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Rehabilitation of Toledo and Luna Streets to transform them into a pedestrian promenade Mirador La Alcazaba EDUSI: Almería, Ciudad Abierta

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ACTION: REHABILITATION OF TOLEDO STREET AND LUNA STREET, TO TRANSFORM THEM INTO A PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE MIRADOR DE LA ALCAZABA.



The present good practice consists of the rehabilitation of C / Toledo and C / Luna for its transformation into a pedestrian promenade viewpoint of the Alcazaba.

This project is part of the actions of the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Plan of the surroundings of La Alcazaba, one of the most important Andalusian monumental and archaeological sites in the Iberian Peninsula, improving the area of action and providing it with elements that integrate it visually into the enclave in which it is located.

Through this action, the road and pedestrian connection between Pósito and Almanzor streets has been improved, facilitating access to the Alcazaba, and gardening spaces have been developed both in the areas of pedestrian use and in the spaces that were without a defined urban planning.

The operation in which the action is framed has a total eligible cost of € 747,332.13, 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 € 597,865.70. The City Council of Almería as a Light Intermediate Organism corresponds to the remaining 20%, which amounts to € 149,466.43.

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 general 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:

- Temporary poster of work.



Permanent plate:



Announcements in provincial press





- **Video published on the municipal Youtube channel**

[El alcalde visita las obras de mejora de la calle Pósito y Almanzor - YouTube](#)

- **Award received by the Demarcation of Andalusia, Ceuta and Melilla of the College of Civil Engineers to the rehabilitation project of the environment of the Alcazaba of Almeria as "Best Performance of Engineering of Local Scope in Andalusia" during the II Andalusian Engineering Works Awards.**

This distinction recognizes, together, four of the actions that have been developed in the monumental environment and specifically includes our good practice, road connection project between Pósito Street and Almanzor, valuing the integrating effect and improvement of general accessibility to our main monument and its surroundings.

2. THE ACTION INCORPORATES INNOVATIVE ELEMENTS.

Through this good practice, action has been taken on 328 meters in length of streets, including, in addition to the renovation of these, the replacement of the public lighting network, incorporating LED technology; a new irrigation network for the garden areas and the provision of urban furniture, which has led to an undoubted improvement in the area and the view that remains from that area on the monumental complex.

In this way, the main innovative character of the action lies, as mentioned, in the use of LED technology in public lighting. This technology allows 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 greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.



Similarly, it has opted for the installation of a new efficient irrigation network that allows

the enhancement of existing hydraulic heritage elements, since it is based on the criteria of construction and bioclimatic architecture, taking advantage of the forks of the land to reach all points, to finally meet again in the low pool, without there being any dead end or dead spot of the system.

3.ADEQUACY OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED WITH THE OBJECTIVES SET

The main objective of this action is the enhancement of the Alcazaba, one of the most characteristic elements of the Cultural Heritage of Almeria, through the improvement of its visibility, aesthetics and environmental quality, the improvement of the public road that surrounds it and the enabling of areas for walking and enjoyment.

This objective has been largely achieved, because, thanks to the interventions carried out within the framework of this good practice, the environment of the Alcazaba has been recovered in an integral way, creating for it an itinerary that makes it visible at all times and that connects from the very center of the City, Puerta de Purchena, to the main entrance of the monument.



Similarly, thanks to the enhancement of this important heritage resource, another of the objectives set out in the action has been achieved, which had a double aspect: on the one hand, the increase in the number of people visiting the city of Almeria and, on the other hand, the awareness of citizens, both visitors and residents in the city, on the importance of Cultural Heritage Conservation.

Finally, it is worth highlighting the important positive impact that the action has in the socio-economic field, especially in sectors such as tourism.

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

The environment of the Alcazaba, despite being located in the historic center and its great heritage and cultural importance, was in a degraded environment that needed urgent changes in relation to, mainly, the development of actions aimed at promoting forms of sustainable mobility in its environment, as well as changes related to its physiognomy, in order to revitalize and regenerate the historic center of Almeria and one of its most emblematic monuments.

In addition, this old area of the city had become an area of illegal parking and a quasi-dump that made it very difficult for the population of the municipality and potential visitors to enjoy it.

That is why, so this action responds directly to this problem, because, as mentioned above, it has involved the renovation of the surrounding streets, the installation of LED lighting and a new irrigation network for garden areas, as well as the provision of urban furniture.



All this has led to the creation of a space of enjoyment that, in addition to attracting people seeking to enjoy the heritage of the city and value the tourist and cultural resources it has, has allowed to revitalize the neighborhood in which this monument is located and increase the permeability between this area and the city center.

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 addressed, because, on the one hand, it has made possible the enhancement of the Alcazaba of Almería and, on the other hand, it has generated a positive impact both in the areas adjacent to it and in the rest of the city, which has benefited from the increase in the influx of visitors.

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

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 of recovery and enhancement of the Alcazaba of Almería, 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 July 7, which approves the regulation that regulates the rules for accessibility in infrastructure, urban planning, building and transport in Andalusia.

In addition, the pedestrian route created from this action has been carried out, mainly, from a series of accessible ramps that allow access to the monument by all citizens. Thus, accessible spaces have been maximized, keeping out of this, only in an extraordinary way and in low proportion with respect to the total, those that by their own topographic nature and slopes are difficult to access.

Also in relation to the horizontal criterion of opportunities and non-discrimination, as well as social responsibility, it should be noted that, as shown in previous sections, prior to the development of this good practice, the Alcazaba and its surroundings had become a degraded area with respect to the rest of the city. Thanks to its revitalization and enhancement, the opportunity is given to the people who live in this environment to have quality spaces for walking and coexistence, as well as favoring the interrelation between the neighborhood of the area and the rest of the city of Almeria.

Finally, regarding the horizontal criterion of environmental sustainability, it highlights, on the one hand, the use of LED technology, characterized by its greater efficiency and the lower emission of gases harmful to the atmosphere, as well as, on the other hand, the new irrigation system implemented, which in addition to having an important functional character due to its structure around the unevenness and distribution of the land allow water not to be wasted, It provides a high environmental quality and amenity to the space, in addition to other issues such as the freshness associated with the flow of water and the loudness of this, or the attraction of birds, butterflies and pollinator species. To this we must add the commitment to native plant species according to the place, the climatology and the available resources, especially the water ones.

7. SYNERGIES WITH OTHER POLICIES OR INSTRUMENTS OF PUBLIC INTERVENTION

The action "Rehabilitation of Calle Toledo and Calle Luna, to transform them into a pedestrian promenade viewpoint of the Alcazaba." is part of one of the operations proposed within the framework of the Sustainable and Integrated Urban Development Strategy "Almería, Ciudad Abierta", called "Comprehensive rehabilitation plan of the Alcazaba environment".

This operation is part of the line of action called the same as the aforementioned operation, which is aimed at achieving "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, the intervention in the Barranco de la Hoya Public Park.

Likewise, this action is part of the actions of the Comprehensive Plan for the Rehabilitation of the surroundings of La Alcazaba, composed of seven differentiated but complementary actions and focused on the recovery of heritage, promotion of the dynamization of this, landscape transformation of the area and achievement of one of

better mobility and accessibility.

Finally, the intervention in the Alcazaba and its surroundings is also linked to some of the actions proposed in the Action Plan of the Almeria 2030 Urban Agenda. Among them it is worth mentioning "Mediterranean Gardens of La Hoya", action aimed at the environmental, patrimonial and landscape recovery of the space between the Wall of Jayrán and the hills that rise La Alcazaba and San Cristóbal; the "Rehabilitation Plan of the Historic Quarter", through which it will act in different plots located in the environment between La Hoya, San Cristóbal, the wall and the Alcazaba in order to convert them into green areas or parking lots or the "Tourism Plan of large cities of Almeria", which includes measures to guarantee universal accessibility and tourist adequacy of the Alcazaba.



Night photo of La Hoya Park

