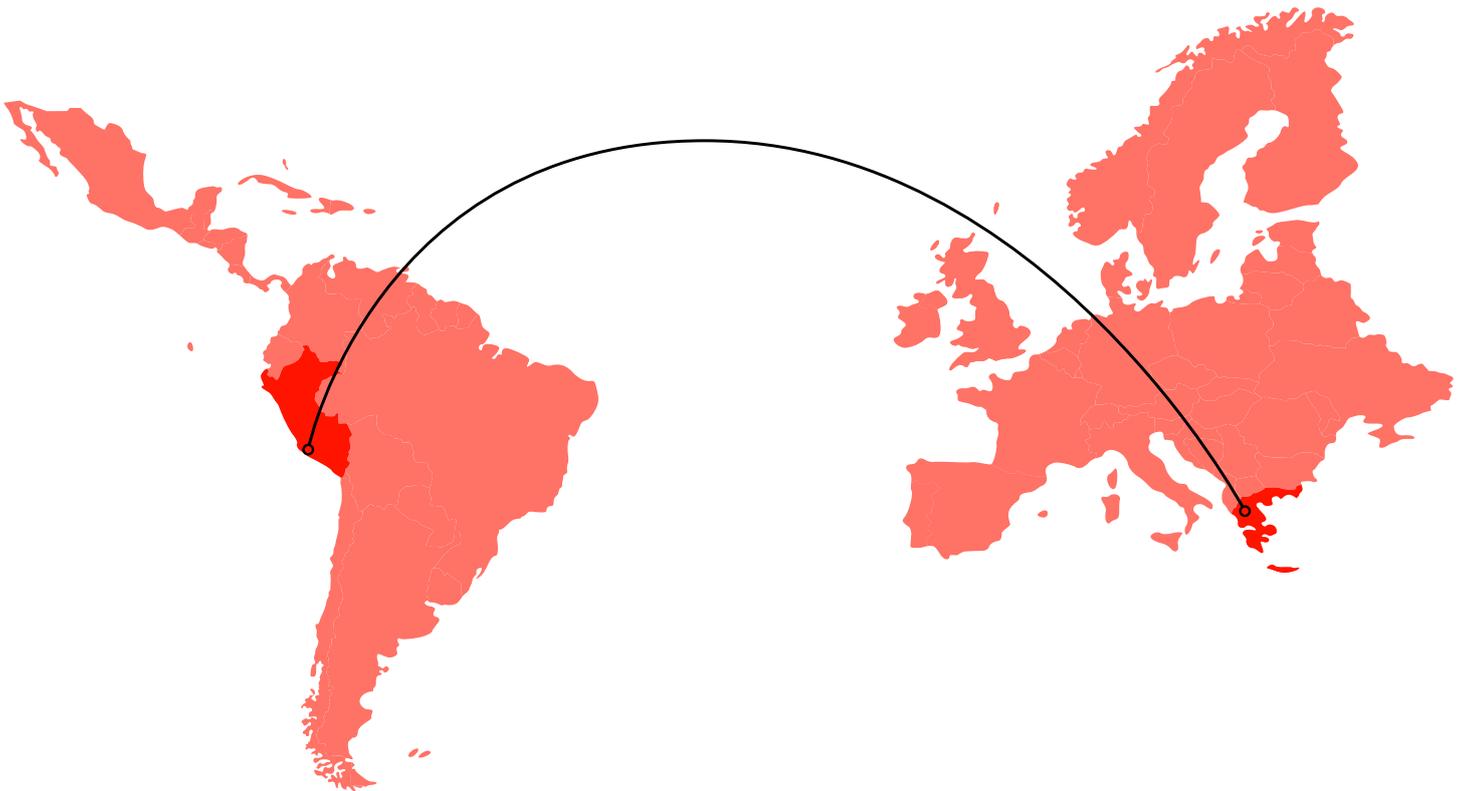

PAIRING REPORT: MIRAFLORES-LARISSA



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THE PAIRING AT A GLANCE

Larissa is the 5th largest city in Greece and is situated in the middle of the largest plain in the country, on the main transportation axis between Athens and Thessaloniki. It's the capital of the Region of Thessaly and one of the major and most dynamic urban areas of the country. Apart from the city of Larissa, the Municipality includes 9 Municipal and Local Communities which are rural areas.

Miraflores is one of the 43 districts in the province of Lima, located on the seafront in the southern part of Lima. It is one of the main centres of Metropolitan Lima with a recreational, cultural and commercial vocation, and the second most visited tourist destination in Peru, after Machu Picchu. Miraflores has 74 parks, which make the district an ecological city.

Keywords

- #Urban mobility
- #Public spaces
- #Public Transport
- #Bicycle pathways

Thematic areas of cooperation

Sustainable urban mobility and public spaces

Objectives

1

To explore ideas to face challenges related to the sustainable urban mobility.

2

To promote quality public spaces in both cities.

Activities

The cooperation between Miraflores and Larissa was articulated around two study visits, in which the cities initially identified some topics of cooperation (sustainable mobility, green spaces and energy). After the meetings and the exchanges held in both cities, they found out their similarities in relation with their views on urban development.

The final joint Action Plan defined activities in three fields:

Sustainable Urban Mobility

- Decrease of private car-use;
- Public transportation; and
- Bicycle roads' network.

Stakeholders involved

Municipalities of Miraflores-Lima and Larissa.
Neighbours associations.



Public spaces

- Creation, management and recovery of sustainable green areas;
- Creation, management and recovery of public spaces; and
- Recovery and preservation of heritage landmarks.

Culture and tourism management

- Cultural and artistic exchange between the two cities through workshops, festivals and presentations.



MAIN INTERVENTION-PILOT PROJECT

Impulse to the implementation of Micro-mobility (bicycle) pathways.

Larissa is the first Greek city to implement: a) a pedestrianization scheme in mid '80s and b) a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan. Because the demand for access and parking is high in the city, Larissa is interested in promoting a change in the citizens' mentality in order to limit the use of private cars, and enhance the use of bicycle, public transport and walking. The city proposed the elaboration of a study for a public bicycle system in Larissa, inspired by the system operating in Miraflores.

The study to be prepared prior to the implementation will take into consideration the present situation, spatial requirements, the interventions of the

Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (current and future), the possible places for infrastructure, technical, financial and management solutions, etc.

Bicycle path in areas of the Miraflores Boardwalk

The central area of Miraflores is characterized by its structure of mixed uses and metropolitan roads. This situation generates important flows of floating population in the district, with the consequent impacts in the field of mobility. In this framework, the district has a great need to make transport more sustainable and to utilise more non-motorised modes of transport. This project will allow the recovery of public spaces that served as parking lots for the use and enjoyment of pedestrians and micro-mobility, with the support of the city-peer, Larissa.

MAIN IMPACTS AT LOCAL LEVEL

The collaboration has paved the way for the implementation of planning initiatives in the Municipality of Miraflores: (i) Development of a guideline for the creation of superblocs ("supermanzanas") in La Mar, La Aurora and the Microcentro through traffic limitations, and (ii) the creation of a sustainable mobility plan for Miraflores. This includes the creation of a network of public parking spaces outside the greater central area, in combination with public transport, walking and biking; Identification of a location for the future metro Line 3 to develop a pilot project to link zoning including land use, density and requirements with the level of accessibility to public transport; feasibility study for new bus lines; refurbishment of bus stops; creation of a micro-mobility network, and a network of bicycle

routes; and various initiatives to add value to value to site of cultural heritage or urban heritage. On the other hand, Larissa wants to adopt the features of the Miraflores bicycle system and wants to encourage private building owners to invest in heritage properties (and their energy efficiency). The city has learned as well about the experiences of Miraflores in protecting landmarks through energy upgrade schemes.

Both cities do have the resources to follow-up on these initiatives. Furthermore, the two cities are in the process of twinning. That connection will provide more opportunities to continue the work started within the IUC program, but also to explore new areas for cooperation and exchanges.

LESSONS LEARNED AND ADDED-VALUE OF IUC

"Visiting Larissa, our peer city that has implemented pedestrianization for many years, has allowed us an advanced approach to what we want to implement in ours".

"In the global village in which we live, there is no city so small that it does not have something to teach, nor a city so large that it does not have something to learn".

- Miraflores

"The IUC program gave us the opportunity to discuss different frameworks, communication tools, implementation difficulties, creative solutions and find commonalities that we didn't expect, since Larissa and Miraflores are two cities on opposite sides of the world (Peru and Greece). Even so, the teams' "chemistry" was great from the start and the resulted twinning was a quick decision"

- Larissa

CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS

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

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Urban Agenda for the EU: Urban Mobility.



INTEREST IN FUTURE THEMATIC NETWORKS

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

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

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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