

València, European Green Capital 2024



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The European Green Capital Label

València is European Green Capital for 2024.

The European Green Capital Award is an **acknowledgement granted by the European Commission** to those cities that make an exemplary ecological transition and carry out measures included in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or the European Green Pact.

It recognizes the city's **commitment to sustainability** and its efforts to improve the environment and quality of life.

It's both an honor and a responsibility for the city and a continued public commitment to sustainability.

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To achieve the European Green Capital acknowledgement, a panel of experts from the European Commission evaluate the state of the city based on **12 urban sustainability indicators**, such as air, noise and water quality, sustainable land use and governance, among others.













In addition to these indicators, we cannot forget that citizenship, through their mobilization, effort and awareness-raising, have been key to achieving a more sustainable Valencia.

Valencia is the first Mediterranean city to achieve this recognition, making us a model of urban sustainability and a lighthouse for Europe and for the Mediterranean.

12

urban sustainability
indicators

Cities are assessed according to 12 environmental indicators

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|  | Air Quality |  | Green Growth and Eco- innovation |
|  | Noise |  | Climate Change: Mitigation |
|  | Water |  | Climate Change: Adaptation |
|  | Sustainable Land Use and Soil |  | Sustainable Urban Mobility |
|  | Waste and Circular Economy |  | Energy Performance |
|  | Nature and Biodiversity |  | Environmental Governance |

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The acknowledgement of Valencia as European Green Capital is much more than an award, it implies a public and constant commitment of our city in terms of sustainability. We are aware that it makes us a model and headlight city for other European and Mediterranean cities, and that is why we are totally committed to this project, which is not just the City Council's.

It is a city project. In order to accelerate the green transition that all cities are going through, everyone needs to be involved. It is a project that is here to stay. Not only for 2024.



Why Valencia

The good results achieved by the city of Valencia, which have led it to become European Green Capital 2024, are due to the great work done in the field of urban sustainability around four axes.

In addition to these four axes, there is the cross-cutting commitment of citizens to urban sustainability.

1. Green infrastructure and urban biodiversity

2. Public space and mobility

3. Orchard and sustainable nutrition

4. Green and Digital Mission

Why Valencia

1. Green infrastructure and urban biodiversity

València is a city with an **extraordinary green heritage**, which includes the Turia Garden and l'Albufera and a large number of parks and gardens, such as the Viveros Park or the 'Parc Central' and hundreds of neighborhood parks..

The city has 7.5 m2 of green space per inhabitant. The goal is to reach 10 m2 by 2030.

70% of the Valencian population has a green area adapted to climate change less than five minutes from their home (about 300 m).

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2. Public space and mobility

València has made an important effort to recover public space, consolidating it as a **city of squares and public spaces for citizens**.

Pedestrian revolution in the historical centre. **More than 30,000 square metres traffic free.**

The three main squares of the historical centre of Valencia, which articulate the axis from the North Station to the Serrano Towers, have been converted into a new and enormous space for public use.



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3. Orchard and sustainable nutrition

City - Orchard binomial

‘L’Horta de Valencia’ is one of the most important Mediterranean orchards in Europe and has been declared a **Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS)** by the **FAO**.

Efforts to promote the connection of the peri-urban orchard with the local community were recognized in 2017 with the **World Capital of Sustainable Urban Food**.



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4. Green and Digital Mission

Only 10 cities have achieved the 'Mission Label'

This is the **EU Mission Label for Smart and Climate Neutral Cities** that recognizes cities' plans to achieve climate neutrality.

This label makes them inspiring cities for sustainability.



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Energy and the European Green Capital 2024

The Réquiem in Power Project (RIP)

- ✓ A project directed towards socializing municipal photovoltaic plants in València's cemeteries
- ✓ Collective photovoltaic self-consumption systems are installed in local cemeteries
- ✓ 75% of the energy is directed to self-consumption in municipal buildings: schools, senior centers, offices, popular universities, firefighters, police... within a radius of 2 km
- ✓ 25% of the energy is directed to self-consumption allocated to households identified by Social Services - new energy supply service, also within a radius of 2 km



“Autoconsum” or “Municipal Masivo”

- ✓ Investment in collective photovoltaic self-consumption installations on a selection of municipal roofs to cover 30% of the energy demand of municipal buildings
- ✓ By means of an optimal distribution of installations and energy, reducing the number of installations needed and maximizing the profitability of the investments
- ✓ Exploiting the potential and flexibility of collective self-consumption, and freeing up municipal roofs for other uses (RIP model, reduction of energy poverty, transfer to Energy Communities)



Valencia Energy Office: the one-stop-shop for the energy transition

- ✓ The Energy Office of Valencia is a space for information and training aimed at citizens, where personalized advice, workshops and activities related to energy are provided
- ✓ Currently there are 4 offices located in different districts within the city
- ✓ They offer advice on diverse topics such as: the right to energy, savings and rehabilitation, transition culture...



POWER UP - València Pilot Case



- ✓ Inclusive energy sharing models to fight energy poverty and empower citizens
- ✓ Renewable Energy Communities: facilitate public spaces to citizen-driven initiatives, setting a quota of X% of shares for vulnerable households
- ✓ Public service of renewable energy self-consumption: the municipality directly invests, operates and distributes renewable energy installations in municipal spaces. Shares are allocated among public buildings, vulnerable households, citizenship in general and SMEs. The municipality receives a fee-payment in return

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