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"Works of the mini-hydroelectric power station project in the Valmayor reservoir" Canal de Isabel II

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The operation "Works of the mini-hydroelectric power station project in the Valmayor reservoir" is presented as Best Practice, and is located downstream of the same reservoir on the Aulencia River within the municipality of Colmenarejo.



The operation "Works of the mini-hydroelectric power station project in the Valmayor reservoir" has the purpose of taking advantage of the flows taken from the reservoir in order to generate electrical energy from a renewable source. This is achieved through the construction of an electricity generating system that is incorporated into the cycle of water discharges from the dam.

The project had a total investment of ϵ 6,575,978 and has a co-financing provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), of ϵ 3,287,989, which entails a 50% of the total cost of the works.

The **impact** of the construction and implementation of the new mini-power station will reduce the emissions in the atmosphere of 627 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per year.

The "Works of the mini-hydroelectric power station project in the Valmayor reservoir", **is considered best practice** given that it complies with all of the following criteria:

The action was conveniently disseminated among the beneficiaries and the public in general:

This section reflects a set of communication actions that have allowed compliance with the objectives set out in the dissemination of European Union funding through the ERDF of the action. In all cases always informing of its co-financing by the European Union through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

In this respect, the web collects information that describes the activity of the project:







PROYECTO DE CONSTRUCCIÓN DE LA MINICENTRAL ELÉCTRICA DE VALMAYOR

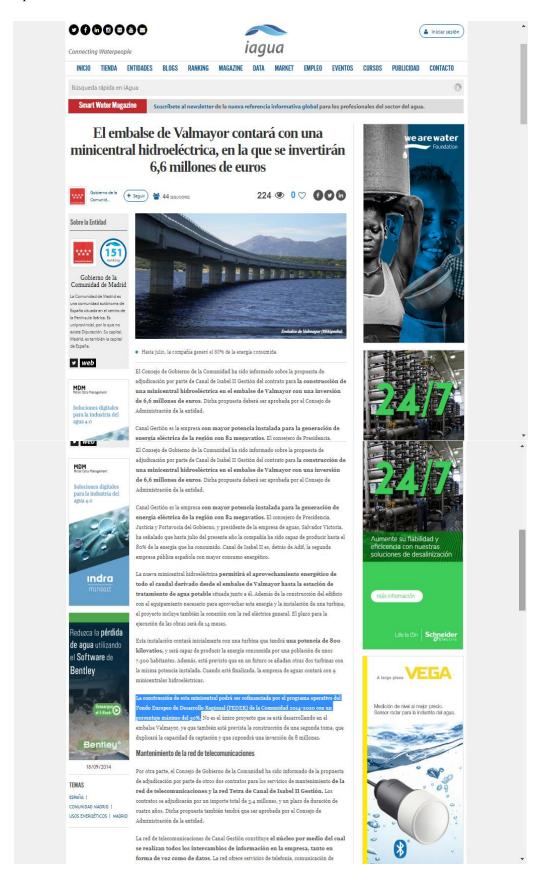
El objeto del proyecto es permitir el aprovechamiento hidroeléctrico de los caudales tomados del embalse de Valmayor mediante la ejecución de una minicentral hidroeléctrica junto al canal que conduce las aguas del embalse a la ETAP de Valmayor.

Inversión total del proyecto: 6.575.978,46 € Ayuda Fondo FEDER esperada: 3.287.989,23 €

- Consulta la información del contrato de la asistencia técnica
- Consulta la información del contrato de obra del proyecto.
- Consulta la ficha del proyecto,



Articles on specialised media in the sector were included:



Informative hoarding:



Digital and printed leaflet distributed during 2018:

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Digital and printed leaflet distributed during 2019:

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Nueva minicentral eléctrica de Valmayor







Participation in the regional fair of Sierra Norte:



The action incorporates innovative elements.

It should be noted in this section that the project incorporates, as innovation, new technical elements that enable the efficient generation of electricity with small water flows, such as the power frequency controllers of the electrical power generators that feed the discharged water.

As a result, greater efficiency is obtained in the electrical generation both for the flows destined to the generation of electricity and for the greater useful operation time of the installation.

We have also tried to minimise the environmental impact, highlighting that the operation takes advantage of infrastructure (Valmayor Dam) built in the 1970s. Additionally, the building constructed to house the installation

has an integrating design with the environment, with a rounded cover that refines its profile, built with new material, and which considered the future expansion when calculating its sizing.

Alignment of the results obtained with the established objectives.

The objectives are improving efficiency and energy saving and with the substitution of conventional energies with renewable energies in public infrastructures of sanitation, distribution and drainage, and waste water treatment systems in the Community of Madrid, highlighting the Energy Improvement Plan of Canal de Isabel II.

This was achieved with the construction and commissioning of the new mini-power station generating enough energy each year to supply part of the electricity consumption of the Canal de Isabel II entity (currently equivalent to the average consumption of 600 homes), reducing emissions in the atmosphere. The operation is therefore a contribution to the care of the environment and the fight against climate change.

The energy generated is completely clean, renewable and sustainable in the sense that, as it originates from renewable sources, its greenhouse gas emmissions are non-existent. This means that it reduces the electricity consumption of the general network, given that it takes advantage of energy produced for self-consumption in the Canal de Isabel II facilities.

Furthermore, with the construction of this mini-power station, Canal de Isabel II provides its own energy to its facilities without affecting, under no circumstances, the priority that the public service has of the water supply. It substitutes contaminating energy sources for others that are totally clean, in this way reducing emissions that pollute the atmosphere in addition to achieving a lower energy dependence.

Contribution to the resolution of a problem or weakness detected in the area of implementation.

The regional weakness in the field of renewable energy that should be able to be obtained with the reservoirs of the Canal de Isabel Segunda dams that have been initially built with the sole objective of supplying drinking water to the region of Madrid begins with this action.

With this operation now implemented we accomplish that, with the same water that is discharged for human supply, we obtain electric energy from renewable sources.

With this experience, similar works are planned in the future to obtain an energy use in the other Canal de Isabel II facilities, benefiting from an energy that potentially exists and that was not being recovered. If this were not done, it would dissipate without being used. All this contributes to an improved efficiency in the exploitation of the existing hydraulic infrastructure.

High level of coverage regarding the population to which it is directed.

Being the energy generated each year in the new installation completely clean, we avoid each operational year the emission into the atmosphere of six-hundred twenty tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) which would be generated in the case that this was obtained from fossil fuels. This reduction of emissions improves the air quality that the population breathes, therefore, the benefits are immediate for both the population of the Community of Madrid and the neighbouring provinces.

Consideration of the horizontal criteria of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, as well as social responsibility and environmental sustainability.

The sustainable nature of this action is evident. The energy produced is completely clean (zero emissions). The construction project had all the necessary visas, permits and prior authorisations for its implementation, among which the Environmental Impact Statement should be highlighted.

This action guarantees the water and energy supply as part of the social responsibility with which the public entity Canal de Isabel II carries out all its activities having a certified Quality and Environmental Management System according to current quality standards.

Likewise, the entity guarantees equal opportunities for men and women in all its working processes, and non-discrimination based on nationality, sex, race, religion, disability, age or sexual orientation.

In line with its social commitment, Canal de Isabel II is, since 2006, founding partner of the Spanish Network of the United Nations Global Compact, the largest voluntary initiative for corporate social responsibility in the world.

Synergies with other policies or instruments of public intervention.

The installation of this new mini-power station in Canal de Isabel II is directly related to the actions that are being carried out, both at the European, national and regional levels, in compliance with decarbonisation policies in the energy sector.

The European Union's commitment to reduce its emissions includes, among other objectives, the development of a power generation park based exclusively on renewable energies, and has successively implemented the Europe 2020 Strategy for climate change and energy sustainability, the 2030 climate and energy framework and a low carbon economy for 2050 in the EU.

Aligned with Europe, energy policies such as the Energy Saving and Efficiency Plans, the National Renewable Energy Action Plan and the Renewable Energy Plan have been developed in Spain.

At the Autonomous Community level, the Community of Madrid has published its Energy Plan of the Community of Madrid: Horizon 2020 and the Air Quality and Climate Change Strategy.

Thus, within the framework of these actions, it is included as one of the star points of the Strategic Plan of the Canal de Isabel II company and that affects, among other matters, the increase in renewable generation capacity for reducing the emission of pollutants into the atmosphere.

Finally, Canal de Isabel II, within its Strategic Plan, has the line to promote environmental quality and energy efficiency, aimed at reducing specific energy consumption and mitigating the emission of greenhouse gases in its own facilities.







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