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JARDINS ASTASIETA: CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA REMODELLING

The good practice consists of transforming a degraded space into the *Jardins de l'Astasieta* children's playground located in the Ciutat Cooperativa-Molí Nou neighbourhood, specifically in a new urbanized area of the neighbourhood next to the Sant Joan de Déu Hospital that provides healthcare to the entire city.

Due to the action, the neighbourhood has an inclusive and accessible leisure facility for children, which is also a space aimed at promoting both physical exercises for the elderly and social relations. The floor of the play area has been levelled, the passage has been adapted to facilitate access to wheelchairs and



handrails have been placed on the stairs. Bushes and trees located in the area where the playground has been created have also been removed and transplanted into the rest areas, thus providing shade for the benches and favouring the rest of the fathers and mothers while the boys and girls play.

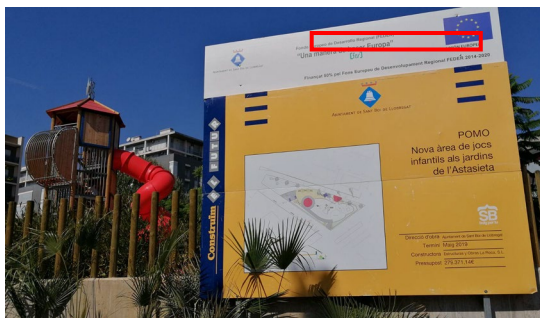
As for the playground, there is something for all tastes, ages and abilities, thus becoming a meeting place for everyone. It has been installed a sandbox for the toddler, a swing that allows several kids to have fun at the same time, a game to talk in the distance, two seesaws, two benches

with pedals so that the elderly can do exercise, a rotating game that can be used with a wheelchair, a central structure with balance games and a slide. Finally, to prevent children from hurting themselves while playing, there is a central area with river sand that absorbs falls better, and a rubber area to prevent slipping.

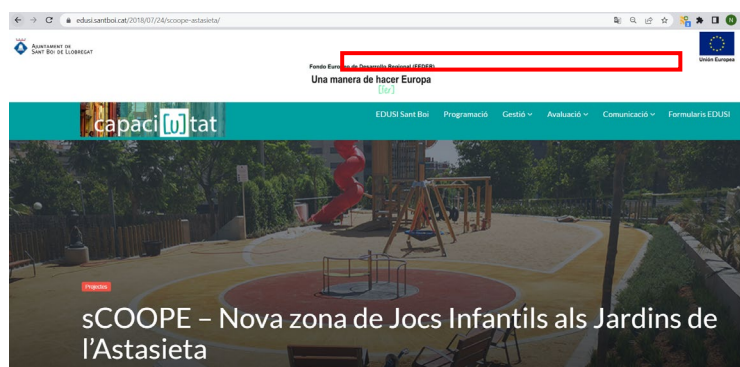
The action has had a total cost of €307,308.25, with the ERDF aid amounting to €153,624.125, and an impact on the 10,099 residents of the Ciutat Cooperativa-Molí Nou neighbourhood, as well as on the entire citizenry of Sant Boi de Llobregat.

The criteria for the identification and selection of this Good Practice are the following:

The role of the ERDF or the ESF in the action has been conveniently disseminated among the potential beneficiaries and the general public



The action has been disseminated among the residents of the Ciutat Cooperativa-Molí Nou neighbourhood since the beginning through the installation of a large work poster (3x4m), as well as among all citizens once the action concluded.



It has been communicated through the Sant Boi ISUDs website together with the emblem of the European Union and the motto "a way to make Europe" <https://edusi.santboi.cat/>.

LA TRANSFORMACIÓN DEL ESPACIO PÚBLICO

Las áreas de juego de la ciudad continúan su renovación incorporando la mirada infantil



A piece of news has also been published both on the website <http://www.santboi.cat> and in the municipal magazine *Viure Sant Boi* in its September 2019 issue. And a permanent plaque identifying the action and its 50 % ERDF co-financing has been installed.

Jardines de l'Astasieta (Ciutat Cooperativa). Este espacio público de la ciudad cuenta desde finales de julio con una nueva área de juegos infantiles. Su elemento más característico es un divertido tobogán de color rojo en forma de tirabuzón que inicia su recorrido en una zona de la plaza y sale por otra después de desaparecer brevemente bajo tierra. El tobogán es fruto de una idea recogida a través del Consell d'Infància de Sant Boi, que desde hace unos años está implicado en el diseño de este tipo de áreas. También se han colocado un columpio inclusivo y un juego que puede ser utilizado con silla de ruedas. Todo el entorno se ha reurbanizado. Las obras han financiado en un 50% mediante fondos europeos FEDER.

Un plan de mejora de

S'estrena una nova àrea de jocs infantils als jardins de l'Astasieta



L'element més emblemàtic és un tobogan en forma de tirabuzó

26/07/2019

A partir del dissabte 27 de juliol els nens i les nenes ja podran jugar a la nova àrea de jocs infantils dels jardins de l'Astasieta. Aquest espai de 860 m² s'ha urbanitzat per crear-hi una zona de joc concebuda a partir de les idees recollides al Consell d'Infància de Sant Boi. L'element de joc més emblemàtic és un tobogan de color vermell que té una forma recargolada de tirabuzó. La iniciativa es finança en un 50% mitjançant una subvenció europea dels fons FEDER.

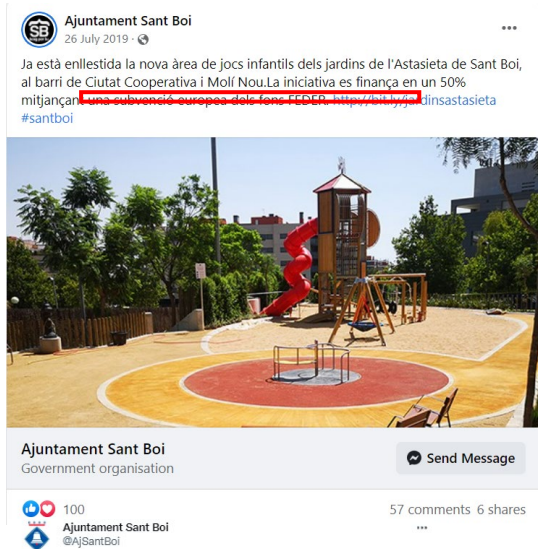
Els jardins de l'Astasieta estan situats entre els carrers de Frederic Mompou, Jenaro Sancho i Camí Vell de la Colònia, al barri de Ciutat Cooperativa i Molí Nou. L'espai, fins ara una zona enjardinada, s'ha urbanitzat de nou, s'hi ha plantat vegetació i s'ha posat mobiliari urbà, inclosos els elements de joc. A les zones amb risc de caigudes s'ha posat paviment de sorra de riu.

A petició del Consell d'Infància i de nois i noies de les escoles i les entitats del barri, s'ha col·locat un gronxador inclusiu i un joc per a nens i nens amb cadira de rodes, i s'han incorporat jocs per a infants de diferents edats.

Aquesta és la quarta zona de jocs infantils que es du a terme d'acord amb aquesta fórmula de participació que incorpora la mirada infantil en el procés de construcció de la ciutat. Les anteriors han estat la plaça de l'Olivera (2019) i la plaça de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia i el parc dels Somnis (Joaquim Auger cantonada Girona).

L'Ajuntament ha invertit els darrers 4 anys 1,6 milions d'euros per renovar i mantenir les àrees de jocs infantils de Sant Boi. Fins ara ja s'han dut a terme una quinzena d'actuacions de millora (en llocs com la plaça de Catalunya, la plaça dels Focs de Sant Joan o el parc de Marlianao). Les prioritats són instal·lar jocs més vistosos, millorar l'estat de conservació de les àrees existents i minimitzar els riscos de seguretat.





In July 2019, the conclusion of the actions was published on the Facebook page, which was very well received by the followers.



The inauguration was celebrated on the 9th of July 2021 with a children's party that was disseminated through publications on [Flicker](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



The summary of the inauguration and the results of the remodelling of the space has been collected in a video that is broadcasted through [Youtube](#), the [EDUSI website](#) and social media. In the video, politicians explain the action background and a child presents his testimony in the co-design process: <https://youtu.be/IcnODVpUFnw>

Lastly, a children's story inspired by Astasieta (the park is named after this midwife), has been published and is available on the Sant Boi ISUDs website for free download: <https://edusi.santboi.cat/2022/04/28/conte-lastasieta/> Both the back cover and the promotional video of the story make explicit reference to the ERDF co-financing of the *Jardins de l'Astasieta* remodelling.



The action incorporates innovative elements

The main innovative element that has been used in the remodelling of the *Jardins de l'Astasieta* is citizen participation, especially child participation throughout the process, from the design to the execution of the project. The city of Sant Boi de Llobregat has a municipal children's participation space, the *Consell d'Infants*. This space was established in 2015 and is made up of children between the ages of 9 and 11 representing 16 schools and 6 childhood entities in the city. Since *Jardins de l'Astasieta* was a space aimed at the children of the city, it was believed appropriate that their opinion and point of view were used for the design of the playground so that it would respond to their tastes and needs.

In the first meeting, 42 boys and girls visited the space to begin to work with suggestions and improvements for the area. In a subsequent meeting with the neighbours, the proposals for the children's participation space were shared and completed with more ideas.



Adaptation of the results obtained to the established objectives

One of the elements that most contributes to habitability and the promotion of community life in urban environments is the existence of parks and gardens that provide citizens with a leisure space. In this sense, it is essential to have an adequate provision of recreational areas for boys and girls. This was the demand that the families living in the new homes in the neighbourhood had been claiming for a long time, and to which it has been possible to respond thanks to this action.

Therefore, the result of the reform of the space corresponds to the initial objective of equipping the new residential area of the Ciutat Cooperativa-Molí Nou neighbourhood with a children's play area that facilitates neighbourhood relations and social cohesion. In addition, regarding how this space should be, the boys and girls set the agenda indicating that it should be an inclusive and accessible space so that it could become a meeting point for everyone.

The result is an area with ramps, easy access, paving and sand that cushions the falls, and that has games for people with reduced mobility, a sandbox for the little ones, as well a kind of cycle for the elderly, thus facilitating fun to everyone and intergenerational relationships.

Contribution to the resolution of a problem or weakness detected in the area of execution

Jardins de l'Astasieta is located in the Ciutat Cooperativa-Molí Nou neighbourhood and is close to both the Sant Joan de Déu hospital, and some newly built houses. The residents of the area had long been asking for children's play areas for boys and girls from six to eleven years old, due to the construction of new residential buildings nearby.

As the area had fallen into disuse by the neighbours due to the poor state in which it was, with the construction of the *Jardins de l'Astasieta*, the neighbourhood has been provided with a children's leisure space that had already been demanded for some time and that has contributed to neighbourhood coexistence by becoming a space for social relations and children's leisure.

A high degree of coverage of the target population

The Ciutat Cooperativa-Molí Nou neighbourhood has a population of 10,099 people, 14.5% of whom are under 16 years of age. These are the main users of the park, since the design responds to their tastes due to the participation process. However, it would seem that the space covers the entire population of the neighbourhood because children usually access the park accompanied by at least one responsible adult, who also has an area of benches where they can sit, rest and chat with other family members. In addition, the grandfathers and grandmothers of the neighbourhood have a specific area aimed at them to facilitate physical exercise and active ageing. Lastly, being next to the Hospital that provides healthcare to the entire city, a good part of those accompanying the hospital, especially if they have to go with their children, make use of this action.



Consideration of the horizontal criteria of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, as well as social responsibility and environmental sustainability

When the city's child participation space was consulted for the design of the park, one of the first ideas that came out was that it would be an inclusive space for all boys and girls. For this reason, it was agreed to have a game for people with reduced mobility who use a wheelchair. Access to this game would also be enabled, to facilitate the movement of a wheelchair. In the space, handrails were also installed in the area of stairs, to make them more accessible.

Another demand of the children of the city was to create a space dedicated to the elderly, so pedals were installed on individual benches for physical exercise.

Finally, it was also considered essential to improve environmental quality. For this reason, the result of the reform includes the recovery of the few vegetal elements of the previous space, which have been integrated into the gardens that surround the playground, but also the planting of new trees to contribute to the improvement of the air quality and biodiversity conservation. In addition, the new trees are fast-growing so that they can provide shade as soon as possible in the rest area and thus guarantee the well-being of the neighbours who accompany the boys and girls to the park.

Synergies with other public intervention policies or instruments

This action is aligned with the Comprehensive Improvement Plan for Ciutat Cooperativa - Moli Nou, approved in 2009 by the Sant Boi de Llobregat City Council.

On the other hand, it is also fully aligned with the new Citizen Participation Regulation, approved in 2019, which recognizes the inclusion of children and minors in participation bodies.

Likewise, and linked to participation, there are synergies with the city's children's participation space, the *Consell d'Infants*, which has a project to participate in the construction process of all spaces aimed at children.

Finally, the action is linked to the priorities of the 2019-2023 Government Plan and the 2030 Strategy of the Sant Boi de Llobregat City Council, which aims to make Sant Boi a benchmark for a sustainable, healthy and cohesive metropolitan city, creator of new opportunities, especially for future generations.

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