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REHABILITATION OF SABINO CUERDA SQUARE IN HELLÍN, THROUGH THE REMODELING OF SEWER SYSTEM, CHANGE OF FURNITURE AND SIDEWALKS WIDENING

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Provincial Council of Albacete has promoted the remodeling of Plaza Sabino Cuerda located in Calvario, a neighborhood at risk of exclusion within the city of Hellín. This remodeling of the space allows social integration progress of Calvario with the rest of the Hellín City.

The remodeling consisted on replacing the street furniture in the square, which was deteriorated, with more modern one that is in tune with the image of the rest of the municipality. In addition, the sewer, streetlights and paving have been replaced, creating a friendly space that invites you to visit.

In this way, Plaza Sabino Cuerda rehabillitation constitutes a structuration of public space, promoting a meeting point between people from Hellín, since it has the possibility of hosts events to bring citizens together.

Action total cost has been 638,803 euros, of which 80% has been co-financed by the European Union thanks to the European Regional Development Fund (FEDER): 511,042.4 euros.

The square rehabilitation has made it possible to create an element of structuring, union and inclusion between Calvario and the rest of the city, articulating the space of the Functional Area and fighting against any type of discrimination.



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 of the work



Street event with citizens and merchandising to distribute (brochure)





Tarps at performance location



Subtitled video



Perfomance has been spread on social networks



2. Action incorporates innovative elements

This work incorporates innovative elements that have allowed a deteriorated and disused public space to become another asset for the city. To achieve this, the sewage has been remodeled, and the sanitation and supply connections have been modified.

The previous asphalt has also been demolished and replaced with a more accessible one, where the sidewalks are wider, also creating a central area like a roundabout, placing pedestrians as space central axis.

In addition, both the public lighting and the vertical and horizontal signage have been remodeled, replacing the previous furniture with more modern one that allows you to take advantage of the green spaces to practice sports such as petanca, thus creating an absolutely new square for the use and enjoyment of the population.

3. Results adequation to established objectives

This action main objective was "Recovery of degraded urban environments as a consequence of human activities", included in the initial EDUSI and which has been achieved thanks to the renovation of a space degraded by the passage of time, remodeling it, moving it to become a meeting point for population residing in the city.

In addition, another objective has been social promotion and the fight against poverty, as well as any other form of discrimination.

This objective has been met since the square remodeling has made it possible to take another step in the integration of Calvario neighborhood into the rest of the city of Hellín, reducing the architectural and cultural barriers that have historically existed.

Furthermore, the different works that have been carried out on the sewage, the asphalt or the lights, allow for a more rational resource management.

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

At initial EDUSI Strategy, the following problems and weaknesses were identified:

- The city of Hellín, the main population center of the functional area, has a deteriorated old town and a concentration of social problems in certain neighborhoods of the city (Calvario, Rabal, and La Ribera).
- Pockets of poverty and social exclusion, in vulnerable neighborhoods, with groups at risk in the neighborhoods of Calvario and La Ribera in Hellín.

This action has also made it possible to improve the lack of innovation in the management of municipal infrastructure and natural resources.

In this way, based on the problems and needs, this Strategy has been designed, which addresses the capacity that public policies have when it comes to integrating spaces at risk of exclusion with the rest of the municipality. In this way, Plaza Sabino Cuerda rehabilitation in Hellín represents an element of municipal structuring, which in addition to providing it with a higher quality of life, will improve the connection between Calvario and the rest of Hellín.

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

• A vertebration space is rehabilitated in the province.

• Two separate areas within the municipality are unified, allowing to reduce 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 Hellín population with a total of 30,492 inhabitants, since it creates an element of unity between a space that has a population at risk of exclusion and the rest of the city. Furthermore, the entire Functional Area benefits due to the attraction that this new tourist asset has in it, so the beneficiary population can be transferred to the entire Area, which is made up of 45,344 inhabitants.

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

At all times, the horizontal principles of equality and non-discrimination have been complied with, since throughout the process that the action has followed, these principles have been taken into account, both when drafting the documentation, which has been followed a non-sexist use of language as in the execution of the project itself.

In addition, the work has followed accessibility criteria, which favor mobility within the square. It has also been possible to take another step in Calvario neighborhood integration into the rest of the city of Hellín, since Plaza de Sabino Cuerda remodelling unifies the aesthetic criteria of a neighborhood that has had inclusion difficulties with the rest of the city.

7. Synergies with other public intervention policies or instruments

Albacete Provincial Council is carrying out different actions to reduce the divergences between spaces that are part of the same municipality. In this way, the EDUSI of the Hellín Functional Area places special emphasis on promoting actions that reduce social divergences and commit decisively to social inclusion.

Among the actions that Provincial Council has carried out so far, the following stand out:

- Training classrooms in Hellín
- Rivera neighborhood swimming pool reconversion into a sports center for disadvantaged neighborhood.

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 10 "Reduction of inequalities", and 11 "Sustainable cities and communities".









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