

55. Social and environmental recovery of the Llobregat river area in the county of Baix Llobregat

MUNICIPALITIES

Section 1: Martorell, Castellbisbal, Sant Andreu de la Barca and Corbera de Llobregat.

Section 2: Sant Boi de Llobregat, Sant Joan Despí, Cornellà, L'Hospitalet and El Prat de Llobregat.

Intermediate section: Pallejà, El Papiol, Sant Vicenç dels Horts, Molins de Rei, Santa Coloma de Cervelló and Sant Feliu de Llobregat.

HEADLINE

Over the course of 2011, the phase 2 works will be completed, both in the section 1 and section 2 spheres, and the process of recovery of the river Llobregat as a natural space of opportunity on a metropolitan scale for citizens will continue.

KEY ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DETAILS

- Surface area:
 - o Section 1: 202 ha, with 8.1 km of river, belonging to 5 municipalities (90,983 inhabitants.)
 - o Section 2: 207 ha, with 6.5 km of river, belonging to 5 municipalities (524,065 inhabitants.)
- Total investment: € 16 M (works of section 1, and of section 2, phase 1 and phase 2)
- Term for execution: 2011 (works of section 1, and of section 2, phase 1 and phase 2)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Since the mid 20th century, the endl section of the river Llobregat has been practically isolated by a series of priority actions necessary for the development of the metropolitan area, in terms of both infrastructures and services alike. This has contributed to the fact that, with the passing of the years, the river has become an invisible element within the metropolitan sphere, confined between motorways and with little relationship with its surroundings.

With the aim of changing these negative dynamics, in 2006 the Consortium for the Recovery of the River Llobregat was constituted, its members being the general, autonomous regional and local administrations, which delegate the river's management to the Association of Municipalities of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (MMAMB).

In 2009, the actions corresponding to the first phase were completed, and during 2011 it is planned to complete the works corresponding to the second phase. The actions carried out have enhanced the river space, both in the natural sphere (with important plantations and environmental actions) and the social sphere (the population's access to the river has been facilitated via "entrance gates" from some municipalities). It is hoped that the set of actions implemented will produce major changes, especially relevant being the desire to recover the close relationship that had traditionally existed between the metropolitan municipalities and the river.

In recent years, significant investments have been made; however, there remains much to be done, above all in the so-called "intermediate section" which occupies the river space between section 1 and section 2.

During 2010, the MMAMB started to invest to recover, both socially and environmentally, the metropolitan section of the Llobregat. It tendered out the projects corresponding to section 1, phase 2, and to section 2, phase 2. Throughout 2011 it will continue working to convert the Llobregat into a river for people.

WEBSITE

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