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## Actuaciones Cofinanciadas

“Creation of a Skate Park in the municipal sports area”

Águilas City Council

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## **REPORT OF GOOD PRACTICES: “CREATION OF A SKATE PARK IN THE MUNICIPAL SPORTS AREA”.**

Águilas City Council presents as a good practice: “The creation of a Skate Park in the municipal sports area”, that it is located in an underused area close to the Municipal Sports Pavilion, thus forming part of a large sports complex.

The action consists in the construction of a Skate Park designs with curved and flat ramps in different levels where skateboard lovers will enjoy.

With this action, Águilas gain a space for sports and leisure, that cover the demand of young people, who will have the possibility of practicing urban sports in their city. Besides, the general population will be able to walk through the municipality in a safer way.



Image of Skate Park

The construction of the Skate Park is part of an action included in the Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategies, with a total amount of 58,518.70 euros. **The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) has co-financing 80% of the total amount, what it is means, a contribution of 46,196.63 euros.**

### **Evaluation criteria to be considered as a best practice.**

This action is considered a good practice because it meets the criteria established for its consideration, as we detailed below:

#### **1. The action has been properly disseminated among the beneficiaries, potential beneficiaries and the general public.**

Dissemination obligations have been met through a communication campaign created to maximise the effects of ERDF support in the city, as set out in the communication study.

In relation to the **regulatory communication**, it was published that the contract was 80% co-financed by the ERDF, in the State Contracting Platform, in the announcement, the technical and administrative specifications and in the list of co-financed contracts that is published periodically, on the EDUSI Águilas SOStenible website.

[Plataforma de Contratación del Sector Público \(contrataciondelestado.es\)](http://contrataciondelestado.es)  
[Contrataciones - EDUSI Águilas Sostenible \(eidusaguilas.es\)](http://eidusaguilas.es)

During the execution of the work, it was installed a **temporary works sign**, that indicate the start of the actions. The signage contains the name of the performance and the operation in which it is framed, as well as the budget of the work. Besides, it indicates that it is co-financing with ERFD.

Whenever the work has finished a **permanent plaque** was placed in the street, where it appears: the name of the performance, the operation in which it is part, its objective and that it is co-financed by the ERDF at 80% within the framework of the Operational Program Multiregional of Spain POPE 2014-2020.



Temporary sign and Permant Plaque photo

In relation to **complementary communication**, advertising **panels** with information regarding the rules of use of the Skatepark, has been installed.



Panel photo

In addition, different press releases have also had an impact on the **local printing press**, describing the action carried out, it impacts and it belonging to the EDUSI Águilas SOStenible, highlighting, as always, the co-financing by the European Regional Development Fund ERDF at 80%, within the framework of the Spain's Multiregional Operational Programme 2014-2020.

Apart from that, the news describes the action's impact on the citizenship, including a fragment of the interviews carried out with five young people from different ages, that are users of the Skate Park.



The news about the works were spread in municipal and **EDUSI Águilas SOSTenible website** and on **social networks**, at the following link:

- [Las obras del skate park entran en su fase final - EDUSI Águilas SOSTenible \(eidusaguilas.es\)](http://www.edusiaguilas.es)
- [La obra del Skatepark ya está terminada - EDUSI Águilas SOSTenible \(eidusaguilas.es\)](http://www.edusiaguilas.es)

Finally, a **video** and a **micro video** have been produced describing the impact of the actions and how young people have perceived the new Skate.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1i8yVEOQz3w>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-2Q0EmAGB0>

Summary, the action of disseminate has carried out in an intense way and always reflecting that it has been co-financed 80% by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), under the frame of the Spain's Multiregional Operational Programme 2014-2020.

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

Up to now, the practice of the skateboard has been increased exponentially among young people and Águilas has not any sport facilities to practise it.

Besides, skate lovers have been demanding a skatepark for many years. This is way, we consider this action as a main innovation itself.

In addition, the Skate Park has incorporated innovative elements that has been designed by a team of specialists that practice this sport and work in the architecture studio. The experience and specialization provided guarantees in meeting the demands of the skaters and allowed the incorporation of the most innovative trends for the enjoyment of this sport. As an example, we could mention, the hand build of the ramps, which allows people to perform better figures.

Finally, the Skate Park is also considered innovative because have been designed for different practice levels, for not only, those who are new to this sport, but also for those who already have knowledge and are more experienced.

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

The operation in which this project is framed contents a series of goals that will be deal with this action, and consist on promoting youth sustainability and equal opportunities.

In this sense, the construction of the Skate Park, respond to a demand expressed by the youth of Águilas. Besides, promotes healthy leisure among young people from the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods, encouraging them to practise an outdoor sport. Therefore, it contributes to eliminate the social exclusion of young people and promotes equal opportunities without leaving their municipality.

In addition, this initiative creates spaces for urban sports that fight against the development of unhealthy habits among the younger population. That is means, that contributes to their well-being and personal development.

Finally, the Skate Park has been built in an underused area, that now have a new infrastructure for the use of Águilas's citizens.

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

The lack of this type of infrastructure caused that young people used urban areas instead. The streets or squares of the city, were not designed for skaters, therefore, neighbourhood not only complaints about noise and breakage of urban furniture but also, about the lack of security for themselves.

Besides, young people of Águilas that demand the construction of the Skate Park, have mobilized citizens to collect signatures through "change.org".



With this construction, young people of Águilas have found a safe space according to their needs for the practice of skating sports and has prevented them from using other areas of the city.

### **5. High population coverage.**

The coverage of the Skate Park's construction is very high between young people thanks that it is place close to the municipal sports centre. This circumstance cause that many young people will have curiosity on skateboard and they will encourage themselves to practice it, thus expanding the target audience.

Specially, the Skate Park benefit young people from less favoured neighbourhoods, since it encourages an urban sport, social by nature. Skateboard, can be a powerful tool for young people to develop their social skills and produce a great social cohesion.

Besides, the construction of a specific area to skate produces a great positive impact on the community in general, as the urban furniture will not be deteriorated, and they will have safe walks through the streets of the municipality. Apart from that, citizen from Águilas will enjoy a schedule of events related to the practice of this sport.

### **6. Consideration of horizontal principles of equality and non-discrimination, as well as social responsibility and environmental sustainability.**

Although the Skate Park, will specially benefit at disadvantaged young people from Águilas, all audiences could enjoy this place.

Equal opportunities and non-discrimination criteria between citizens have been taken into account, as the Skate Park has been designed with easy and also more complicated skating areas to cover the practice of beginners and more experienced people. In addition, the project applies the law on the removal of architectural barriers.

Regarding social responsibility, we have to point out that the location of the Skate Park in a sport area, allows young people to integrate with other users and encourages them to practice other sports. This is a great contribution to integrate discriminate people from deprived neighbourhoods.

The Skate track proposes a free public space, accessible to all audiences, regardless of their economic or social level. The Skate Park promote interpersonal relationships and sports associations that suppose a great benefit to join society.

In the construction of the Águilas' Skate Park, environmental sustainability criteria have been taken into consideration, since one of its main objectives has been to create a new public space for outdoor leisure, integrating it into the existing environment.

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

The creation of the Skate Park is part of a package of actions that fight against poverty and social exclusion of the disadvantaged district of Águilas.

The aim of fighting against school absenteeism will only be achieved if we offer alternative for the future. That is why in the same operation we could also have the delivery of training courses for employment and the creation of a study room.

Besides, in the framework of EDUSI, will also be created a centre for social revitalization where young people will have spaces that will promote employability and associationism.

The creation of a bike lane between the urban centre and the sports centre area, seeks to ensure that young people could attend the Skate Park from the urban centre safely and independently. This bike lane also connects with the perimeter and Calabardina bike lanes, facilitating access for young people who live in other areas of the municipality.



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