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Construction of bike lane for the connection of Almería with Huércal de Almería. EDUSI "Almería, Open City"

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GOOD PRACTICE EDUSI "ALMERIA, OPEN CITY"

ACTION: CONSTRUCTION OF BIKE LANE FOR THE CONNECTION OF ALMERIA WITH HUÉRCAL DE ALMERIA.

The present good practice consists of the construction of a bike lane for the connection of Almeria with Huércal de Almería.

Through this action, the expansion of the basic network of bicycle paths of the City of Almeria has been produced, generating a connection of the current existing cycle path in Avda. del Mediterráneo and C / García de Villarroel, with a new bicycle path that will be developed in Avda. Torrecárdenas, C / Médico Francisco Pérez Company, C / Hermanos Siret, to the limit with the Municipal Term of Huércal de Almería.



The operation in which the action is framed has a total eligible cost of € 269,779.86, being 80% co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), within the framework of the Multiregional Operational Program of Spain (POPE), 2014-2020, which implies a contribution by the ERDF of € 215,823.88. The City Council of Almería as a Light Intermediate Organism corresponds to the remaining 20%, which amounts to € 53,955.97.

This action has been considered good practice because:

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

The role of the ERDF in the action has been adequately disseminated among potential beneficiaries and the public taking into account at all times the recommendations, manuals and regulatory provisions published in relation to information and communication on the support from these Funds. The communication that has been developed within the framework of this good practice has been:

- **Construction poster:**



- **Permanent plate:**



- **Announcements in provincial press:**



[The Opinion of María del Mar García Lorca | More bike lanes, better mobility \(diariodealmeria.es\)](#)



[Almería capital connected to Huércal by bike lane \(diariodealmeria.es\)](#)



Huércal de Almería, más cerca aún de la capital con otro tramo del carril bici

Da continuidad al existente en calle Calamocha, en paralelo, a lo largo de avenida Torrecárdenas

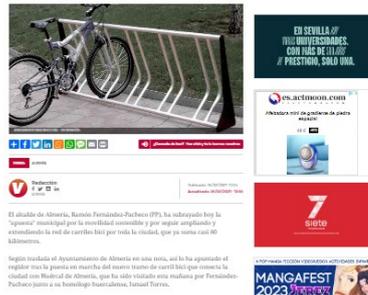


[Huércal de Almería, even closer to the capital with another stretch of the bike lane | Ideal](#)



La red de carriles bici de Almería suma ya casi 80 kilómetros

Tiene la pinta en marcha del nuevo tramo de carril bici que conecta la ciudad con Huércal de Almería



[The network of bike lanes in Almeria now totals almost 80 kilometres | Long live Almeria. Tourism News \(vivajerez.es\)](#)

- **Announcements in local press:**



[The mayor says that the "municipal commitment to mobility" goes further with the implementation of the new stretch of bike lane with Huércal - Almeria City Council \(almeriaciudad.es\)](#)

- **Social Media Posts:**



[Huércal and Almería capital connected by a bike lane | Huércal and Almería capital connected by a bike lane 🚲 🇺🇪 lane The mayor, Ismael Torres Miras, has visited, together with the mayor of the Almeria capital,... | By Huércal de Almería City Council | Facebook](#)

2. THE ACTION INCORPORATES INNOVATIVE ELEMENTS.

Through the present good practice, a new bidirectional and segregated cycle path of motorized traffic of a length of 759.94 meters has been executed, thanks to which the connection between the municipalities of Almería and Huércal de Almería has been produced. In addition to the work required to create the road, the necessary signposting, beaconing, and lighting has been carried out.

In this way, the action allows to efficiently integrate the cycling itinerary, allowing to unite in a comfortable and safe way both urban centres and favouring the use of the bicycle in both municipalities.

Among the innovative elements to be highlighted, is the assembly at the crossings of bicycle / pedestrian LED traffic lights and the traffic light regulation of the newly implemented crossings. This technology allows maintaining a sufficient light intensity to guarantee urban safety, while improving the efficiency of traffic lights and guaranteeing the reduction of both the economic cost derived from these and the emissions of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

3. ADEQUACY OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED WITH THE OBJECTIVES SET

The main objective of this action is to increase the use of soft means of transport such as bicycles, in order to reduce trips in motorized mode and advance in the objective of achieving a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

This objective has been widely achieved, because, thanks to the interventions carried out within the framework of this good practice, there has been a clear commitment to sustainable mobility not only in the municipality of Almeria, but also in the surrounding urban areas.

It should also be noted that the city of Almeria currently has more than 83 kilometres of cycle lanes, which means that the results obtained will not have an isolated effect but will guarantee the appropriate and extensive use of these infrastructures by citizens, as well as a reduction in the use of private vehicles and the consequent reduction in the emission of polluting gases into the atmosphere that this entails.

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

One of the main weaknesses detected in the diagnosis of the Sustainable and Integrated Urban Development Strategy (EDUSI) "Almería, Open City" was the low relevance of the use of bicycles in travel in the city, reaching only 1.37% of total internal displacements.

In this way, the need to achieve greater comfort on the part of citizens to make their journeys through soft means of transport such as the bicycle was raised.

Therefore, through the creation of a cycle lane connecting Almería with Huércal de Almería, we are contributing to the creation of the necessary infrastructure to achieve a healthier urban space, with sustainable transport alternatives that improve the quality of life of citizens and encourage cycling.

5. HIGH DEGREE OF COVERAGE OF THE TARGET POPULATION

The good practice before which we find ourselves has a high degree of coverage on the population to which it is directed, because it has a favourable impact on the total population of the city of Almeria, which is 199,237 people.

Also, as has been reflected above, the cycling connection takes place between the urban centres of Almeria and Huércal de Almeria, so that the people living in the latter, which amount to 18,384, will also benefit directly from this action.

6. CONSIDERATION OF 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 transversal principles of application both to the DUSI Strategy "Almería, Ciudad Abierta" and to the procedures carried out within the City Council of Almería.

In this way, throughout the design and execution of the project for the construction of a bike lane for the connection of Almería with Huércal de Almería, the minimum requirements of safety, accessibility and non-discrimination have been ensured. To this end, the project strictly complies with Decree 293/2009, of July 7, which approves the regulation that regulates the rules for accessibility in infrastructure, urban planning, building and transport in Andalusia.

Also, in relation to the horizontal criterion of opportunities and non-discrimination, as well as social responsibility, it should be noted that the use of this lane is open to all citizens, regardless of gender and social status. This is especially important as it favours the mobility, independence and autonomy of those people who need to travel between the two municipalities, but do not have the necessary economic resources to do so, or other means such as their own vehicle or driving licence in those cases in which the timetables or frequency of public transport are not adequate for their needs.

Finally, with regard to the horizontal criterion of environmental sustainability, this is, without a doubt, the basic pillar of this good practice, since, as mentioned, its main objective is to increase the use of soft means of transport in order to reduce the use of motor vehicles and contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.

7. SYNERGIES WITH OTHER PUBLIC INTERVENTION POLICIES OR INSTRUMENTS

The action "Construction of a bike lane for the connection of Almería with Huércal de Almería." is part of the operation "Sustainable mobility and expansion of cycling network" proposed within the framework of the Sustainable and Integrated Urban Development Strategy "Almería, Open City".

This operation is part of the line of action called "Sustainable Mobility in Almería", which is aimed at achieving the "Thematic Objective 4: Promote the transition to a low carbon economy in all sectors". Some complementary actions have been carried out to this good practice such as, for example, the expansion of the network of bicycle paths on Avenida Adolfo Suárez.

Likewise, within the Line of Action "Sustainable Mobility in Almería", there is the operation "Pedestrianisation. actions included in the SUMP with c/p and m/p horizon related to pedestrian mobility", which has allowed the implementation of actions aimed

at promoting walking in the city centre, especially as a preferred mode for short journeys; as well as increasing urban quality and the habitability of the environment, and specifically in the most central area of the city. In this way, between this operation and the operation "Sustainable mobility and extension of the cycling network", numerous synergies have been produced that have allowed the exponential improvement of sustainable mobility in Almeria, both on foot and by bicycle.

Likewise, this action is part of the actions proposed in the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan of the city of Almeria, especially the "Program for the promotion of cycling mobility" which includes proposals such as complementing the network of the Andalusian Bicycle Plan.

On the other hand, this action is complementary to that carried out by the Sustainable and Integrated Urban Development Strategy "Bajo Andarax", developed by the Provincial Council of Almería and whose Implementation Plan includes Line of Action 2 "Infrastructure and promotion of sustainable mobility in the metropolitan area", which includes the creation of infrastructure for uninterrupted bicycle circulation in the urban continuum formed by Huércal de Almería-Torrecárdenas, Viator-La Cañada, La Cañada-Los Molinos and Almería.

