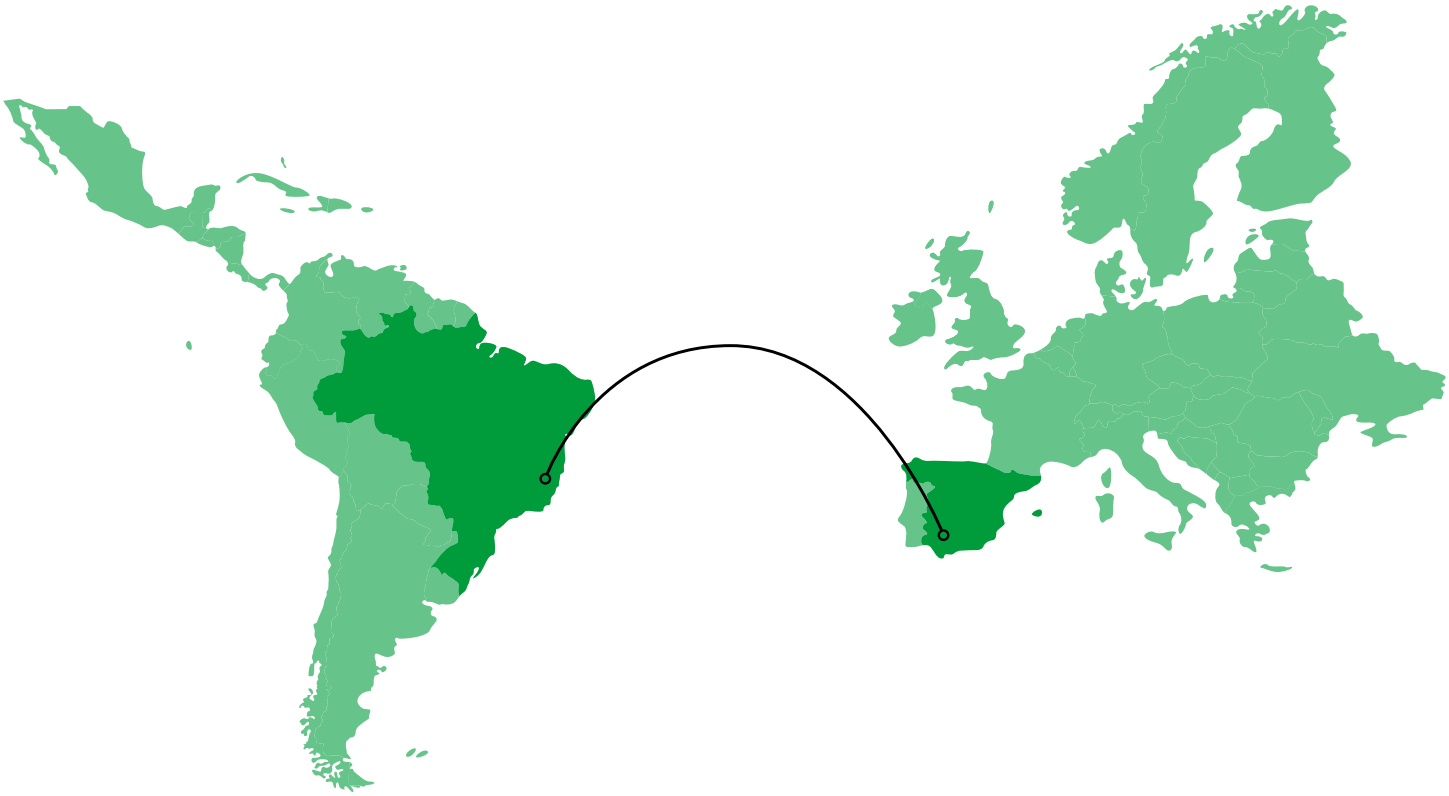
PAIRING REPORT:

VITÓRIA-SEVILLA



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THE PAIRING AT A GLANCE

The city of **Vitória** is the capital of the State of Espírito Santo in the South-eastern coast of Brazil, close to Rio de Janeiro. It has been figured in several national rankings for its progress on human and economic development, quality of life, education and health services, transparency and smart cities.

Sevilla is a medium-sized city with approximately 700,000 inhabitants located in the south of Spain. While it still faces urban challenges as any other city, it has developed policies and projects with good results and tangible impacts on people's lives.

Keywords

#Smart City Development
#Greener and sustainable city
#Entrepreneurial and technological cities

Thematic areas of cooperation

Smart and Sustainable Cities

Objectives

Mutual learning and joint initiatives in four main areas:

1. Smart Cities
2. Sustainable and Green Cities
3. Technological and Entrepreneurial Cities
4. Tourism and Creative Economies

Activities

These intermediate cities share a similar political vision focused on citizen participation and improvement of public spaces, as well as technological economic development and smart cities. In the framework of this cooperation they held two study visits.

During the first mission to Vitória, the five representatives of Sevilla, after meeting the mayor, could make a technical visit to a bike project; an education centre in a deprived neighbourhood; an entity supporting new innovative businesses; an area where a technological park is going to be built; a centre for supporting homeless people; and a tourism project. Complementary meetings were organised to design common projects.

During the second mission, a delegation formed by five city department officials from Vitória visited the city of Sevilla. The activities started with a meeting with the mayor and then the agenda included meetings with city officials and technical staff, as well as visits to projects in the following areas: tourism and culture, technological park, capacity building for small and new businesses, urban accessibility, urban security, waste management and water management. The Brazilian team had the opportunity to learn about policies which are being developed in the Spanish city. The visit was organized according to the lines of cooperation defined during the first mission in Vitória.

Stakeholders involved

Municipality of Sevilla. Private ICTs companies (Cisco, Bosch, Ferrovial, Telefónica).

Municipality of Vitória.

MAIN INTERVENTION-PILOT PROJECT

Citizen security Project.

Sevilla has experience in using technological innovation (cameras, software, connected lighting, etc) to deal with incidents during multitudinous events and to monitor them. Vitória is very interested in developing a pilot project in this field, with the support of Sevilla, and the participation of ICT companies of the city.

The Intelligent Security Siege, implanted in Vitória, on its part, has brought great results in the recovery of stolen vehicles, prevention of crimes with the use of automobiles and in the fight against other crimes. With the knowledge and above-mentioned technology used by Sevilla in the management of major events, Vitória will be able to further expand the scope of action of the Intelligent Security Siege, which today only operates on the main urban roads of the City, and can be used in major events such as Carnival of Vitória and Viradão Cultural in order to guarantee security and improve planning for future events.

MAIN IMPACTS AT LOCAL LEVEL

The cooperation has achieved the following results:

- Agreement on the main lines of work;

- Learning on practices and projects implemented by Vitória and Sevilla;

- Development of the action plan.

Both cities have agreed to maintain a working relationship on the common project to develop smart security systems for large events such as the annual carnivals in Vitória and "Viradão Cultural". Sevilla requires such a system for monitoring of large events during the Sevilla Holy Week.
The collaboration has the potential to impact on important common challenges, such as communicating the importance of green policies and behavioural changes (which is a significant difficulty), improving city monitoring systems (which is a policy priority for both cities), improving policies on urban design and development and establishing/ strengthening the technological park.

LESSONS LEARNED AND ADDED-VALUE OF IUC

"The exchange of points of view and the implementation of projects in different realities, but responding to common problems, is essential".

- City of Sevilla

CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS

Related **SDGs** and **Urban Agenda for the EU** topics:

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

11 URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Urban Agenda for the EU: Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions; Digital Transition.

INTEREST IN FUTURE THEMATIC NETWORKS

Interest shown by **Vitória** both in the Action Plan and in the survey conducted by the Program

NETWORK 1	Mobility, Connectivity and Transport
NETWORK 2	Smart Cities & Digital Transition
NETWORK 3	Urban Poverty and Regeneration, Housing, Social Inclusion – Cohesion, Equity
NETWORK 4	Circular Economy, Waste and Sustainable Production / Consumption
NETWORK 5	Sustainable and Healthy Cities, Sustainable Land Use – Nature-Based Solutions
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