

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

THE PROBLEM

The most of the Roma people living in Torrent are concentrated in a district with an high degree of vulnerability, For this reason, although the municipal diversity management plan is municipal, most of the actions are focus on this Xenillet district.

The characteristics of the city's Xenillet district, in 2008 were such

- Physically separated from the rest of area
- The buildings in the area were almost derelict.
- A very negative image and people from the rest of the city were afraid to enter the area.
- Families living there also felt insecure and excluded from the rest of the city
- High unemployment and poverty
- Children not attending school – school with no footbridge to the city
- No kindergarten / childcare for women wanting to work
- Garbage everywhere - not collected

TIME FRAME

START DATE OF URBAN PROJECT 05/09

END DATE OF THE PROJECT 12/15

COST OF THE PROJECT IN EURO

EU: 10,023,438

NATIONAL PUBLIC: 2,505,860

TOTAL : 12,529,298

RESULT INDICATORS

- 5 Training and Employment Workshops have been organised, providing skills and jobs for 268 people in the Xenillet district (132 men and 136 women) in various specialist areas, such as plumbing, bricklaying, electricity, hairdressing, social care and youth and child development.
- The new footbridge allows 200 primary and infant schoolchildren to safely access their school.
- The Juan XXIII state school has become the first Smart Centre in the Valencian Community thanks to investment in new technologies (computers and interactive whiteboards).
- Comprehensive rehabilitation of the facilities of the Xenillet Social Centre for the development of the social activities of the project. Overhaul of a reading room and classrooms for minors, young people, adults and the elderly.
- Educational workshops and programmes for the district's children and adolescents, fostering teamwork, respect for others and for their district.
- 50 families in the district have benefited from the Social Education Programmes, which have developed activities to help, motivate, support, advise and accompany families in the Xenillet district in their personal and professional development.
- 33 buildings and their residents have benefited from the rehabilitation of facades in the district.
- A new municipal kindergarten was opened in the district in 2013 for 47 children aged 0 to 3 years from destitute families.
- Comprehensive remodelling of Calle Valencia, one of Torrent's main thoroughfares, integrating the district with the rest of the urban fabric of the city.
- 24 establishments have benefited from aid for existing businesses and 9 new businesses have requested aid for commercial development.
- Urban development of 18,000 m² of streets in the district with the expansion of pavements and kerbs, the asphaltting of streets, and the treatment of green areas and open spaces with the installation and/or replacement of urban furniture (61 bins, 56 benches, 198 bollards). Improvement of street lighting with 92 streetlamps and 222 trees, renovation of sewers and installation of buried waste containers.
- Landscaping of the northern face of the ravine undertaken by students of the Training and Employment Workshops of the URBAN Project.

SUSTAINABILITY

The social actions related to courses and workshops for minors, young people and adults are activities that the city council has already been undertaking and funding and it will continue to do so, regardless of whether further European aid is achieved in the present.

The 2017 budget amounts to € 973358,28

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

NGO LA LIGA Workshops Leisure and free time with minors at risk or exclusion Women Empowerment Workshops Digital literacy workshops Citizen Digital Classroom	€ 65.800
NGO NOVA VIDA Second Chance School (Music) Football team with children Roma and non Roma	€ 11.300
NGO M ^a AUXILIADORA Day center for minors at risk and exclusion Support for homework	€ 18.000
NGO ASOCIACION GITANA Social Volunteering (food distribution)	€ 3.000
PROGRAMA ABSENTISMO Prevention of truancy	€ 138.790,28

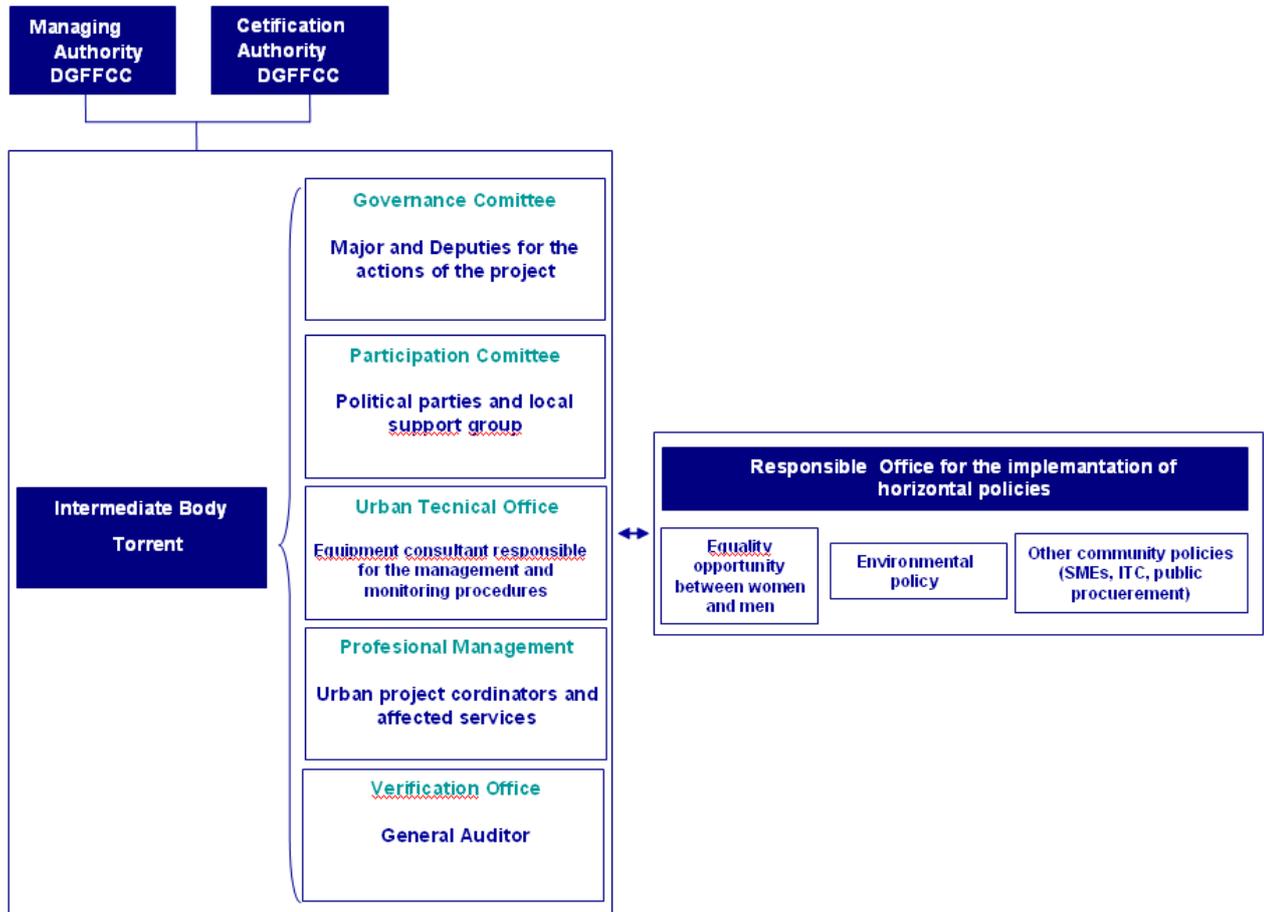
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

SERVEF Accompanying employment	€ 107.000
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EUROPEAN FUNDING

EDUSI Social housing rehabilitation	€ 600.000
EDUSI Sociological studies for zoning social services	€ 29.468

MONITORING



POTENTIAL FOR RE-USE AND IMPROVEMENT

- The concept is transferable to other Cities
- The step-by-step approach is transferable to other Cities
- The EC "stop and think" approach is transferable
- Combining physical and social and economic actions
- Overarching Diversity Management Plan – multi party agreement
- Set of comprehensive and inclusive local plans
- Need to be adapted to fit local situation