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The Roquetas de Mar detour, with 7.4 kilometres for its main section, consists of two roads, with two lanes for each direction. The new access road to Roquetas de Mar and Vicar directly benefits 150,000 inhabitants, as well as the nearly 35,000 daily drivers who transit it to access industrial estates, shopping centres, agricultural workplaces, and other towns of western Almeria.

This project has involved a total investment of around EUR 43,300,000, receiving 80% support from the European Union through the European Regional Development Fund which represented an amount of around EUR 34,640,000. This is intended to ensure seamless mobility, interoperability between networks, and adequate access to major logistic platforms to reach maritime and road freight traffic figures of 446.242 tonnes in 2023, as compared to the 309,931 of 2013.



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:

First, this action has been disseminated in accordance with the mandatory regulations laid down in Community legislation as it has been displayed in the permanent work sign located at the site during the construction works of the detour:



Likewise, the Regional Ministry of Development, Infrastructure and Spatial Planning website, whose link can be found on the single website of the Management Authority, disseminates an information sheet covering this action, highlighting the contribution of the ERDF:

https://juntadeandalucia.es/organismos/fomentoinfraestructurasyordenaciondelterritorio/consejeria/sobre -consejeria/fondos-europeos/paginas/fe-infraestructuras.html

Then, in November 2017, the Act of commissioning the detour of Roquetas de Mar was held with the presence of the regional authorities. On the explanatory plaque of the works, the European Union logo appears, with reference to the ERDF and the motto "Andalusia moves with Europe".



This event was of great relevance and had an outstanding presence in the regional and local media in which the ERDF contribution was mentioned, as can be seen in the following links:

Ideal Roquetas de Mar:

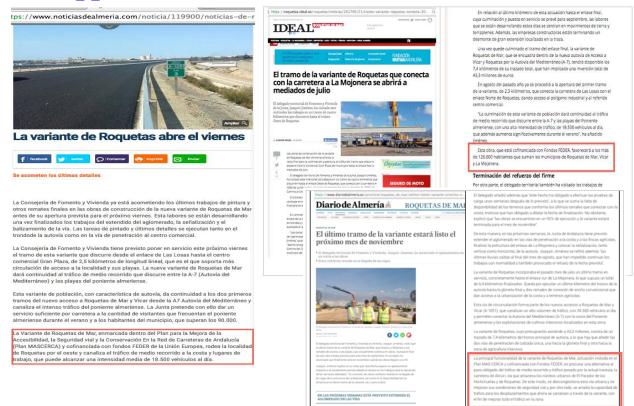
https://roquetas.ideal.es/roquetas/noticias/201706/21/tramo-variante-roquetas-conecta-20170621151453.html

"Noticias de Almería" website:

https://www.noticiasdealmeria.com/noticia/119900/noticias-de-roquetas/la-variante-de-roquetas-abre-el-viernes.html

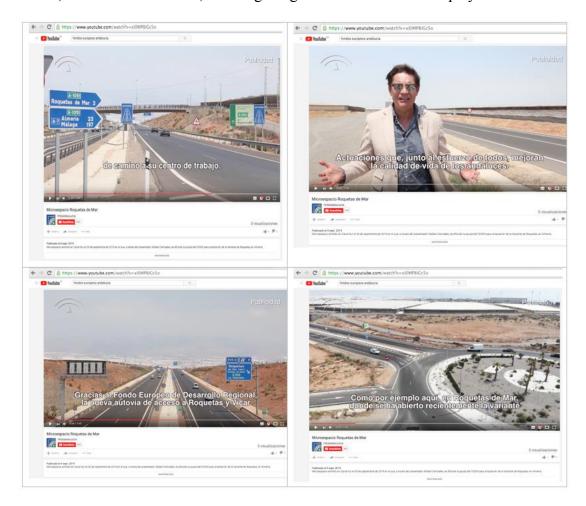
Diario de Almería:

 $https://www.diariodealmeria.es/provincia/roquetas_de_mar/ultimo-tramo-variante-proximo-noviembre_0_1176782790.html$



On the other hand, the Directorate General of European Funds issued a 60-second micro-space on Canal Sur TV on 3 September 2019 (two broadcasts between 4.40 pm and 8.00 pm). In it, through the tv host Rafael Cremades, the ERDF's help for the construction of the Roquetas de Mar detour was disseminated. This micro-space can be accessed through the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xI0MP8iGc5o

This video has also been disseminated on the social networks of the DG of European Funds such as Facebook, Twitter and Youtube, reaching a high number of views and playbacks:



2. The action incorporates innovative elements:

The innovative aspect of this action lies in the tasks that involve encapsulating the track's sand that is to be used as filler. These tasks are carried out in a timely manner during clearing works.

To make the most of the track materials and avoid resorting to loans, an embankment has been built with the sands taken from nearby clearing works. This material has been utilised through its encapsulation by following a specific procedure previously drafted. The action has been carried out by paving with two layers of sand and, then, one of material for embankment, and so on repeatedly. The action has been developed by streets and staggered. At the slope edges and in the road divider, appropriate filling material has been used so that the sand would always stay encapsulated.



The road track itself can also be considered an innovation, as it changes the original A-391 route, which is much more populated and crosses the town of Roquetas, for a bypass that saves time and, above all, increases safety and quality of life of the Roquetas inhabitants.

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

The construction of a high capacity road in western Almeria has met the objective of giving answer to the traffic demands of those persons heading to the greenhouse region (commuting for work reasons) and to the coast (for tourist reasons). In this way, it benefits a population of more than 150,000 inhabitants, not only of the town of Roquetas de Mar, but also from the scattered population in Aguadulce, Vicar, El Parador de la Hortichuela, and La Mojonera. Workers from outside and those who move for leisure and tourism reasons also benefit from this action.

This action has an average traffic of almost 35,000 vehicles/day, which doubles during the summer months.

4. Resolution contribution of a regional problem or weakness:

New accesses to Roquetas de Mar avoids accessibility problems of western Almeria. With this new infrastructure, this region connects directly with the Trans-European Transport Network via the A7 Mediterranean road.

Mobility in western Almeria was a key concern because of the long queues of cars and traffic jams that originated in the A-391 access to Roquetas de Mar and the coastal neighbourhoods. In addition, this problem increased exponentially during the summer months. This action increases the capacity of the road and builds the A-1051 road and new accesses to Roquetas de Mar and Vicar, thus solving access problems to western Almeria not only regarding travels for tourist reasons, but also those for work reasons to farmlands (greenhouses).



5. High target population coverage:

The A-1051 access road to Roquetas de Mar has a high degree of coverage over the Western Almeria population. The fact that six links have been designed in the Roquetas de Mar detour allows, under total safety conditions, access to all the populations scattered throughout the western region. It can be said that the western population is 100% cared for on equity conditions.



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

The construction of a new road in western Almeria has meant the elimination of almost all traffic jams and bottlenecks that occurred in the area. The old crossroad or A-391 road had almost thirty zebra crossings along its route. Now, half-route traffic has been diverted to the new infrastructure. This means less polluting emission into the atmosphere and less CO2 emission, which can be considered an environmental improvement.

7. Synergies with other public intervention policies or instruments:

The main functionality of the Roquetas de Mar detour action included in the Plan MAS CERCA (Plan for the Improvement of Accessibility, Safety and Conservation of the Andalusian Road Network) is to seek an alternative for half-route and heavy traffic that is forced to go through the current crossroad. This road is the Alicun road, which crosses the urban centres of El Parador de las Hortichuelas and Roquetas de Mar. This alternative decongests this urban route and improves its safety conditions as well as, on the other hand, expanding the traffic capacity for the journeys that are now channelled through the detour.

The Roquetas de Mar detour includes four links to other roads and equipment, thus favouring a population of 150,000 inhabitants that add up the towns of Aguadulce, Vicar, El Parador de la Hortichuelas, Roquetas de Mar, and La Mojonera.

In addition to improving safety conditions, accessibility and expanding traffic capacity on the axis of the A-1051 road, in which the Roquetas de Mar detour is inserted, it allows connectivity with the Trans-European Transport Network. This is thanks to the connection with the A-7 road, which is the great articulator axis of the entire Spanish Mediterranean arch, from Barcelona to Algerias (Cadiz).







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