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# → CALIU URBÀ - THE PILOT PROJECT IN VALENCIA

**A COPARTICIPATIVE APPROACH TOWARDS HOLISTIC INTEGRATION OF THE CITY OF VALÈNCIA**

8 flats (already refurbished) and 1 street level venue owned by the Valencian Region

Scattered between 5 different normalised building communities

In the historic central district of the city and region + Within a max. 10 minute-walk area

## A WIDELY AGREED TARGET GROUP

People whose applications for International Protection were ultimately denied:

- Living in precarious housing and/or at risk of housing exclusion
- With residence permit
- With a source of income that allows them to pay for basic supply and an eventual symbolic rent

Installed from June 2023, with granted stay at least until June 2026

### MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ General increase in the **feeling of safety and integration**
- ✓ Enhancement of the **access to formal job**
- ✓ More **quality time for leisure, rest and socialization** within the neighbourhood
- ✓ **Reduced dependency on social support**
- ✓ **Wide acknowledgement of the project** by strategic local stakeholders

### MAIN CHALLENGES

- × **Lack of similar previous experiences in the same context**
- × **Very ambitious goals for such a short time**
- × **Lack of available time of beneficiaries** due to productive and reproductive work obligations
- × **Bureaucratic hindrances** in the management of the funds and official documents
- × **Political spin** (municipal and regional) that called for a renovation of key stakeholders

## A HIGHLY REPRESENTATIVE AND TRANSVERSAL FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

### CALIU URBÀ CORE TEAM

**4** UVEG + **5** Quatorze + **6** València Acull

### LOCAL THIRD SECTOR

Spanish Red Cross, CEAR, APIP-ACAM, ACCEM, CEPAIM, MPDL

### PUBLIC SECTOR

#### REGIONAL (core level)

**2** Deputy DG of Social Intervention (Valencian Entity of Housing and Ground) / **1** DG competent in Social Housing / **3** DG competent in Inclusion of Migrants

LOCAL Centre of Assistance to Migrants (València City Council)

#### NATIONAL

Welcoming Centre for Refugees (National Ministry competent in Migration)

INTERNATIONAL UNHCR Spain

**1** Political prerogative for the free-leasing of 8 flats and 1 street-level venue at the historic old town of València /// **2** Manages the dwellings and venue /// **3** Funds the first year of social follow-up (through competitive public call) /// **4** Key node of the pilot, lessee of the flats and venue /// **5** WP4 and WP5 MERGING coordinator, in charge of refurbishment of the common space /// **6** In charge of the social follow-up (until May 2024)

## SYSTEMATIC COPARTICIPATION

Weekly meetings of the CU team (València Acull + UVEG + Social psychologist [from Nov 2023])

7 meetings related to strategic networking and Follow-Up Committee (+ 10 more meetings before June 2023)

5 assemblies and workshops with beneficiaries and Caliu Urbà team

5 autonomous assemblies of CU beneficiaries

9 workshops for beneficiaries (5 of co-design and construction of the sgraffito wall of the common space)

+ Participation in community choir, scouting group, community orchard

+ Implementation and monitorisation of **specific intervention plans** on social, labour and psychological domains

February-March 2022: Constitution of the Follow-Up Committee

December 2022: València Acull joins as the entity in charge of social follow-up of Caliu Urbà

October 2022- February 2023: Definition of the target population and the criteria for selection

March 2023-May 2023: Assessment of proposed household and later selection + Furnishment

May - June 2023: Furnishment + Municipal registration + Registration for basic supplies + Regional and municipal political spin

June 2023: The beneficiaries move to the flats

March 2024: Inauguration of the common space

30<sup>th</sup> of April 2024: MERGING project ends

June 2026: The initial lease of the flats and the common space ends

## WORKING TOWARDS THE CONTINUATION OF CALIU URBÀ BEYOND MERGING (MAY 2024-JUNE 2026- ...)

### INNER FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY

Self-funded community (Economy of the Common Good)

### EXTERNAL FUNDING FEASIBILITY

Application to private call for funds (Fundació La Caixa)

+ Discussion with regional public administration about possible merge with similar already existing programs

### LONG TERM HOUSING SOLUTION

Sociolabour consolidation of beneficiaries towards autonomy

+ Assessment of possible ways to secure that they could stay in the neighbourhood after June 2026

