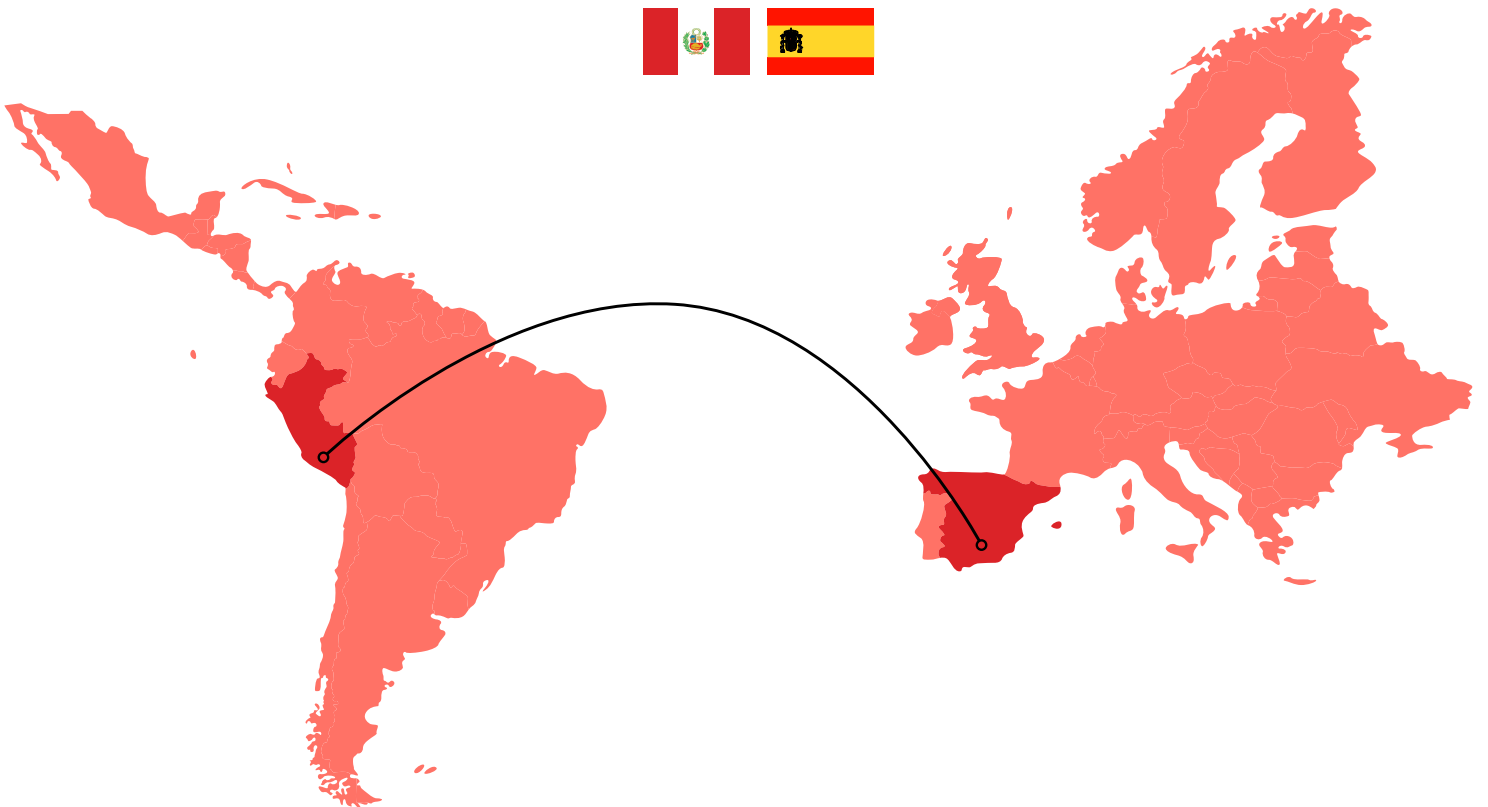




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PAIRING REPORT: AREQUIPA-GRANADA



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IN MAY 2020 THE CITY OF AREQUIPA, IN PERU, ANNOUNCED ITS NEW MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE IN SUPPORT OF BICYCLE USE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF BIKE LANES IN THE HISTORIC CITY CENTER, A MEASURE INSPIRED BY THE SPANISH CITY OF GRANADA'S NON-MOTORIZED MOBILITY CONCEPTS.

THE PAIRING AT A GLANCE

Arequipa is the second most populated city in Peru (after Lima) and capital of the province and the homonymous department. Its metropolitan area integrates twenty-one districts and constitutes an important industrial and commercial center of the country.

Granada is a city located in the south of Spain, in the region of Andalusia. It constitutes an important touristic centre, due to its historic legacy and monuments (especially the Alhambra), and the proximity of the Sierra Nevada ski resort.

Keywords

- #Historic city centers
- #Rehabilitation
- #Social housing
- #Water and sanitation services
- #Sustainable mobility

Thematic areas of cooperation

- Management and promotion of historical heritage sites and rehabilitation of urban environments socially degraded.
- Sustainable mobility
- Social housing
- Sustainable water management

Objectives

Exchange of experiences between World Heritage Cities especially in the fields of:

1

Sustainable Water Management

2

Social Housing

3

Mobility

Activities

During the study visits, Arequipa found of utmost importance to learn from the experience of another World Heritage City, like Granada, and how it has managed to revitalize and make more sustainable housing, urban infrastructures and mobility. Arequipa was also interested in the identification and design of projects in this field to be implemented soon with the already available funding for the historic city center, including a loan of the Inter-American Development Bank for renovation of water and sanitation networks.

For Granada the main objective in this cooperation was the exchange of experiences regarding the management model to improve the social housing program in heritage contexts.

Stakeholders involved

Municipalities of Arequipa and Granada
Historical City-Center Office in Arequipa.



MAIN INTERVENTION-PILOT PROJECT

The cooperation between these cities initially focused on social housing and sustainable management in various fields, mainly water and wastewater treatment. The experience of Granada's water company – a well-known champion of sustainable water management – adds special value to Arequipa's water and sanitation project in terms of the design of non-intrusive measures (Arequipa's water and sanitation project is co-financed by the Inter-American Development Bank [IDB]).

But **once the visit of Arequipa to Granada was conducted, it was found that the progress of the European city in terms of the use of bicycles was very valuable and had many learnings to be incorporated.** It became the aspect in which both cities made the greatest progress.

Arequipa, inspired by Granada, has managed to pass a local law on sustainable mobility on bicycle promotion. The city has 43 km bike lanes already planned and have managed to get a fund for its

implementation. A manual or regulation will be prepared to force the incorporation of social aspects in the operational phase of Ciclovias infrastructure projects, bicycle stops and urban interfaces, as well as establishing the roles and responsibilities of promoters or agents, establishing competencies and professional skills.

This Plan has been revealed as the main activity emerging from the cooperation and shows a local commitment to boost a sustainable mobility system in the city. Complementarily, in relation with the management model to improve the social housing program in heritage contexts, Granada could learn about Arequipa's experiences in the promotion of social housing through significant symbolic actions; and about the rehabilitation of buildings and houses in the city center. Arequipa, for its part, was able to know about a project developed on the Granada's periphery that could lead, in a near future, to a specific collaboration project thanks to the funds that the city is going to obtain in the coming months.

— MAIN IMPACTS AT LOCAL LEVEL

Investment in infrastructure and innovation are considered in Arequipa as fundamental drivers for economic growth and sustainable development.

The “Sustainable Urban Mobility - Public Bicycle” inspired by Granada, is expected to generate benefits for the residents in relation with the improvement of the quality of life standards and increased investments.

Furthermore, this Plan represents a local commitment to introduce non-polluting mobility systems in the city, in accordance with its environmental agenda: up to now the city has reduced 30% of its pollution level and it is expected to further decrease it to 40% with the launch of the Bicycle Plan.



— LESSONS LEARNED AND ADDED-VALUE OF IUC

“Exchange, learning, innovation. These have been the main impacts of this cooperation for us.”

“The exchanges between cities are important because they increase the efficiency of rules approved by the public administration by putting them in relation with other realities.”

“The IUC Program is allowing, through this city-to-city cooperation, that we all walk in the same direction and with a shared vision for sustainability.”

- Arequipa

“In the framework of the cooperation projects sometimes innovative ideas emerge, not initially considered, but having the potential to become a central axis for future action. The participation in these Programs must be therefore faced with flexibility.”

“This Program provides international visibility and promotion to the participating cities as well as new ideas in many fields.”

- Granada

— CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS

Related **SDGs**:

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Urban Agenda for the EU: Housing; Air Quality; Nature-Based Solutions; Cultural Heritage



INTEREST IN FUTURE THEMATIC NETWORKS

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

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NETWORK 1	Mobility, Connectivity and Transport	NETWORK 1	Mobility, Connectivity and Transport
NETWORK 2	Smart Cities & Digital Transition	NETWORK 2	Smart Cities & Digital Transition
NETWORK 3	Urban Poverty and Regeneration, Housing, Social Inclusion – Cohesion, Equity	NETWORK 3	Urban Poverty and Regeneration, Housing, Social Inclusion – Cohesion, Equity
NETWORK 4	Circular Economy, Waste and Sustainable Production / Consumption	NETWORK 4	Circular Economy, Waste and Sustainable Production / Consumption
NETWORK 5	Sustainable and Healthy Cities, Sustainable Land Use – Nature-Based Solutions	NETWORK 5	Sustainable and Healthy Cities, Sustainable Land Use – Nature-Based Solutions
NETWORK 6	Climate Action, Energy, Water and Air Quality	NETWORK 6	Climate Action, Energy, Water and Air Quality
NETWORK 7	Innovation and Economic Growth, Strategic Sectors, Jobs and Skills.	NETWORK 7	Innovation and Economic Growth, Strategic Sectors, Jobs and Skills

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