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Biosanitary Campus in Albacete

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The action presented consists of the construction of the new Faculty of Pharmacy as an extension of the previous facilities within the Biosanitary Campus in Albacete. This new facility complements the campus in its social-health, educational and research purposes. Up to the moment of its commissioning, the three promotions who have graduated in the degree of Pharmacy in Albacete did so in the multi-purpose building of the same campus.

This three-floor building occupies an area of 6,172 square metres and is located on the Biosanitary Campus in Albacete, next to the Faculty of Medicine; the Regional Centre for Biomedical Research (CRIB); the Institute for Research into Neurological Disabilities (IDINE); and the Albacete University Hospital Centre.

The building, located in Calle Jose M^a Sánchez Ibáñez, is based on criteria of sustainability, in both its energy and environmental aspects, occupying an area of almost 6,200 square metres, of which 5,500 square metres are useful. The Faculty of Pharmacy is built on three floors: on the ground floor are the classrooms and the Administration and Dean's Office area; on the first floor are the lecturers' offices, 20 doubles and six singles; and on the third floor there are eleven laboratories, together with a reagents warehouse.

The functional programme includes, among other spaces: two computer rooms, seven teaching rooms and two seminar rooms, a degree room, a group work room and a pharmacy office simulation room, the first among the Spanish faculties of Pharmacy.



Virtual tour (Open next and successive hyperlinks with right mouse button)

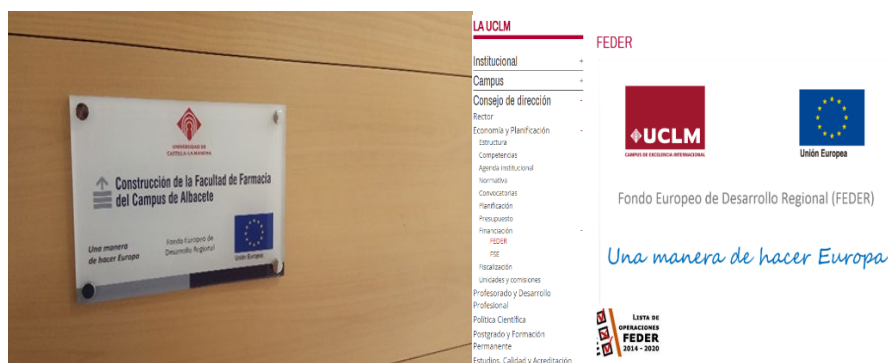
[AB Faculty of Pharmacy \(uclm.es\)](http://uclm.es)

The total eligible cost of the project was 7,098,636 euros, with a grant of 4,687,453 euros from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The new building is projected to graduate 600 students over the next 5 years.

The following are the arguments that lead this project to be considered a Best Practice, in accordance with the criteria defined for this purpose.

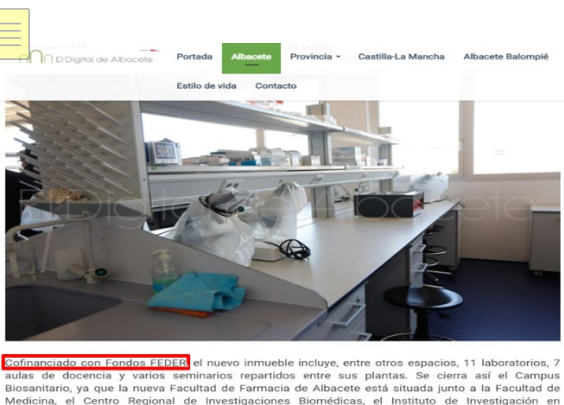
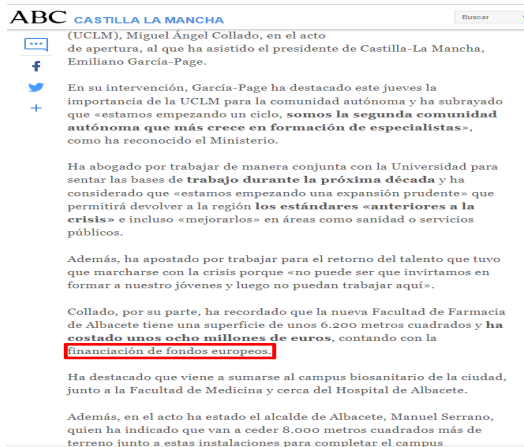
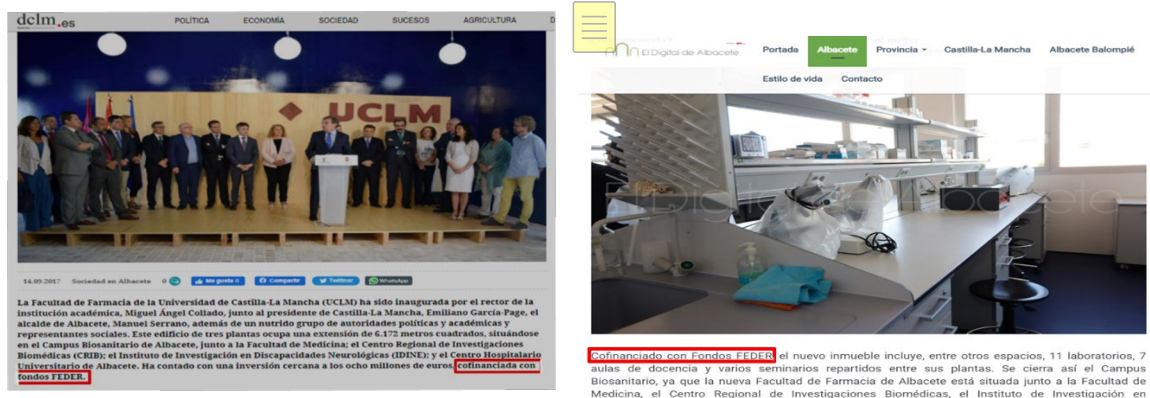
Criterion 1. The role of the ERDF in the action has been adequately disseminated to beneficiaries, potential beneficiaries and the general public.

The action has **complied with the publicity requirements** both in the contracting procedure and in the permanent publicity requirements. Specifically, a plaque has been placed in the entrance hall of the Faculty of Pharmacy. Likewise, information on the action carried out has been included on the website of the University of Castilla-La Mancha.



Other communication and information actions and measures have also been carried out to reinforce and give greater visibility to the co-financing of the action by the European Union, including the following:

Various media in Castilla-La Mancha, in their online and/or printed versions, have published **news** about the implementation of the project and its progress.



It is also worth highlighting the dissemination of the action in media focused in health.

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futuro de nuestra Sanidad, según indica la nota de la Junta de Comunidades.

Ignacio Romeo destacó que "los colegios profesionales estamos orgullosos de tener unas nuevas instalaciones para la Facultad de Farmacia, que, a pesar de su juventud, ya es un referente en el resto de España". E incidia que "cuantos mejores instalaciones y medios tengan los estudiantes de Farmacia, mejor preparados saldrán luego para dar servicio a la farmacia y a la sociedad", al tiempo que señalaba que "es importante que la UCLM y los colegios vayamos de la mano porque los que hoy son alumnos mañana serán colegiados".

Un edificio que cierra el campus biosanitario albaceteño

El nuevo edificio de la **Facultad de Farmacia de Albacete** está concebido con los más altos estándares de calidad y eficiencia energética, ocupa una extensión cercana a los 6.000 metros cuadrados de superficie y se desarrolla en tres plantas en torno a tres patios.

Cofinanciado con **Fondos Feder**, el nuevo inmueble incluye, entre otros espacios, 11 laboratorios, 7 aulas de docencia y varios seminarios repartidos entre sus plantas. Se cierra así el campus biosanitario, ya que la nueva Facultad de Farmacia de Albacete está situada junto a la **Facultad de Medicina**, el Centro Regional de Investigaciones Biomédicas (CRIB), el Instituto de Investigación en Discapacidades Neurológicas (IDINE) y el Centro Hospitalario Universitario de Albacete, con el que se pretende dar cabida a todas las necesidades de los estudiantes de esta rama.

Durante su intervención, el rector de la Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Miguel Ángel Collado, ha apuntado que la obra de la nueva **Facultad de Farmacia ha costado 8 millones de euros**, que dispone de 64 profesores y que tiene una proyección de titular 600 estudiantes en los próximos 5 años, sigue diciendo la nota de la Junta de Comunidades.

Finally, a video was produced on the opening of the Faculty of Pharmacy informing the public and the university community about the action and its co-financing by the ERDF.



The image has a hyperlink to the video.

Criterion 2. Incorporation of innovative elements.

The action and construction of the Faculty of Pharmacy involves the improvement and extension of the infrastructures available on the Albacete Campus through the inclusion of the infrastructure within the research ecosystem in the bio-health field.

In this way, the existence of already established degrees in the bio-health area such as Medicine (Albacete and Ciudad Real) and Nursing (Albacete, Ciudad Real, Cuenca and Toledo), as well as the existence of the Centre for Biomedical Research (CRIB) and the Botanical Institute with headquarters in Albacete, both of which have a regional dimension, make it possible to **create a bio-health research and teaching centre** on this Campus, a fact which is also considered strategic within the Region.

Criterion 3. Adequacy of the results obtained to the established objectives.

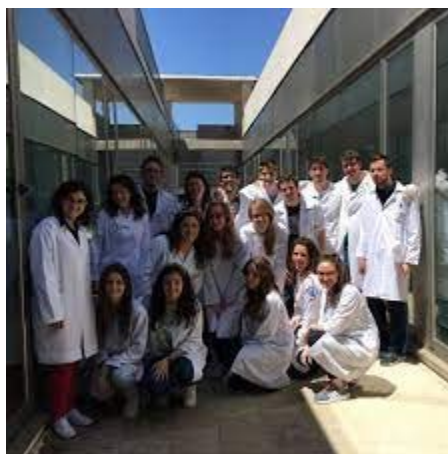
In relation to the goal of improving higher education and postgraduate training infrastructures, the result obtained is in line with the creation of the necessary infrastructure for the location of the UCLM Faculty of Pharmacy.

This includes the construction and equipment necessary to house the different university degrees for both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in order to position the UCLM at the forefront in these fields, while at the same time providing the institution with the necessary technology to train the professionals of the future.

Criterion 4. Contribution to the resolution of a regional problem or weakness.

The social demand for the Degree in Pharmacy has been previously studied by the UCLM before its implementation in 2010. In the studies carried out by the Office of the Rector of the UCLM presented to the Governing Council on 17 April 2008, they show that in the academic years 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2006/07 292 students from the provinces of Albacete, Ciudad Real, Cuenca and Toledo, which are the provinces where the UCLM has University Campuses carried out their studies of the Degree in Pharmacy in the surrounding area because there was no Faculty of Pharmacy in the region.

This number of students was sufficient to justify the number of new places offered at the start of academic activities in the Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy. Furthermore, it is worth highlighting the catalytic effect of the implementation of a university degree in the region that did not previously exist, increasing student demand, as has occurred in other degrees in the biosanitary branch, such as Medicine or Technical, as well as in various Engineering degrees.



The White Book for the Degree in Pharmacy (ANECA, 2004) shows the very high degree of social demand for this degree in the current national framework and more specifically at the University of Castilla-La Mancha due to its high prospects for employment due to its multidisciplinary nature that combines training in a wide range of scientific subjects.

However, the initial adaptation of space in the Multi-purpose Building on the Albacete campus did not have adequate possibilities to absorb the strong demand from those interested in taking these studies. This degree is so much in demand that every year around 400 applicants are left out.

In the case of the implementation of the necessary infrastructure for the Pharmacy degree, relevant facts have been taken into account, such as the fact that every year more than a third of the region's young people leave for neighboring autonomous communities to begin their studies in degrees which, as in the case of Pharmacy, are not offered by the Regional University.

Criterion 5. High degree of coverage of the target population.

The action benefits the students of the Pharmacy degree and Masters, with a total capacity of the infrastructure for a student body of 561.

For the 2017/2018 academic year, the number of students enrolled in the Faculty of Pharmacy in Albacete was 388: Bachelor's Degree- 363; Master's Degree in Male Infertility- 5; and the Master's Degree in Orthopedics for Pharmacists- 20.



Criterion 6. Consideration of the horizontal criteria of equal opportunities and environmental sustainability.

The UCLM actively encourages the participation of women in Science. To this end, it develops actions around access to promotion and the dissemination of women's professional careers. In this regard, it should be noted that the UCLM has been commemorating the International Day of Women and Girls in Science every 11 February since 2015.

Within the construction design process used for the Faculty of Pharmacy, the University of Castilla la Mancha contributes to reducing the environmental impact of buildings by applying energy saving and efficiency measures in the construction of educational and research buildings.

For this reason, the building has a solution through the application of a thermal envelope materialized in a ventilated wall with natural stone cladding which, together with the air-conditioning and recovery system, achieves a type B energy rating.



Criterion 7. Synergies with other policies or instruments of public intervention.

The proposed action has effective synergies in relation to the area of research, especially in two fields: the lines of research in pharmacy, including neuroprotective systems against ageing, therapies to support the chronically ill, human reproductive medicine, new chemotherapeutics; and the adjacent infrastructure of the Bioincubator building.



It also has a Pilot Plant of the Faculty of Pharmacy “INNOPHARMA APP” consisting of two laboratories for the development of applications of pharmaceutical interest.

[Video presentation: Faculty of Pharmacy of Albacete UCLM - YouTube](#)





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