	●
PINEDA DE MAR	●	●	●	●
SANTA SUSANNA	●	●	●	●
MALGRAT DEL MAR	●	●	●	●
BLANES	●	●	●	●



6. New railway network planned by the PTMB - Pla Territorial Metropolità de Barcelona (Territorial Metropolitan Plan of Barcelona)

- Underground railway line planned by the PTMB
- Surface railway line planned by the PTMB (surface line)
- Alternative of railway line
- Existing railway line



Focus on the project area (waterfront of Vilassar de Mar) and on the two new railway stations planned by the PTMB

