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Improvement of green areas in Las Traviesas park and its surroundings. EDUSI El Centro de Asturias

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Best practices: Improvement of green areas in Las Traviesas park and its surroundings (Puerto Angliru, Puerto Cubilla, Puerto Tarna and Puerto Somiedo streets).

INTRODUCTION:

As reflected in the Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategy (EDUSI) Siero "The Centre of Asturias", poor environmental quality is one of the main problems in Siero, with Lugones being one of the most affected urban centres in the Council of Siero. Lugones suffers from high levels of air, noise and landscape pollution as a result of a confluence of geographical, climatic and industrial development factors that jeopardise the future of Lugones as an attractive place capable of offering a housing alternative to young families and guaranteeing a good quality of life for the elderly who choose this town, which is strategically located between Pola de Siero and Oviedo.

Lugones has considerable green spaces both around its perimeter and inside the town centre, which could become a green lung not only for Lugones but also for the whole Council of Siero and even for the outskirts of Oviedo through improvements to its accessibility, facilities and added value. Cebera Park and Fresneda Park, as well as the interior green areas such as Las Traviesas Park and La Paz Park, are some examples of green spaces that play a major role in preserving the natural heritage and air quality of the town centre. These elements must be interconnected, accessible and adequately equipped to fulfil their ecosystem and environmental functions.

In this regard, the green area between the Puerto Tarna and Puerto La Cubilla streets (popularly known as Las Traviesas Park) has been refurbished, consisting of:

- The implementation of a drainage network.
- The replacement of street furniture.
- The renewal of the street lighting.
- The renewal of the paving inside the park and the installation of bollards.
- The installation of a children's play area.
- The construction of a pedestrian path.
- The construction of a callisthenics area.
- The installation of an inclusive drinking fountain.

Overall, work has been carried out on a surface area of 9,700 m², and 74 trees have been planted (as part of the native tree planting project).

The eligible cost of this action was \in 335,740.44, of which 80% (\in 268,592.35) was cofinanced by the European Union.

1. THE ROLE OF THE ERDF IN THE PROJECT WAS ADEQUATELY PUBLICISED AMONG POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

The role of the ERDF in the project was publicised through the following communication actions:

The following advertisement was placed in the local and regional press:





The local newspaper El Fielato, 2/11/22



The regional newspaper La Nueva España, 04/11/22



The regional newspaper, El Comercio, 03/11/22

Twenty 20-second spots were broadcast on the regional COPE radio channel.

https://ayto-siero.es/recursos/doc/Feder-Dusi/31156_2323202394134.wav

The opening event of the Las Traviesas Park in Lugones was held on 4 November 2022.



The event, which was attended by municipal and regional authorities, included the presentation of a theatre group directed by the Asturian actor Félix Corcuera and a fire-eater performance and a storytelling session.

At the event, merchandising consisting of cloth bags screen-printed with the EU and ERDF logos was handed out to the public.



In addition to the performances by a cellist, storyteller and fire-eater, the Club Atlético de Lugones offered a sports demonstration.

















With regard to the Mandatory Notice, a sign was installed with information about the works during their execution. In addition, after completing the work, a permanent plaque was installed.





Furthermore, the EU and ERDF logos were used on administrative documentation.



2. THE PROJECT INCORPORATES INNOVATIVE ELEMENTS

The improvement of green areas in Las Traviesas park and the surrounding area (Puerto Angliru, Puerto Cubilla, Puerto Tarna and Puerto Somiedo streets) promotes the town's natural heritage while recovering a highly degraded, unsafe, and poorly maintained site and has succeeded in including this space in the town's traffic flow. Since it is in the vicinity of the Health Centre and the Day Centre, it has become a healthy meeting point for all citizens, where young people do sports, children play, and older people walk and rest in this spot dedicated to leisure and nature.

3. ALIGNMENT OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED WITH THE GOALS SET OUT

The project has succeeded in transforming a remote and deteriorated space into an open, citizen-friendly space and a meeting point for citizens of all ages.

One of the priorities has been fulfilled, which is to make the park a prominent feature and open it to the public so they can enjoy it.

Among the 4 results envisaged by the Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategy (EDUSI), the project has effectively contributed to the fulfilment of the following:

R3- Improve the environmental quality of Siero by enhancing the value of nature within the city and the regeneration of green spaces.

4. CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESOLUTION OF A PROBLEM OR WEAKNESS IDENTIFIED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AREA

The Best Practices prevent further degradation of the area around the site where the project was carried out and, therefore, prevent this degradation from affecting and advancing towards the city centre since, due to the location of Las Traviesas Park and its surroundings, which is located close to the city's "health district", its restoration was of vital importance, not only because it recovers one of the city's green lungs, but also because it recovers a recreational, rest and leisure area for all the inhabitants of Lugones.



Before the project

After the project

5. EXTENT TO WHICH THE TARGET POPULATION IS SERVED

The refurbishment of Las Traviesas Park and its surroundings is an initiative that has a great impact on the citizens of Lugones, as this green space is located in the area near the Health Centre, the Social Centre for the Elderly and the Residence for the Elderly, in an extremely busy part of Lugones and, therefore, serving 100% of the total population, which means that this initiative affects the 13,141 inhabitants of Lugones.

This action has opened up this space and integrated it into the city, turning it into a place where people can stroll, relax, and play, and where children can play and do sports, etc.

6. CONSIDERATION OF THE HORIZONTAL CRITERIA OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND NON-DISCRIMINATION, AS WELL AS SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The project has met the criteria of equality, non-discrimination and accessibility, as it has created a space that is fully accessible and suitable for people with reduced

mobility, for those with disabilities, as well as for elderly users and families with prams. An inclusive drinking fountain has also been installed.



This new project has created an accessible space so that the elderly, people with reduced mobility and families can comfortably access the swings and the park's leisure area.

The improvement of the urban environment contributes to the process of attracting young people, which favours the rejuvenation of the population pyramid.

On the other hand, creating new green areas using native species is a fundamental tool in the fight against climate change and sustainable development.

7. SYNERGIES WITH OTHER POLICIES OR INITIATIVES

As complementary initiatives, we can point to the construction of cycle lanes, an action co-financed by the ERDF, included in Siero's Urban Development Strategy. This initiative is part of the measures included in the "Project for the Integration of the Cycle-Pedestrian Network and the Improvement and Connection of Green Spaces in Lugones".

This project is envisaged as part of the development of open spaces within the General Urban Development Plan of Siero (PGOU).





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