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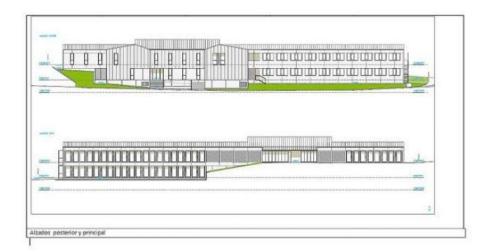
### CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW LAS VEGAS-LOS CAMPOS HEALTH CENTER (CORVERA DE ASTURIAS)

The action that is presented consists of the construction works of a new health center that will provide health coverage to Las Vegas and Los Campos, two of the most populous nuclei in the municipality of Corvera de Asturias, located in the central Asturian area, bordering Avilés.

The building of the new center will represent a clear improvement in relation to the current one in terms of its dimensions, since it will have more than 2,500 square meters of constructed area for assistance, 800 more than now, distributed over two upper floors in which 31 consultations will be located, general medicine, pediatrics and nursing, which represents an increase of eleven compared to the current ones. It will also have physiotherapy and childbirth preparation rooms, as well as a multipurpose pediatric consultation and a teaching room.

In addition, the building includes an emergency area that is designed as a functionally autonomous and independent area, which the current center lacks, which, however, has communication with the health center and will be equipped with two medical consultations, two infirmary and an observation room.

It is a work that is carried out by the Ministry of Health, with an award budget of 3,383,402 euros, of which 80% are co-financed by the European Union through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The total number of users benefited by the implementation of this infrastructure reaches around 11,000 people. You can see the plan below:



The arguments that make this project be considered as Good Practice are presented, in accordance with the criteria defined for this purpose.

#### High diffusion among beneficiaries and the general public

Beyond complying with the regulatory requirements in terms of communication, with the advertising poster during the execution of the construction works and the subsequent placement of the permanent plaque, a record is made of the contribution of the European Regional Development Fund through different communication actions and information brochures have been distributed in the form of diptychs to users.





On the corporate website of the Ministry of Health, in the part corresponding to ERDF funds, the project is collected individually with the information sheet and its reference to the co-financing received from the ERDF.



Information on the co-financing of the work by the ERDF has been included on the website of the Principality of Asturias, through several press releases.



The various regional media (La Nueva España, El Comercio, etc.), both in their traditional versions and in their "online" versions, have also collected information on the development of the project, highlighting its co-financing by the ERDF.



On the other hand, it has been disseminated on social networks (Facebook) announcing its cofinancing by the ERDF.



#### The action incorporates innovative elements.

The main innovative element to consider in the new health center is that it will have a system for harnessing geothermal energy from the subsoil to air-condition the building, which guarantees a more efficient and sustainable system, being the first in Asturias with this system that will comply with the European Directive on low consumption buildings based on renewable energies.

This energy model, which will be installed in the centre, makes it possible to take advantage of the earth's heat for the production of heating, cooling and domestic hot water through a process made up of three geothermal pumps, which exchange heat with a collector made up of 20 wells of 125 meters deep. In addition, a high-efficiency air renewal system will be installed.



Adequacy of the results obtained to the established objectives

Over the last few years, the priority objectives that the different governments of Asturias have set for rural areas are: on the one hand, equal access to health and educational services and, on the other, to set the population in rural areas. Therefore, this project is consistent with the objectives pursued, since it makes it possible to contribute to the social and territorial cohesion of Asturias, since it makes adequate primary care facilities available to users of the Los Campos and Las Vegas neighborhoods. to the health and care needs of the beneficiary population.

#### Contribution to the resolution of a regional problem or weakness

In addition to contributing to the two priority objectives highlighted in the previous paragraph, and together with the well-known aging of the Asturian population, it is necessary to bring and facilitate quality health care for all users, but especially for older users and those with mobility problems. For this reason, the construction of the new health center will represent a clear improvement in relation to the current one, both because of its location, in an area that fulfills the function of uniting the urban centers of Las Vegas and Los Campos, and above all because of the Significant improvements in terms of accessibility and signage, new services to adequately serve the beneficiary population that have involved an increase in surface area of 800 metres.

#### High degree of coverage of the target population

The Government of the Principality of Asturias continues to make progress in the objective of bringing health services closer to citizens and guarantees equity in access to benefits, for which reason this action manages to consolidate that spirit of improvement in primary care such as health care essential with universal coverage.



The new health center will offer higher quality health care services and notable improvements in accessibility to a population of approximately 11,000 people.

### Consideration of the horizontal criteria of equal opportunities and environmental sustainability

The criteria of equal opportunities have been taken into account, facilitating access for the entire population to these social infrastructures, which has led to the elimination of architectural barriers, allowing easy and comfortable access for anyone with reduced mobility or disability.

Regarding the incorporation of environmental sustainability criteria, it should be noted that the location of health centers in a closer environment allows users to access these health facilities with more sustainable means of transport, thus reducing polluting emissions to the atmosphere. On the other hand, the new property is located on a plot with large green spaces and it is a building with low energy consumption.

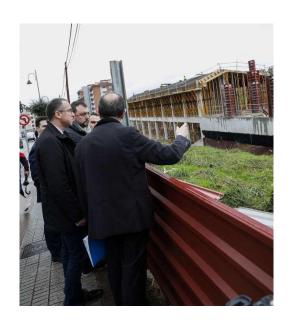
#### Synergies with other policies or instruments of public intervention

The action carried out presents synergies with other public policies framed within the improvements of health infrastructures, fundamentally in the area of the health area III of Avilés and the adjoining municipalities.

More specifically, it should be noted that within the national strategic framework for primary and community care for 2019, a short-term Action Plan for primary care was drawn up, with priority actions in three lines of work: human resources, the care model and the of management In addition, with the transformative capacity of digital technologies that are fundamentally promoted by the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism, the aim is to contribute to maintaining the health of the Asturian population in any area of the region, adequately attend to the most vulnerable population, in especially the elderly, and ultimately the strengthening of the public health system.

Primary care and digital health are paramount in the treatment of ageing. The use of new technologies, tele-monitoring at home and the enhancement of Primary Care nursing skills are key to the care of people with chronic diseases and in a situation of dependency (particularly in aging populations such as the Asturian population) with in order to avoid, as far as possible, hospitalization for these diseases.

These actions, together with this new health facility in Corvera with innovative facilities, will contribute significantly to meeting the objective of strengthening the Asturian public health system.









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