

SUB-GROUP 2 : ECO-RESTORATION



AGENDA

May 2003: Building Acquisition by the Municipality of Almería
Jan 2010 : Set up of the Building Restoration Project.
2010-2011 : Management of purchase of the two adjacent abandoned blocks and integral Project of eco-restoration of the compound

RESTORATION OF "LA CASA DEL POETA JOSÉ ÁNGEL VALENTE"

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT :

This project concerns a protected building of the XIX century, which belongs to the historical heritage of the municipality. This building represents well the traditional architecture of Almería and it was the last place where the Spanish poet José Ángel Valente lived. It's a typical bourgeois building, with a **central patio** which lodges the stairs and composed by a semi basement, where originally existed a small cistern. The Municipality of Almería has acquired this building aiming with a specific aim: transform it into the "House of the Poet" and recreate a space of cultural exchange and creativity, respecting the wills of the poet Jose Ángel Valente.

MAIN OBJECTIVES:

1. Implement a public intervention on the eco-restoration of the compound composed by the described building and the purchase of the two adjacent abandoned blocks.
2. Resolve the visual impact dividing walls between buildings using ecological solutions, applying special techniques such as vertical gardening and ecological covers.
3. Stimulate the private sector on the theme of eco-restoration.

RESULTS OF THE EXPERIMENTATION/LESSONS LEARNT :

1. The works of interior and external restoration are ongoing. The estimation of the costs are for a total of 360.000 €.
2. To boost this intervention as a model for eco-restoration of private and public buildings, applying agricultural techniques in construction.

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