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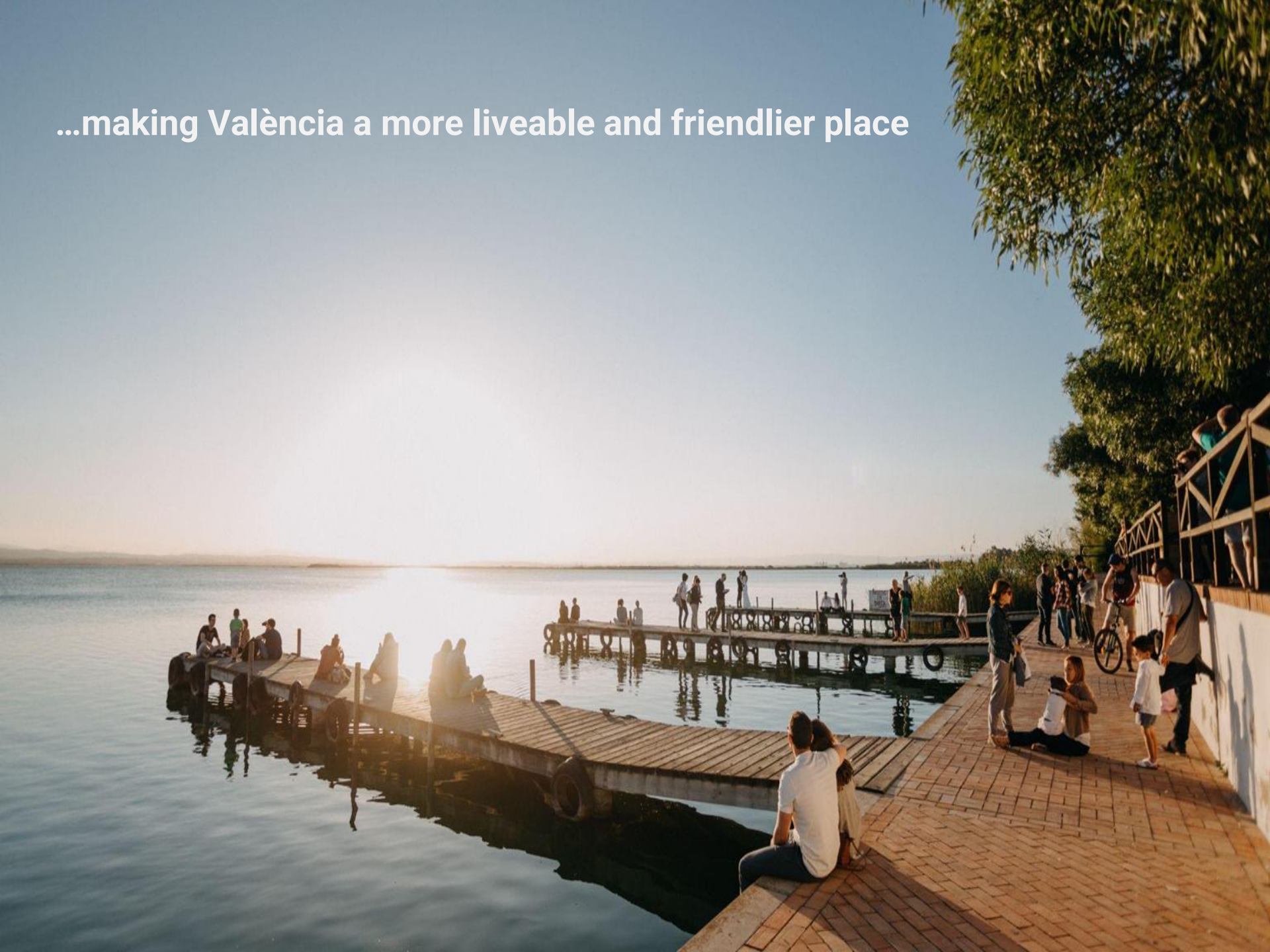
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...making València a more liveable and friendlier place



València, a crossroads between 4 major systems: the Albufera, the Mediterranean, the River Turia, and the Huerta.





**ENDANGERED
AREAS**

CITIZEN MOBILISATION TOWARDS PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION



Turia Garden - 10km of green area for citizens



Restitution of the dunes ecosystem





SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS IN URBAN SUSTAINABILITY





Green cities for climate and water resilience, sustainable economic growth, healthy citizens and environments

Nature-based solutions for urban resilience in València: insights from the GrowGreen pilot



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The project



- **SBN for the transformation of cities:**
 - Coordinated by València Innovation Capital
 - 5 years project
 - Horizon 2020 Programme of the European Union
- **Opportunity for social revitalisation of vulnerable communities**
- **Promoting socio-environmental and socio-political change through local governance processes and the creation of a social cohesion.**

Ciutat Fallera Neighbourhood



- Peripheral neighbourhood of great social and economic complexity.
- Great potential for NBS development.
- New bottom-up approach
- Collaborative Green Initiatives competition for citizens.



**Concurso Iniciativas
Verdes Colaborativas
Benicalap**

Proceso colaborativo
para el proyecto
GrowGreen en Benicalap



Participation process 'Més Verd Benicalap'.

LISTEN AND TRANSFORM:

During 2018-2019, the citizens of Benicalap shared proposals and needs of the neighbourhood to improve and define the pilot projects : how to improve the connection with the Huerta, analysis of the quality of public space (hotter spots, degraded or less safe places).

• THREE SCALES OF INTERVENTION:

Territory (Huerta-City relationship).

Neighbourhood (urban public space).

Place (Nature-based solutions).

DISSEMINATE AND TEACH:

During 2022 was developed a dissemination and feedback programme to share the results of the project with different activities addressed to different audiences

• FOUR LEVELS OF ACTION:

General public: workshops and conferences as well as recreational activities.

Educational entities: workshops and conferences with students from Benicalap.

Academia: workshops and conferences with the UPV and the UV.

Companies: workshops and conferences with businessmen and women linked to the SBN.



Regino Mas Square



- Neuralgic but problematic space of the neighbourhood
- Total transformation into a habitable space
- Inclusion of students in its design
- New social uses



Espai Verd



- Associationism as a backbone
- Integration of diverse social groups: Youth, elder people, religious groups from the catholic church, African collective, families from the school...
- Economic and productive structure of collective work, solidarity and environmental and social sustainability.
- Strong individual and collective impacts



Centre Cívic Verd



- Rest and meeting place
- Social, educational and cultural asset
- Place for socialising and learning
- Management of the space by the associations





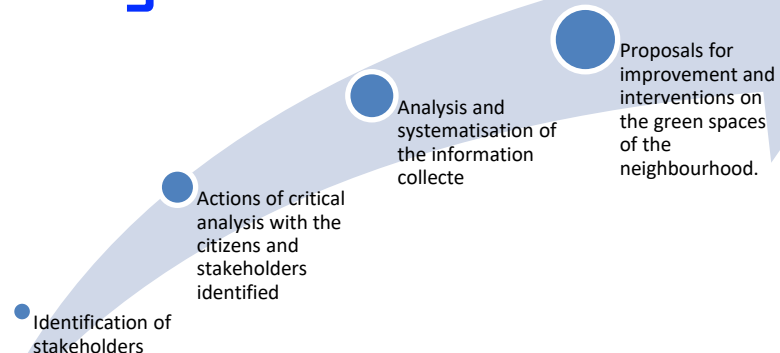
Project objectives

- Enhance the value of the green spaces in the Campanar neighbourhood
- Encourage their **protection and responsible use** by the citizens
- **Creation of a public policy proposal to help improve and adapt these spaces to the needs of the population.**

Singularity

- Citizens evaluate themselves and propose alternatives to improve the use of their own green spaces
- Pilot experience of citizen participation transferable to other municipalities and applicable to other types of public policies
- Implementation of citizen proposals extracted from the participatory evaluation process itself.

Participatory evaluation



SBN application for social transformation



Opportunities

1. Increased sense of belonging and social cohesion
2. Increased sustainability and success of NBS
3. Innovation in urban management
4. Improving urban health and well-being
5. Strengthening urban democracy

Challenges

1. Lack of awareness and knowledge
2. Difficulties in governance and coordination
3. Lack of inclusive methodologies
4. Resistance to change and lack of ownership

Thank you!



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