



## **When mobile phones replaced telephone booths**

The year 1990 was crucial in the history of telephone booths. Paradoxically, at the same time that a record 42,000 booths were installed in streets and squares all over Spain, mobile phones began to take off with the birth of Moviline. In the following years, mobile phones gradually gained ground in outside-home communication, and booths were no longer essential in the lives of Spaniards. The only exception to this were booths installed in rural areas, because, up until the arrival of mobile coverage in all corners of Spain, they continued to be important in the most isolated towns.

