

euro city *living spaces*

the redevelopment of the **Santiago square** in Cáceres
selected as an example of good practice in the EU.



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cáceres

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| what is the '**Living Spaces**' initiative?
| what **activities** does it involve?



what is the 'Living Spaces' initiative?



**redevelopment of
Santiago square**

Living Spaces | cities and regions shaping the built environment for everyone !

'Living Spaces'

catalogue of good practices

30 good practices in small, medium-sized, large and very large cities and in regions



12 peer learning visits



types and topics:

- # cultural facility
- # educational facility
- # governance & policy
- # health & well-being
- # heritage
- # housing
- # public space
- # sustainability
- # urban regeneration



'Living Spaces'

12 peer-learning visits

catalogue (30) ➡ visits (12)

Berlin, Germany: 11-13 March

Cáceres, Spain: 20-21 March

Toulouse, France: 10-12 April

Prague, Czech Republic: 24-26 April

Vienna, Austria: 15-17 May

Grand Paris Sud, France: 5-7 June

Brussels, Belgium: 17-19 June

Bordeaux, France: 3-5 July (date tbc)

Oulu, Finland: 11-13 September

Vilnius, Lithuania: 18-20 September

Malmo, Sweden: 9-11 October

Gdansk, Poland: 23-25 October



'Living Spaces' understanding the local context

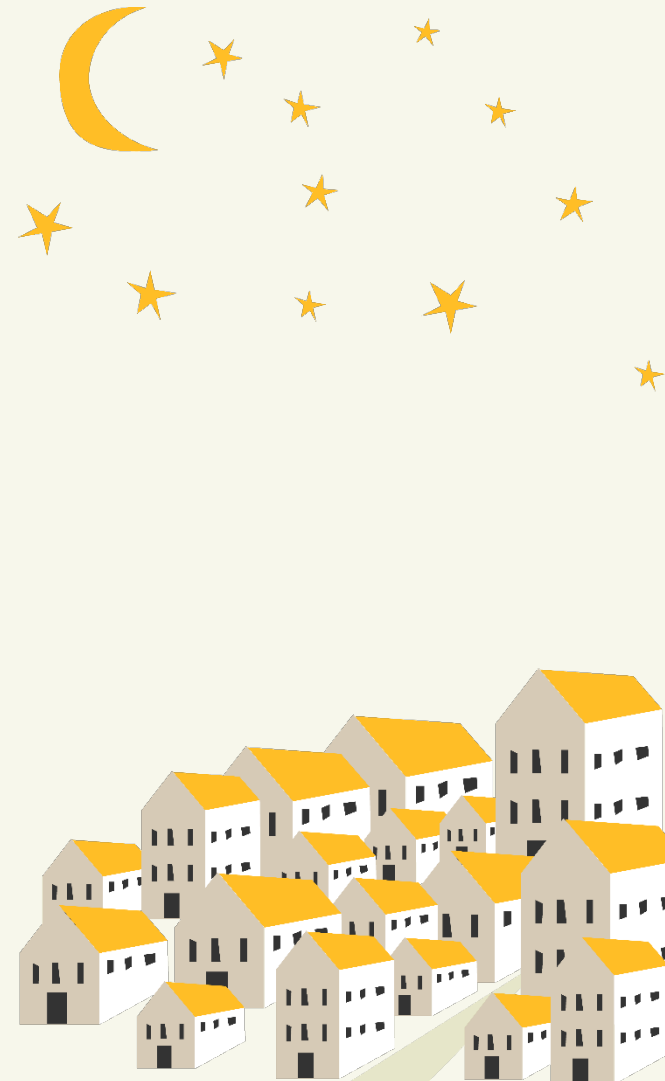
local policy context

- LOTUS
- local urban agenda
- ERESEE
- NEB principles

principles in the field of architecture and built environment in Cáceres

- respect to the context

connecting strategies at city level (+ province, region, national if relevant)



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objectives of the action in santiago square



santiago square **objectives**

The **main target** of this action is the **adaptation of a space** that, although it already has value and significance for the city, does not currently meet the necessary conditions for the meeting and leisure activities that it would be desirable to be able to carry out there.

In order to achieve the general configuration of the square, the following **specific objectives** are proposed:

to improve **universal accessibility**

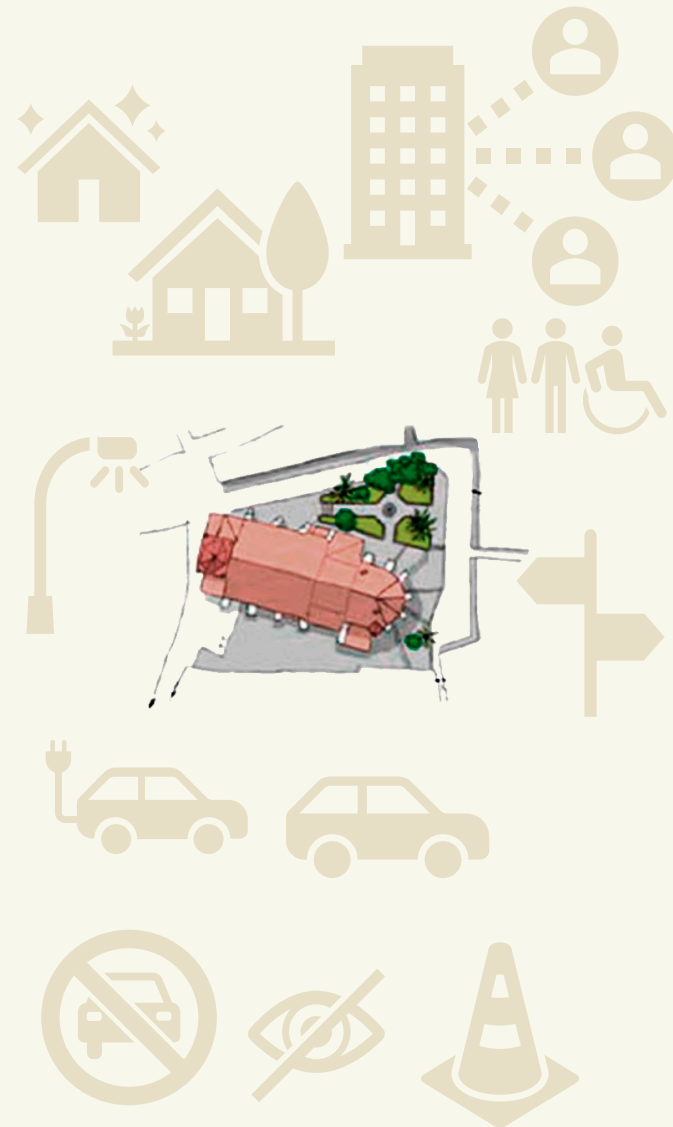
to improve **functionality**

to establish an appropriate strategy for **mobility and vehicle parking**

to enhance and rearrange the **green area**

management of **urban services**

study of **water collection and evacuation**



3 | legal context



legal context

of the project



policy context:



international

New European Bauhaus (NEB)



national

ERESEE

long-term strategy for energy rehabilitation in the building sector in Spain

Spanish Urban Agenda



regional and local

Law on Sustainable Spatial and Urban planning of Extremadura (LOTUS)

Local Action Plan of Cáceres

Urbanism Plan of Cáceres

from global ...



... to local

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citizen participation process



participatory process



stages of the citizen
participation process:



P1 diagnosis

P2 design

P3 implementation

P4 evaluation and monitoring

participatory process



stages of the citizen participation process:



P1 diagnosis

1. initial neighborhood actions
2. to make the **needs/opinion** of neighbors visible
3. citizen participation workshops with COADE

P2 design

P3 implementation

P4 evaluation and monitoring



participatory process



stages of the citizen
participation process:



P1 diagnosis

P2 design

1. drafting on the **specifications for the ideas competition**
2. **working group sessions**
3. **ideas competition**



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DE EXTREMADURA



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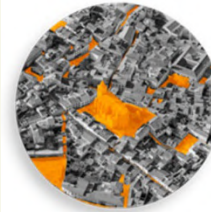
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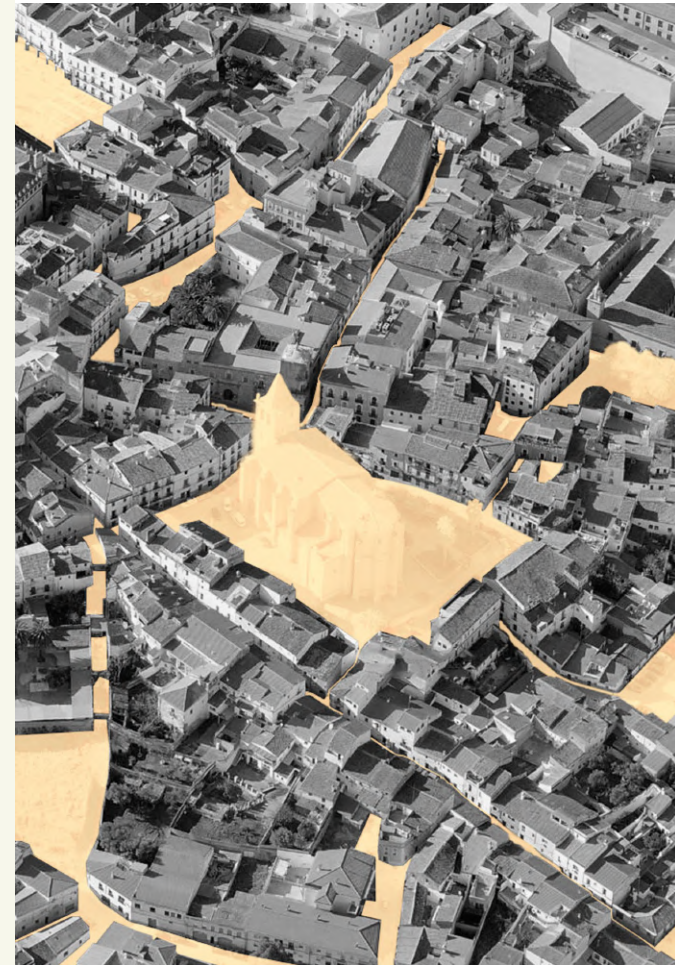
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P3 implementation

P4 evaluation and monitoring



plaza de **santiago**
concurso!
de ideas!
patrimonio para compartir
CONCURSO DE IDEAS CON JURADO
PARA LA REORDENACIÓN DE LA
PLAZA DE SANTIAGO DE CÁCERES



participatory process



stages of the citizen
participation process:



P1 diagnosis

P2 design

P3 implementation

1. election of the **jury**
2. selection of the **best proposal**
3. presentation to **neighbors**
4. execution of the **project**

P4 evaluation and monitoring

La reforma de la plaza de Santiago respetará el proyecto aprobado

El Ayuntamiento y la Diputación pactan cubrir el posible sobrecoste de la obra y trabajar juntos en la candidatura de Cáceres 2031

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Cáceres. El Ayuntamiento y la Diputación de Cáceres trabajan conjuntamente para «impulsar» las obras pendientes por ejecutar en la ciudad que han sido leídas por la institución provincial, entre ellas la reforma de la plaza

técnicos para salvar el proyecto tal y como había salido del proceso participativo», afirmó Mateos. El coste estimado de la remodelación de la plaza de Santiago según ese proyecto ha sido hasta los 1,1 millones de euros. «Ambas instituciones estudiaremos cómo ajustar el presupuesto para que el proyecto sea el inicialmente previsto», apuntó el alcalde, sin aclarar si, llegado el caso, el sobrecoste será asumido por ambas o solo por la Diputación. También existe la posibilidad de que los técnicos propongan algunos cambios no esenciales para salvar el proyecto.



Rafael Mateos y Miguel Ángel Morales en su reunión de este miércoles en la Diputación. wae

Morales dejó claro que, a pesar de que la Diputación se debe a las poblaciones con menos de 20.000 habitantes, la relación y

lo que «los planes no van bien», reconoció Morales. Por ese motivo, se ha decidido pedir una prórroga para poder ejecutar estos

con el resto de instituciones y con la sociedad para que se haga realidad, por fin, algo que una ciudad tan importante en el ámbito

La reforma de la Plaza de Santiago de Cáceres sigue sin fecha

La Diputación aclara que el proyecto de remodelación está en revisión técnica para ajustarlo al presupuesto



HOY

La apertura del hotel Hilton de Godoy en Cáceres coincidirá con el fin de la reforma de la plaza de Santiago

El edil de Infraestructuras se reunió este miércoles con el arquitecto y con técnicos de Diputación para desbloquear la remodelación del recinto, estancada por falta de presupuesto

HOY90
AÑOS

La plaza de Santiago de Cáceres se reformará acorde al proyecto aprobado

El alcalde de Cáceres y el presidente de la Diputación han mantenido un encuentro en el que se han comprometido a ajustar el presupuesto de la obra que se ha incrementado 1,1 millones



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EXTREMADURA

Ayuntamiento y Diputación de Cáceres ultiman los detalles para licitar la obra de reforma de la plaza de Santiago

participatory process



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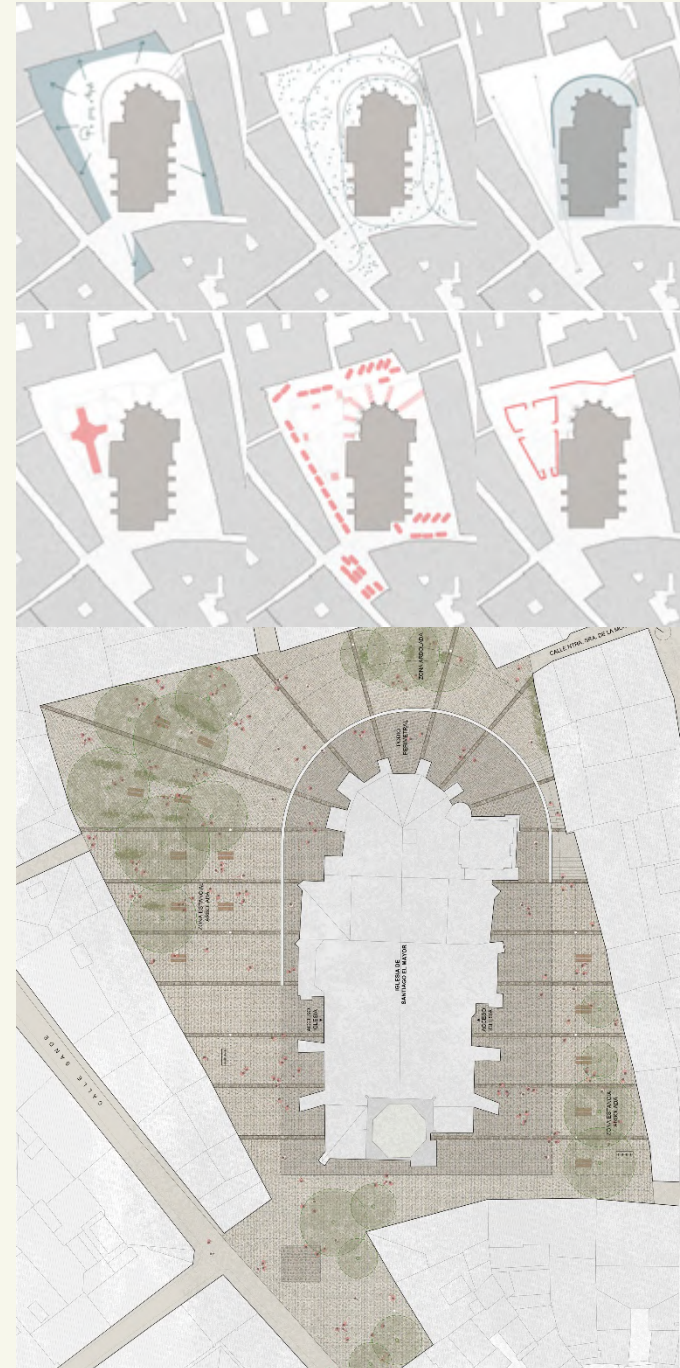
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P2 design

P3 implementation

P4 evaluation and monitoring

1. process **evaluation**
measurable criteria
2. **monitoring implementation**
fulfillment of commitments



participatory process



working in progress

development over time

growth of a complex process



5 | pros & cons of process like this



pros and cons **potentials and weaknesses**

potentials

- creating a common space of understanding to make decisions
- to make the majority feel the project as their own

weaknesses

- difficulties of understanding
- misunderstandings between stakeholders
- slowness of the process



pros and cons

advantages and disadvantages

perspective of **those offering participation:**

advantages

- legitimacy of the **system**, of the **organization**, of the **process** or even of the **decision-makers** sharing decision-making with third parties.
- **quality of decisions** by incorporating more points of view and more elements of analysis.
- **shared responsibility** for the consequences of decisions

disadvantages

- less unilateral decision-making capacity / transfer of power.
- **less agility** in decision making / longer and more complex process.
- **higher cost** of decisions.
- need to make decisions not in accordance with one's **own criteria**.



pros and cons

advantages and disadvantages

perspective of **those invited to participate:**

advantages

- possibility of **influencing** so that decisions are more favorable to us.
- personal satisfaction from influencing **collective decisions**.
- feeling of **belonging** and involvement in a **human community** (society, company, etc.)

disadvantages

- information and participation **effort**.
- **share of responsibility** for decisions.
- **higher cost** of decisions.
- loss of **privacy** over one's opinions / need to get involved in **problems**



6 | issues to discussion



some issues for
debate/discuss



participatory process

community inclusion and empowerment

- how to engage **diverse communities** in the urban planning process to **ensure their voices** are heard and **incorporated into decision-making**.
- engaging **diverse voices**, ensuring gender inclusivity, and fostering a **sense of ownership**.
- **empowering local communities** to actively participate in decision-making.

specific target group

- how to involve **young generations** more in participatory governance.

managing expectations towards the new project.

- strategy when working with the **different objectives and stakeholders**.
- conflicts between **different ideas/demands**.
- approaches to foster the **local community's sense of belonging**.

new design of the square

- current layout problems.
- major issues that pointed out.

some issues for
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participatory process

heritage context

- heritage conservation **vs** urban development.
- combining **heritage** and **new architecture** interventions.
- keys to conduct a participatory process for **heritage sites**.

governance and funding

- integrate a **top-down model** in planning process.
- work **together** with the local society in your planning.
- **management** of this kind of projects.

climate resilience

- **strategies** and principles.
- **heritage** and **climate change**.