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"Escultor César Molina Megías" Elementary and Primary Education Centre (EPEC) Churriana de la Vega, Granada. Junta de Andalucía

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# "ESCULTOR CÉSAR MOLINA MEGÍAS" ELEMENTARY AND PRIMARY EDUCATION CENTRE

### Churriana de la Vega, Granada

The construction of the "Escultor César Molina Megías" Elementary and Primary Education Centre (EPEC) in the town of Churriana de la Vega, Granada, has been promoted by the Ministry of Education of Andalusia through the Andalusian Public Education Agency. This new educational centre, included in the Investment Planning for Educational Infrastructure for the period 2016-2017, is 75% co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The EPEC is composed of two buildings, with a large teaching block divided into two floors which houses two different areas for elementary and primary students, as well as a gym with changing rooms in an annex building. The school campus is complemented by large outdoor spaces consisting of landscaped areas and sports fields, in addition to an organic garden that also serves as a teaching instrument.

This project involved a total investment of 2,751,221 euros, which has represented a 75% aid of ERDF contribution of 2,063,415 euros. This action has led to the creation of a C2-type school (i.e., with two units per elementary and primary level that accommodate 450 students). Thus, it has been possible to reduce the average number of students per teaching unit in Primary Education.

## It is considered a Project's Good Practice since it meets the following criteria:

1. The ERDF's role has been suitably disseminated among the beneficiaries, potential beneficiaries, and the general public:

The Directorate General of European Funds has spread this action through an advertising campaign consisting of insertions in local radio stations and a 4-page section about the project in the printed "20 minutos" newspaper, with a special print run of 3,000 copies in the province of Granada, which was the area of the action.







The campaign radio slots were broadcast in "Onda Cero", "Ser", "Cope" and "Canal Sur Radio", in the area of Granada, with a total of 98 inserts for a week. The slot is available at the following link:

# http://www.fondoseuropeosandalucia.es/radio/churriana.mp3

Other means of dissemination have implied digital publications such as the one in the "www.20minutos.es" newspaper, which echoed the inauguration of the building, highlighting the role of the ERDF for the construction of this educational infrastructure. The link to the news is the following:

https://www.20minutos.es/noticia/3331314/0/educacion-inaugura-colegio-churriana-vega-fondos-feder/



Finally, the Directorate General of European Funds has disseminated this action through the European Funds in Andalusia web, and specifically through the "Photographic Library" subcategory. The construction and start-up of the EPEC "Escultor César Molina Megías" has a place in this section with a brief description of the project and a photographic report referring to the ERDF's participation in its funding. The access link is the following:



# 2. The action incorporates innovative elements:

The design of the EPEC "Escultor César Molina Megías" conforms to the regulations for new public buildings, incorporating innovative construction elements related to energy efficiency, such as the use of LED technologies in the luminaires installation. Another innovative system used in the construction of the building is the implementation of mechanical ventilation, which preserves heat more efficiently during cold months and the freshness during warmer months.

On the other hand, the centres' management team applies a new working system, by "projects", that consists in adapting the educational rhythm to the individual needs of each student and counting on the families' active participation. The creation of an ecological garden in the centre is also an innovative initiative aimed at raising awareness among the youngest.



#### 3. Adaptation of the obtained results to the established objectives:

The start-up of the EPEC "Escultor César Molina Megías" gives coverage to the educational demand in Churriana de la Vega, province of Granada, offering a total of 450 places for students and holding the category of bilingual centre. It has two lines for each educational level and has been designed considering the possibility of expanding its capacity to up to 675 places, if needed in the future.



# 4. Resolution contribution of a regional problem or weakness:

In the town of Churriana de la Vega and in its closest environment, there were some shortcomings in terms of the number of school places offered in Primary and Elementary education cycles. These have been satisfied with this construction and the schooling of 450 students in the centre. In addition, the EPEC offers an "opening plan" that facilitates the reconciliation of family and educational life. With this, a before-school care service (of which almost 25% students benefit) and a meals service that is used by around 150 students is offered. A wide range of extracurricular activities solves the needs of students' integral development, sporting activities within the centre's facilities, languages, theatre, dance, painting, computer science, etc.

#### 5. High target population coverage:

With the inauguration of the EPEC "Escultor César Molina Megías", a total of 450 students were enrolled in the centre in the Primary and Elementary education levels, as well as a technical and teaching staff of 24 people. It is located in an area of Churriana de la Vega in which many young families live, offering them the educational places and extracurricular alternatives their children require. The construction of the EPEC has been conceived so that in the future it can be offered to up to a total of 675 places. With this, the needs of the Churriana de la Vega inhabitants are covered in terms of Elementary and Primary educational offer.



6. The horizontal criteria for equal opportunities and non-discrimination, environmental sustainability and/or social responsibility have been taken into account:

The conception of an open educational system, together with the active participation of families, meets the criteria of equal opportunities and social responsibility. It is also important to note that, in this sense, the offered extracurricular activities, before-school care and meals services facilitate family, work and educational reconciliation of the population that benefits from the EPEC.

The creation of an ecological garden in the centre, in which students will actively "work", shall serve to raise the youngest awareness of the importance of environmental sustainability.



## 7. Synergies with other public intervention policies or instruments:

This intervention, such is the implementation of the EPEC "Escultor César Molina Megías", is included in the 2017-2018 Infrastructure and Facilities Planning for Non-University Education of the Ministry of Education, as well as in the 2017-2018 Investment Planning for Educational Infrastructure. Both plans are aimed at construction, expansion or restoration of public schools, among other actions.







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