

València European Green Capital 2024

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02 Context

The good results obtained 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.



Green infrastructure and urban biodiversity



Public space and mobility



Orchard and sustainable nutrition



Green and digital Mission

In addition to these 4 axes, there is the **cross-cutting commitment of citizens** to urban sustainability.

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Green infrastructure and urban biodiversity

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

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

In the beginning of 2025 we have more than 8.6m.

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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Public space and mobility



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

Pedestrian revolution in the historic center. **More than 30,000 square metres free of traffic.**

52% of trips in Valencia are made by walking.

The three main squares of the historic center of Valencia, which articulate the axis from the North station to the Serrano Towers, have become a huge new space for citizen use.

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Green and digital Mission



Initially, only 10 cities achieved the “Mission Label”.
Valencia was one.

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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Milestones (some actions)

03 Milestone – Green Spaces

Trees

- Construction of 4 new parks.
- Planting of more than 2000 trees.
- Renaturation projects.
- Planting of trees to recover burnt areas of L'Albufera.



Green Zones

- Creation of more than 95,000 square meters of new green areas in the Beniclmet East development with a central green lung in the development.
- 160 thousand square meters more of green areas in the Grau development following the green delta concept created by the prestigious French architect Jean Nouvel

03 Milestone – Mobility

Bike lanes

- 220 Km of Bike Lanes.
- 38 Km of cycle streets.
- Increase by 7% (15Km) in the upcoming year.
- Between July 2023 and July 2024, the number of bicycle passages has increased from 224,266 to 232,226.



Cycling neighborhoods

- **First cycling neighborhood** set in the Rufaza district in September 2024.
- The speed limit will be set at 20 km/h, reinforced by specific signage.

03 Milestone – Mobility

Public Transport (buses - Municipal transport company)

- EMT València **invests 12.4 million in new bus management system** to improve service.
 - Buses on route are geolocated in real time. Lines with traffic light preference.
 - Change in the configuration of bus lines.
- **More lines to the city center and also connection between neighborhoods.**
 - Two new neighborhoods will be provided with new bus lines.
 - We want to facilitate the use of public transport as a first option.
- Older neighborhoods with **closer stops** (some groups of neighbors were detected that had to travel 700m to reach a stop and we always want to improve the access to the stops).
- **New 26 electric buses and 31 articulated hybrid buses.**
 - Goal: The municipal company and the city council will **invest 172 million to renew 218 electric and hybrid buses between 2024 and 2028**



RESULT: EMT València closes 2024 with 115.6 million passengers, a record high.

03 Milestone – Sustainable Tourism

Electric mobility

- Increase in electric **recharging points**
 - 11 public points previously.
 - 2024-2025 installing more than 150 points.



03 Milestone – Sustainable Tourism

Sustainable tourism

- **Green routes** Visit València - The Green River, a historic center to share, the largest natural larder and essential route.
- **Decalogue of good practices** for tourist guides.
 - Enjoy the city without disturbing its citizens. Smaller groups (20 people depending on the space), without loudspeakers...
- **Tourist routes in the pedanias.**
- **Sensorization of more than 100 tourist points** to measure the load and order it.



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Words from our Mayor

01 Words from our Mayor

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*As a Green Capital, the first in the Mediterranean, and as a Mission City, our experience following the DANA (severe weather event) must also serve as a mirror for other cities and regions on how to **protect, prepare, and adapt** to the consequences of climate change, especially in the Mediterranean basin, ensuring at the same time security, development, and sustainability.*

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