



# Una manera de lacer Europa

Recovery of the urban fabric between Hornero Square and Martínez Street. Barrio Alto. EDUSI "ALMERÍA, CIUDAD ABIERTA"

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# GOOD PRACTICE EDUSI "ALMERIA, OPEN CITY"

# ACTION: RECOVERY OF THE URBAN FABRIC BETWEEN PLAZA HORNERO AND MARTÍNEZ STREET (ALMERÍA).

This good practice consists of the recovery of the urban fabric between Plaza Hornero and C/Martínez, in the degraded space of the Barrio Alto of the city of Almeria.

Through this action, the complete urbanization of an urban area of interior reform of the PGOU of Almeria has been carried out, located in the so-called "Barrio Alto", specifically between C/Martínez and C/Verbena. To this end, the existing urban fabric, which was inadequate in both size and shape, has been adapted.



The operation in which the action is framed has a total eligible cost of  $\epsilon$ 2,534,400.00, 80% of which is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), within the framework of the Multi-regional Operational Programme of Spain (POPE), 2014-2020, which implies a contribution from the ERDF of  $\epsilon$ 2,027,520.00. The City Council of Almeria as a Light Intermediate Organization corresponds to the remaining 20%, which amounts to  $\epsilon$ 506,880.00.

This action has been considered good practice because:

## 1. THE ROLE OF THE ERDF IN ACTION HAS BEEN ADEQUATELY DISSEMINATED TO BENEFICIARIES, POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

The role of the ERDF in the action has been duly disseminated among potential beneficiaries and the public, always considering the recommendations, manuals and regulatory provisions published in relation to information and communication on support from these Funds. The communication that has been developed within the framework of this good practice has been:

## • Temporary construction poster.

### **Permanent Plate::**



### • Advertisements in the provincial press



<u>https://www.ideal.es/almeria/almeria/nu</u> <u>evo-barrio-alto-20211104192611-</u> <u>nt.html</u> Las obras de urbanización de Barrio Alto en Almería finalizarán dos meses antes de lo previsto, según el Ayuntamiento





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### Advertisement on the municipal website

# 2. THE ACTION INCORPORATES INNOVATIVE ELEMENTS.

This is a particularly innovative action from the point of view of urban design, because of the fact that the transformation of this degraded neighbourhood has provided the opportunity to apply innovative concepts and approaches in urban design.

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Some examples of this can be found in the incorporation of smart technologies such as the installation of LED luminaires, characterized by maintaining a sufficient light intensity to guarantee urban safety, while improving the efficiency of public lighting and guaranteeing the reduction of both the economic cost derived from it and the emissions of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere; or the promotion of sustainable mobility and accessibility through the widening and lowering of the pavement, as well as the design of accessible and friendly spaces.

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

The action that is the object of this good practice is aimed at achieving the Thematic Objective, hereinafter, OT, 6 "Conserve and protect the environment and promote resource efficiency" and, in particular, the Specific Objective, hereinafter SO, 6.5.2 "Integrated actions for the revitalization of cities, for the improvement of the urban environment and its environment".

This objective has been largely achieved, since, thanks to the interventions carried out within the framework of this good practice, the neighbourhood known as Barrio Alto has been comprehensively recovered, adapting its urban fabric, and carrying out all the necessary actions to ensure that citizens have safe and quality public spaces.

In the same way, it has contributed to different objectives included in the operation in which the action is framed, and which are complementary to those already mentioned. This is the case of the objectives consisting of improving the state of degraded urban land, recovering it for environmentally friendly public uses or developing urban reform actions and the adaptation of plots for public uses.



It also highlights the contribution of this action to the promotion of the commercial and economic-social development of the area, since thanks to the enhancement of the environment there is a revaluation of the area, which increases the influx of people and, consequently, consumers, who pass through it, as well as being an element of attraction for those people who wish to start a business in the area.

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

Prior to the development of this action, Barrio Alto was characterized by having a disorderly road network, roads of variable width with irregular blocks and without urban planning criteria in clear contrast with its immediate surroundings. To this it should be added that this area of action is one of the neighbourhoods of the city of Almeria most affected by the lack of education of its residents (around 9.92% of the people who live there do not have studies).

All this led to the need to carry out a physical and social regeneration of the environment aimed at improving the living conditions of its residents and attracting young people and economic activity to the neighbourhood.

In this way, thanks to the recovery of the urban fabric in the area of intervention, a response has been given to the problem set out in the previous paragraphs, contributing to the physical and social regeneration of the area of intervention and favouring the development of subsequent actions that are complementary to this good practice and that contribute to continue advancing in the adaptation of the urban planning of the city in order to guarantee the quality of life of the citizenry as a whole.

# 5. HIGH LEVEL OF COVERAGE OF THE TARGET POPULATION

The good practice we are facing has a high degree of coverage over the population to which it is directed, because, on the one hand, it has a direct impact on the quality of life of the people who live in the neighbourhood and which amount to 6,395 people, but also on the rest of the population of the capital of Almeria.

In this way, its effects have a favourable impact on the total population of the city of Almeria, which amounts to 199,237 people.

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

The horizontal criteria of equal opportunities and non-discrimination are present throughout the action, because both constitute cross-cutting principles applicable both to the DUSI Strategy "Almeria, Open City" and to the procedures carried out within the City Council of Almeria.

In this way, throughout the design and execution of the project to recover the urban fabric between Plaza Hornero and C/Martínez in the degraded space of the Barrio Alto, compliance with the minimum requirements of safety, accessibility and non-discrimination has been ensured. To this end, the project strictly complies with Decree 293/2009, of 7 July, which approves the regulation that regulates the standards for accessibility in infrastructures, urban planning, building and transport in Andalusia.

In addition, the physical regeneration of the neighbourhood into a more livable and attractive environment has a significant impact on the quality of life of residents, because the creation of quality public spaces provides areas for recreation, exercise and social interaction. contributing to achieving a healthier and more permeable environment compared to the rest of the neighbourhoods of the city of Almeria. This is a sign of the commitment to social responsibility that the City Council of Almeria, thanks to the participation of the ERDF, has acquired.

Finally, with regard to the horizontal criterion of environmental sustainability, the use of LED technology stands out, on the one hand, characterized by its greater efficiency and the lower emission of gases harmful to the atmosphere.

# 7. SYNERGIES WITH OTHER PUBLIC INTERVENTION POLICIES OR INSTRUMENTS

The action "*Recovery of the urban fabric between Plaza Hornero and C/Martínez*" is part of one of the operations proposed within the framework of the Sustainable and Integrated Urban Development Strategy, hereinafter EDUSI, "Almeria, Open City", called "*Interior Reform of Barrio Alto*".

This operation is part of the line of action called the same as the aforementioned operation, which is aimed at achieving the "*Thematic Objective 6: Conserve and protect the environment and promote resource efficiency*" and in which complementary actions have been carried out to this good practice, such as, for example, those framed within

other EDUSI operations such as the operation "Comprehensive Plan for the Rehabilitation of the surroundings of La Alcazaba".

It also has important synergies with operations aimed at contributing to other OTs, such as the "*Pedestrianization. actions included in the SUMP with a c/p and m/p horizon related to pedestrian mobility" and "*Sustainable mobility and expansion of the cycling network", which are developed within the framework of OT 4 "Promoting the transition to a low-carbon economy in all sectors". This is due to the fact that in all the aforementioned operations, actions have been carried out aimed at promoting the movement of the population through soft modes of transport through, for example, the pedestrianisation of public spaces.

Finally, the intervention that is the object of this good practice is also linked to some of the actions proposed in the Action Plan of the Almeria 2030 Urban Agenda. These include "Comprehensive rehabilitation of the Alejandro Salazar housing group" or "Rehabilitation plan for the Historic Quarter Neighbourhood".





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