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Albacete Provincial Council has promoted remodeling and pedestrianization of Plaza de España in Tobarra, turning it into a meeting space for residents and visitors, as well as energizing the mobility of the accesses to the Church of the Assumption, which is located in this space, built between 1546 and 1616, and becoming a Cultural Interest Asset in 2010.

The Plaza de España is located at the center of Tobarra, and historically has constituted the division between the upper and lower areas of the municipality, so the actions that have been carried out in each of them have deepened the divergences that already occurred between these spaces.

In this way, the rehabilitation of Plaza de España constitutes a structuration of public space, which encourages residents and tourists visits to the Church of the Assumption, and which is also a strategic point for the promotion of Holy Week, an important tourism event for the municipality.

Action total cost has been 127,330 euros, of which 80% has been co-financed by the European Union thanks to the European Regional Development Fund (FEDER): 101,864 euros, organized in two phases.

Square rehabilitation has made possible to create a structuring element that encourages visits to the municipality, representing a new fundamental asset for tourism in Tobarra and in the Functional Area.



1. Role of FEDER has been to disseminate benefits appropriately among beneficiaries, potential beneficiaries and general public.

Actions to communicate the operation have been the followings:

Permanent Plate





Temporary poster



Provincial Video Report



Perfomance has been spread on social networks



Diputación de Albacete @dipualba

La #PlazaDeEspaña de #Tobarra estrenará, en las 36ª Jornadas Nacionales de Exaltación del Tambor y el Bombo²⁰, la #remodelaciónimpulsada por #Dipualba con la #EDUSI

@santicenizate la ha visitado con la alcaldesa

goo.su/nj7a4o



Provincial newspaper advertisement



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Action has its own website section



2. Action incorporates innovative elements

In this action, a pedestrian space has been designed in Plaza de España, the central axis of the municipality. Before this work, Tobarra was divided into two separate spaces; the lower part, where Town Hall and monument to the Nazarene are located, and the upper part, which has the church (declared as an Asset of Cultural Interest).

The division of these spaces has historically led to disorderly actions that accentuated the differences between the two areas. For all these reasons, the pedestrianization of this square has allowed the unification of both urban areas, creating an element of structuration between both areas that reduces the divergences that have occurred over time.

Thanks to this unification of the space, it has been possible to install innovative elements within it, for example, LED lights throughout the square, reducing the impact of the luminaires throughout the square; modern furniture, which allows people to make use of public space, taking advantage of it as an element of unity between the neighborhood. In addition, the new paving facilitates mobility within the square, inviting people to walk through it.

3. Results adequation to established objectives

This action main objective has been the sustainable enhancement of heritage resources so that they are transformed into sustainable tourism products for area revitalization.

This objective has been met since the action has made it possible to energize a tourist resource declared as BIC such as the church, since the pedestrianization of its surroundings invites both passers-by and citizens to come and visit the space.

Furthermore, this work represents a structuring of the Tobarreño municipality, since it ends the existing urban dispersion between the southern and northern areas, with the consequent divergences that this fact generated between the two spaces, and therefore, over the population residing in each one.



4. Contribution to a weakness or problem detected at execution scope territory:

With this action, the lack of innovation in the management of municipal infrastructures, the lack of heritage knowledge and the lack of local tourist packages have been resolved.

In this way, based on the problems and needs, a strategy has been designed for addressing, among other issues, the lack of tourist potential in the Functional Area. A fundamental asset within the area is Plaza de España de Tobarra, as it represents a uniting element within the municipality, which, in addition to providing it with a better quality of life, increases the number of visitors.

With rehabilitation, different benefits are achieved for the Functional Area:

• A vertebration space is rehabilitated in the province.

• Value is given to the church declared as BIC, promoting and dynamizing the tourism sector of the Functional Area, creating potential benefits for the rest of the municipalities that make up the Functional Area.

• An increase in provincial and regional visits to the church indirectly strengthens sectors linked to tourism: hotels, hostels, travel agencies, etc., in the Functional Area.

• Two separate zones are unified within the municipality, allowing to reduce the divergences that have historically occurred between the upper and lower parts.

5. High coverage degree over target population.

Firstly, the operation directly benefits the entire population of Tobarra municipality, with a total of 8,195 inhabitants, as it creates an element of union between two different areas of the municipality. In addition, the entire Functional Area is benefited due to the attraction that this new tourist asset has in it, so the benefited population can be expanded to the scope of the Functional Area, since this action promotes visits to the declared Church BIC, so the total population would amount to 45,344 inhabitants.

Indirectly, it can also be stated that this rehabilitation benefits the entire Albacete province.

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

Regarding compliance with the horizontal principles of equality and non-discrimination, it should be noted that from the beginning of the action this principle has been taken into account, both in the drafting of documents using non-sexist language, and in the execution of the own project.

In terms of accessibility, the work has unified two separate spaces of the municipality, favoring mobility within it, as well as decreasing the divergences that may have arisen between the two, also promoting transit within the municipality through the use of this square as a element of walking, enjoyment and union of citizens.

7. Synergies with other public intervention policies or instruments

Albacete Provincial Council is working to promote tourist assets throughout the province. In this way, the EDUSI of the Hellín Functional Area places special emphasis on the promotion of tourist assets, in this case the Church of Tobarra.

Among the actions carried out so far by Provincial Council, the following can be highlighted: The rehabilitation of tourist promotion assets in the Functional Area such as the Pozohondo Windmill, or the the Franciscan Fathers Monastery in Hellín. It should be noted that the rehabilitation of the Plaza de España has a clearly strategic character, since in addition to reducing the divergences already mentioned, and energizing a tourist space, it allows the creation of a meeting point for Holy Week, so relevant in

Tobarra as it is declared as of National Tourist Interest, adding this square to the set of assets that the municipality has in terms of tourism around Holy Week.

It is worth highlighting the great commitment of Albacete Provincial Council to the 2030 Agenda and the

achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Organization, this action being a clear example of how the provincial administration can move towards them. In this case, in the achievement of ODS 8 "Decent work and economic growth", 9 "Industry, innovation and infrastructure" and 11 "Sustainable cities and communities".







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