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## Actuaciones Cofinanciadas

Improvement of accessibility, drainage and underground lighting in Calle Real and its surroundings in the Municipality of Viator. EDUSI "Bajo Andarax". Almeria County Council

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## GOOD PRACTICE EDUSI "BAJO ANDARAX". ALMERIA COUNTY COUNCIL

### ACTION: IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESSIBILITY, DRAINAGE AND UNDERGROUND LIGHTING IN C/ REAL AND ITS SURROUNDINGS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VIATOR.

This good practice consists of improving accessibility, drainage and underground lighting in C/ Real and its surroundings in the municipality of Viator.

Thanks to this good practice, the renovation and modernisation of Calle Real and adjacent streets has been carried out, including the modification of the design of the public road, changing the pedestrian paths from being at a higher level than the road to both being at the same level, and increasing the space for pedestrians, giving them priority over road traffic. All this has been achieved thanks to assistance from the European Regional Development Fund.

The operation in which the action is framed has an eligible cost of 2.720.454,00 €, being co-financed by the ERDF at 80%, which implies a contribution by the Light Intermediate Body of 20% of the total, amounting to 544.090,80 €. It is estimated that the action will have a direct impact on 3,159 people and an indirect impact on 29,927 inhabitants. For its part, the expenditure allocated to communication actions in relation to this good practice amounts to 22,150 euros.

### 1. THE FEDER'S ROLE IN THE ACTION HAS BEEN ADEQUATELY PUBLICISED AMONG BENEFICIARIES, POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The role of the ERDF in the good practice has been disseminated in an appropriate way among the potential beneficiaries of the action, taking into account at all times the recommendations issued by the Directorate General of Community Funds, as well as the different regulatory provisions in this respect.

The communication carried out in the framework of this action has been carried out through the following elements:

#### - Plaque:



#### - Poster:



#### - Announcements in provincial press:



**- Provincial radio posts:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M95\\_patHCTk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M95_patHCTk)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_9WA188OzY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_9WA188OzY)

**- Purchase of spaces in Social Networks:**



<https://bit.ly/3msB7kx>



<https://bit.ly/3y6cUCU>



<https://www.instagram.com/p/Cob8s1jLB8>

[W/](http://W/)

**- Videos subtitled in English:**



<https://bit.ly/3y244X2>

- Advertisement on provincial television

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l\\_exyerQooA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_exyerQooA)

- Street event with citizens:



- Merchandising associated with the street event with the public:



## 2. THE ACTION INCORPORATES INNOVATIVE ELEMENTS

The innovative nature of the action focuses on the use of public space as a space for coexistence and free access, guaranteeing the creation of accessible spaces in which walkability is promoted and the consequent coexistence and interaction between citizens.

Furthermore, from the perspective of innovation in the field of sustainability, it should be noted that the improvement of accessibility, sanitation and underground lighting in C/ Real and its surroundings in the municipality of Viator has been carried out under criteria of sustainability and energy efficiency. To this end, strict compliance with the applicable environmental regulations has been carried out, including Law 21/2013, of 9 December, on Environmental Assessment, Law 7/2007, of 9 July, on Integrated Environmental Quality Management, Law 7/1994, of 18 May, on Environmental Protection of the Autonomous Community of Andalusia and Law 2/2013, of 29 May, on the protection and sustainable use of the coastline, among others.

In the case of the renovation of the lighting, technological and sustainable innovation are combined due to the installation of LED technology light points, characterised by providing greater light intensity while reducing greenhouse gas emissions produced.

In the social sphere, innovation resides, as mentioned above, in the use of public space as a space for coexistence and free access.

### 3. ADEQUACY OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED TO THE ESTABLISHED OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this action is the promotion of social inclusion and the fight against any type of discrimination through the renovation and modernisation of Real and adjacent streets, promoting pedestrian traffic and guaranteeing accessibility and a healthy and quality environment for all people.

From both an urban and social perspective, the integral rehabilitation of the aforementioned area of action, which belongs to areas considered to be degraded, has been carried out. In this way, its rehabilitation represents a key action in halting urban decline and stimulating new development dynamics that will reduce the disadvantaged nature of the intervention area.



Similarly, thanks to the intervention carried out, the unevenness and architectural barriers between the pavement and the road have been eliminated, resolving the existing accessibility problems and allowing everyone to move freely and safely through the streets.

In addition, the redevelopment of the area has been carried out under sustainability criteria and has led to the promotion of pedestrian traffic in the area. In this way, the quality of life of the citizens is enhanced, since the promotion of walking has a positive impact on the physical and mental health of the neighbourhood, improving their mobility and their ability to interact and enjoy their surroundings. All this without forgetting that the improvement of pedestrian traffic leads to an improvement in air quality and a reduction in noise pollution.

In the same way, having a rehabilitated and quality urban space will favour the activity of the commercial establishments in the area, as well as attract new people who wish to settle in the area, boosting the economic development of the area of action.

In short, through the rehabilitation of Real and adjacent streets, the quality of the urban environment of this disadvantaged area has been put on a par with the rest of the city, favouring the permeability between the different neighbourhoods of Almería and ensuring that the citizens who live in this area have the same opportunities as the rest of the population and can enjoy a healthy and quality environment.

#### **4. CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESOLUTION OF A PROBLEM OR WEAKNESS DETECTED IN THE TERRITORIAL SCOPE OF EXECUTION**

Calle Real and its surroundings are part of the urban environment of Viator, which is considered as a disadvantaged area according to the analysis carried out on the basis of the DUSI Strategy "Bajo Andarax".

The disadvantaged character of Viator is evidenced, among other aspects, through the lack of environmental comfort of its surroundings, which results in the scarcity of pedestrian areas, as well as the poor state of conservation of the housing stock and the need for rehabilitation of public space in general. Furthermore, this neighbourhood has a high unemployment rate and a low level of dynamism in the productive sector.

Thus, as indicated above, the rehabilitation of Real and adjacent streets not only allows the quality of the urban environment of this disadvantaged area to be brought into line with that of other areas of the city, but will also boost commercial activity in the area, solving part of the unemployment problem and providing the citizens of the neighbourhood with the same opportunities as the rest of the population.

#### **5. DEGREE OF COVERAGE OF THE TARGET POPULATION**

The action covers all the residents in the disadvantaged urban environment of Viator, as well as the rest of the disadvantaged areas of the DUSI Strategy "Bajo Andarax", so that the beneficiary population of the action amounts to 29,297 inhabitants, presenting, consequently, a high degree of coverage.

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

In relation to equal opportunities and non-discrimination, this action has a favourable impact on these criteria, as it falls within the scope of *SO 9.8.2 Physical, economic and social regeneration of the urban environment in disadvantaged urban areas through integrated urban strategies*, and seeks to comprehensively improve the physical, economic and social environment of Real and adjacent streets with the consequent positive impact that this entails for the population of both the neighbourhood and the rest of the city.

Likewise, the principle of equality has had a marked cross-cutting nature throughout the development of the project. Thus, in the documentation that forms part of the contracting dossier, care has been taken to ensure that the information, clauses and requirements introduced have no discriminatory effect, paying special attention to the non-inclusion of terms or conditions that could be discriminatory from the perspective of gender or in relation to people with different abilities.

Social responsibility also resides in the Diputación's commitment to those urban areas or zones which, a priori, present a greater social vulnerability than the rest and which, consequently, require greater intervention in order to reduce existing inequalities.





Non-discrimination in terms of accessibility also stands out. Thus, through the rehabilitation of the streets, wider and more accessible pavements have been created that not only favour pedestrian traffic in general, but also allow people with physical disabilities to walk along them safely and without the existence of architectural barriers. In addition, all actions to adapt the urban environment have been carried out in full compliance with *Decree 293/2009, of 7 July, which approves the regulations governing the rules for accessibility in infrastructure, urban planning, building and transport in Andalusia*, as well as *Order VIV/561/2010, of 1 February, which develops the Technical Document on Basic Conditions of Accessibility and Non-Discrimination for Access to and Use of Urbanised Public Spaces*, proposing the development of solutions that guarantee

maximum accessibility.

The principle of environmental sustainability is also present in the renovation and modernisation of Real and adjacent streets thanks to the installation of LED technology. This allows for greater energy savings and efficiency and contributes to the reduction of light pollution in the area of action.

## **7. SYNERGIES WITH OTHER PUBLIC INTERVENTION POLICIES OR INSTRUMENTS**

The "*Improvement of accessibility, drainage and underground lighting in C/ Real and its surroundings in the municipality of Viator*" is part of one of the operations planned within the framework of the Sustainable and Integrated Urban Development Strategy "BAJO ANDARAX", called "*Integral actions for physical, economic and social regeneration in the Alquíán neighbourhood (Almería), Huércal de Almería and Viator*".

This operation is part of the line of action "*LA6. Integral plans for physical, economic and social regeneration in disadvantaged neighbourhoods*", which includes other actions directly linked to the one presented in this document, such as, for example, the construction of the Parque de los Pinos in the Alquíán neighbourhood or the remodelling of the Plaza del Obispo Casanova and its surroundings. The ultimate objective of all of them and, consequently, of the operation in which they are framed, is the remodelling of infrastructures and the creation of urban spaces that improve the quality of life of the people who live in the vulnerable areas that are the object of intervention and that facilitate greater social integration and economic development.

In addition, this action is also related to the operation called "*INTEGRAL ACTIONS FOR PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REGENERATION IN THE HEARTS OF BAJO ANDARAX*", which is part of the same Line of Action ("*LA6. Integral plans for physical, economic and social regeneration in disadvantaged neighbourhoods*") and includes the development of training and employment programmes for entrepreneurship and the improvement

of the competitiveness of the population that presents a high degree of vulnerability and resides in different disadvantaged urban areas including Viator.



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