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Provincial Council of Albacete

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## **ROOF REHABILITATION AT THE “PADRES FRANCISCANOS” MONASTERY OF HELLÍN TO PREVENT COLLAPSES DUE TO DETERIORATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND TO RETURN IT TO A CULTURAL SPACE**

### **PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF ALBACETE.**

The action promoted by the Provincial Council of Albacete has consisted of rehabilitating the roof and infrastructure of the Monastery of the Franciscan Fathers of Hellín, built in the second third of the 16th century.

The work has been complex since it is an intervention inside a historic building that was also significantly deteriorated and was in a state of being able to collapse imminently. Thus, it has been achieved that a historical building of the provincial heritage that was closed due to the risk of roof collapse has been rehabilitated for its new tourist opening.

**The total cost of the action has been 431,785 euros, of which 80% has been co-financed by the European Union thanks to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF): 345,428 euros.**

With the rehabilitation of the building, its reopening has been possible, achieving a total of 4,422 visits until August 2022 in less than three years. Assuming this is a new fundamental asset for tourism in Hellín and the Functional Area that makes up this DUSI Strategy.



**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 work sign:**



The operation has its own section on the web: The action has been disseminated on RRSS:

**Report in provincial press (12/13/2019): Report in provincial Radio (12/11/19):**

**REPORTAJE | Monasterio de los Franciscanos de Hellín, el revivir de una joya**
  
 # El Digital de Albacete - 13 diciembre, 2019 - 21:31
   
 # Inicio / Últimas noticias de Hellín / REPORTAJE | Monasterio de los Franciscanos de Hellín, el revivir de una joya

Actuaciones que se han hecho en tiempo récord, en los 10 meses estipulados, "no era fácil" ha señalado Cabañero, desgranando que las obras culminadas se incluyen dentro de la operación de 'Conservación y Promoción del Patrimonio Histórico y Cultural' de la EDUSI del Área Funcional de Hellín y tal y como ha detallado el presidente de la Diputación suman un importe de 470.581,27 euros cofinanciada a través de los Fondos Europeos en un 80% (**FEDER** sumando un total de 376.465,01 euros) y de la Diputación de Albacete en un 20% (**94.116,26 euros**), la reapertura que trae consigo además que se haya abierto del mismo modo el tránsito de la Plaza San Francisco y la calle Eras, próximas al Convento, y que a lo largo de este tiempo se han visto alteradas algunas procesiones de Semana Santa que tenían estas calles en su recorrido.



**Permanent exhibition panels:**

**Rehabilitación de cubiertas en el Monasterio de los Padres Franciscanos de Hellín (Albacete)**

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 La actuación ha sido cofinanciada por:  
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 20% Diputación Provincial de Albacete

**Coste de la actuación**  
**431.785,72 €**  
 348.498,50 € // F.E.D.E.R.  
 86.287,14 € // Diputación de Albacete

**UNIDAD EJECUTORA DE LA ACTUACIÓN:**  
 Servicio de Arquitectura de la Diputación de Albacete  
 Duración de las obras: 10 meses (diciembre 2018 - octubre 2019)

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

The action incorporates innovative elements, highlighting the meticulous specialization that the rehabilitation has required for each space in the building. As it is an old historic building, specific techniques had to be used for each moment, such as, for example, at the head of the church. It became necessary to carry out meticulous propping and develop solutions to the different new fissures that were taking place in the structure as they appeared. In addition, more resistant and less heavy materials have been used than those that already existed since one of the objectives for the rehabilitation was to reduce the weight load of the vaults since the ancient builders left the rubble in them. It has been possible to lighten the weight, and new, more innovative covers have been placed with it.

Finally, the wooden structures of the vaults have been rehabilitated, including disinfection and precise fumigation to achieve greater durability of the structures.

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

The main objective was the sustainable enhancement of heritage resources so that they are transformed into a sustainable tourism product to revitalise the Functional Area.

This objective has been met since the action has consisted of reopening a historic asset in the province. This building had been closed for some time due to the risk of collapse and, thanks to the rehabilitation that has taken place with the DUSI Strategy of the Functional Area.

Finally, the contribution of this action must be highlighted to support innovation in the driving economic sectors of the Functional Area, since there is a great tourist asset that allows specialisation in this potential sector in the province.

*Before and after roof restoration:*



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

With this action, the lack of innovation in the management of municipal infrastructures, the lack of knowledge of heritage and the lack of local tourist packages have been resolved. (These three needs were highlighted in the participatory process for the elaboration of the Strategy).

Therefore, based on these problems and needs, the Strategy was designed to address the lack of tourist potential of the heritage of the Functional Area, highlighting as one of the main assets the Monastery of the Franciscan Fathers in the town of Hellín, closed due to risk collapse at that time.

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

- A patrimonial and historical asset is rehabilitated in the province.
- A new, very powerful tourist asset is created, which gives a boost and energizes the tourism sector of the Functional Area, indirectly creating potential benefits for the other tourist assets in the area.
- With the increase in regional and national visits to the monument, the sectors linked to tourism are indirectly promoted: hotels, hostels, travel agencies, etc., of the Functional Area.

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

In the first place, the operation directly benefits the town of Hellín, with a total of 30,268 inhabitants, since a new asset is created in its municipality. In addition, the entire Functional Area benefits due to the attraction of this new tourist asset in the Functional Area, so we can say that the benefited population is the whole Functional Area, specifically some 45,344 inhabitants.

Indirectly it can also be said that this rehabilitation benefits the entire province of Albacete.



##### **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 taken into account 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 adjustments carried out, energy efficiency has been prioritized with lighting with low-consumption LED technology and the specialized recycling of equipment and materials removed from the previous facilities.

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

The Provincial Council is working to promote tourist assets throughout the province, including the area of the Functional Area that includes the EDUSI.

Among the actions carried out by the Albacete Provincial Council, the following stand out:

Pozohondo Windmill , the Plaza de España in Tobarra , the restoration and transfer of the organ in Férrez or the restoration of the paintings in the Museo del Tambor de Tobarra . These actions, within EDUSI itself, co-financed with FEDER.

The actions to beautify the entrances to the municipalities of the province, highlighting those of the Functional Area, where the Provincial Council carried out a project to promote tourism in the municipalities with the installation of personalized signage in each municipality.



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It is worth noting the great commitment of the Diputación de Albacete 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 progress towards them. In this case, in the achievement of SDG 8 "Decent work and economic growth", 9 "Industry, innovation and infrastructure", and 11 "Sustainable cities and communities".



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