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# BUENAS PRÁCTICAS

## Actuaciones Cofinanciadas

Organization and implementation as a green zone of the detailed spaces adjacent to the hermitage of San Blai

Burriana Town Hall

**Programa Operativo  
Plurirregional de España**

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## **ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION AS A GREEN ZONE OF THE DETAILED SPACES ADJACENT TO THE HERMITAGE OF SAN BLAI**

### **Burriana Town Hall (Castellón)**

The action promoted by the Burriana City Council has consisted of the adaptation and complete restructuring of the surroundings of the Hermitage of San Blai in the town.

The intervention has been comprehensive, reformulating the outer space of the Hermitage, reinforcing the walls and creating new living spaces for the citizens of Borriana, and achieving a much more embellished environment for visitors. All these actions also improve the surrounding vegetation, creating gardens and enhancing the existing vegetation.

**The total cost of the action has been 465,000 euros, of which 50% has been co-financed by the European Union thanks to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF): 232,500 euros.**

With the rehabilitation of the surroundings of the Hermitage of San Blai, the city of Burriana has made it possible to recover a degraded space in the city and has become a space that will revitalize the entrance to the town and the San Blai neighbourhood.



Image: Milena Villalba



# 1. The role of the FEDER in the action has been duly disseminated among the beneficiaries, potential beneficiaries and the general public.

The actions to communicate the performance have been the following:

## Permanent plaque and temporary poster of works in the environment:






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**Proyecto:** OBRAS DE ACONDICIONAMIENTO DEL ENTORNO DE LA ERMITA DE SAN BLAI

**Operación:** Acondicionamiento de espacios culturales y dinamización de la red de museos de la ciudad de Borriana. **Presupuesto de ejecución:** 561.175,00 euros

**Objetivo Temático 6:** "Contribuir a la conservación del medio ambiente y el patrimonio cultural" **Unión Europea (FEDER):** 280.587,50 euros  
**Ayuntamiento de Borriana:** 280.587,50 euros

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**ESTRATEGIA DE DESARROLLO URBANO SOSTENIBLE E INTEGRADO DE BORRIANA**  
Programa Operativo Plurirregional de España 2014-2020  
Eje 12 – URBANO: Estrategias de Desarrollo Urbano Sostenible e Integrado (EDUSI)

In addition, advertisements have been made in the press, in radio spots and an ad on TV :

*EL MUNDO CASTELLÓN AL DÍA DOMINGO*

**CASTELLÓN**

17 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2020

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**LA PROVINCIA PATRIMONIO**

## BURRIANA CULMINA LAS OBRAS DE RECUPERACIÓN DE SANT BLAI

Se trata de una actuación valorada en 465.000 euros cofinanciada al 50% por fondos europeos FEDER en el marco de la Estrategia EDUSI del Programa Operativo de Crecimiento Sostenible 2014-2020



**Así ha quedado una de las inversiones más importantes del municipio, cofinanciadas por los fondos FEDER.**

**JARDÍN VERTICAL**  
El jardín del Hospital comprende un complejo medieval que tiene sus orígenes en un barrio extramuros de la ciudad murriana de Borriana, en el siglo XIV. El conjunto estaba compuesto por un hospital, una capilla bajo la advocación de San Blai, y un cementerio, un patio cerrado que hacía de jardín.

El jardín contaba con diez cementerios. El más antiguo data de la época medieval y estaba alrededor de la ermita, con aseramientos que podían estar aislados o en grupo. Durante las excavaciones se llegaron a encontrar hasta 30 cementerios.

El cementerio estuvo en uso en los siglos XIII y XVI. En la parte trasera del hospital se situó otro cementerio, que siempre utilizado en los siglos XVIII y XIX, puesto que a principios del XIX se prohibió enterrar a los difuntos dentro de la ciudad.

El jardín arqueológico de Sant Blai ostenta de importantes elementos constructivos antiguos del hospital y de la ermita que aparecieron durante la excavación arqueológica. También se incluyen algunas lápidas de piedra caliza grta de los siglos XVIII y XIX.




**Restauració de l'entorn de Sant Blai a Borriana. ¡Recuperant el nostre patrimoni per conèixer-lo i estimar-lo!**



**ENTORN DE SANT BLAI**

Burriana TeVe 2863 suscriptores

ceràmica en els espais urbans de la província

castellónplaza

**ONDA, SELLO DE CALIDAD DEMOCRÁTICA DE CASTELLÓN**

**El aeropuerto dobla su capacidad para desmantelar aviones y creará 25 empleos**



## **2. The action incorporates innovative elements**

The main innovative element of this restoration has been to convert a space in disuse into a new public space open to the public for the enjoyment of people who live in the municipality and visitors. In addition, innovation has been made to create an open and accessible space without architectural barriers.

A public square has been built with a cobbled floor, innovative furniture and, in addition, all the new lampposts or luminaires supplied have been of LED technology, reducing the energy consumption of the affected light points.

Finally, innovative botanical architecture has been used in terms of vegetation, highlighting the natural vertical garden that is being created on one of the walls of the Hermitage.

## **3. Adequacy of the results obtained to the established objectives:**

The main goal reflected both in the initial DUSI Strategy and in operation was "to promote the tradition of the Sant Blai festivity by adapting the environment of the Hermitage to celebrate events", in addition to "value new tourist resources in the city, and especially those related to museum facilities".

Regarding the first objective, it has been completed with this action since the area around the Hermitage was a degraded and inaccessible place, which has been wholly reformulated with the work and has become an ample space for recreation and whose new use main is the celebration of events, highlighting the leading annual event which is the festival of Sant Blai, patron saint of the city.

Regarding the second objective, the adaptation of the environment made it possible to discover archaeological remains in the extremes closest to the Hermitage, which has led to the creation of open-air museum spaces to be able to value them.

These two objectives contribute directly to the main aim of the operation, which is the increase in tourist visits to the city.

## **4. Contribution to the resolution of a problem or weakness detected in the territorial scope of execution:**

In the Strategy, a series of problems were detected that have been solved or have contributed to it thanks to this action:

In the first place, the action has contributed to solving the problem of "deterioration of the city's green areas" and "lack of green areas in the city, especially in the historic centre", replacing a degraded, abandoned green area and in disuse, for a new space with extensive vegetation and shaded areas for the enjoyment of citizens.

Weakness was also highlighted, such as "unfinished transformation projects in urban spaces and lack of use of those already executed", since this action has meant the enhancement of a significant architectural and heritage asset for the city, such as the Hermitage. of San Blai.

## **5. High degree of coverage of the target population:**

The action is aimed at the citizens of the municipality, with 35,052 inhabitants, and all the people who travel from other towns to enjoy Burriana's heritage.





## **6. Consideration of the 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 this principle has been considered from the beginning, both in drafting documents using non-sexist language and in the execution of projects.

Regarding accessibility, the building has been carried out to become accessible as far as possible, considering the elimination of architectural barriers, the adequacy of accesses and accessible service points.

At an environmental level, in all the adaptations carried out, energy efficiency has been prioritized with the use of lighting with low-consumption LED technology, and new, more sustainable vegetation has been incorporated that requires less mobilization of natural resources such as water for irrigation.

## **7. Synergies with other public intervention policies or instruments**

The action to adapt the environment of the Hermitage of San Blai has not been an isolated action. First, it should be noted that it is a BIC (Asset of Cultural Interest), with the protection that this entails when

acting on this type of building, so this action is in line with the General Planning Plan Municipality of Burriana.

In addition, it is worth noting the work that has been carried out in recent years with the DUSI Strategy since this action is not isolated but rather stems from a strategy to improve and rehabilitate the city's architectural heritage. In addition to this action, the rehabilitation of the city's House of Culture (former Hermitage of San Mateo) stands out for its cultural value or the enhancement and recovery of the Camí Onda Air Raid Shelter in the city, which has been made available of the citizenry to be able to visit him.

And finally, it is worth noting the future musealization of the archaeological remains found in the vicinity of the Hermitage of San Blai, which can be visited as an open-air museum from the same area of the Hermitage in the coming months.

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