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## Alicante will have an "ecological" coastal walk



Alicante will create a corridor on its coastal facade with "islands" connected to each other and to the environment. THE WORLD

'My connected archipelago' wins the International Ideas Competition to create a Corridor

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The **recovery of Cabo de las Huertas** as an "island" "more special". This is one of the **values of the winner of the International Ideas Competition** for the creation of a Litoral Corridor, **My connected archipelago**. This was decided yesterday by the Secretary of the Jury, chaired by the Councilor for Tourism, Mari Carmen De Espaca, and composed of the main entities, associations, official colleges and renowned professionals related to Urban Planning, Tourism and the Environment, as well as as by a representation of the municipal political groups.

Said project, as explained by its leaders ( **Subarquitectura + Grupo Aranea** ) in a communicate from the City Council, the project contemplates the vertebration of the coastal mail through different **"islands" connected to each other** through what is conceived as an ecological corridor with the **objective " to connect people with the landscape and landscapes , the water with the land and the**

**water with the people** , and understanding that the true potential of the coastal corridor is its quality as a public-natural space and as a space for coexistence " .

One of the characteristics of this project is the value given to the **Cabo de las Huertas for its history and landscape importance** , while contemplating the transformation of Costablanca Avenue in a walk, keeping the two lanes on the west side for traffic and destining the other two to **create a public space for the pedestrian with a bike path that connects with the sea through small interventions**.

To choose a winner of this contest, **the Jury specially assessed** issues such as the adequacy of the proposal to the environment and urban landscape and to the scale of the intervention, the architectural quality, the technical, urban, economic and constructive viability, and the criteria of energy design, environmental, economic and social sustainability, maintenance and energy efficiency and universal accessibility. Also, the winning team **will receive the amount of 40,000 euros** in concept of fees for the drafting of the corresponding basic projects, execution, Health and Safety study and Environmental Impact study of the **sections between the Cabo de las Huertas and the Cala of the Jews and the Serra Grossa and the Calas**.

Over the last few years **proposals and interventions have been carried out on the littoral edge** of the municipal area of Alicante, but they have always been about specific actions without a joint action on the maritime shore of the city, the council recalled.

In this context, the City Council convened an International Ideas Competition with the aim of developing a Littoral Corridor Project, with an intervention on the entire coastal front of Alicante with the purpose of connecting pedestrian all sections of the coast and generate a continuous itinerary , integrated into the environment, respectful of the landscape and the environment and that allows generating new places of opportunity.

After this contest, **the project of the first two sections of the coastal promenade will be drawn up** , which, in total, consists of **21 kilometers** . In this regard, the **mayor of Alicante, Luis Barcala** , stressed that the coastal promenade will **transform "definitely the physiognomy and the way of seeing Alicante"** . "Our coast is defining what Alicante is, but it also sets the standards for a new city model, a future city that aspires to be better, well beyond the coast," he concluded.

#### PREVIOUS PHASES

In the **first place** , a **pre - selection** phase was opened in which the teams of professionals who fulfilled the **requirements** established in the technical clauses and a mixed procedure of anonymity was established to evaluate the technical and material capacity on the one hand.

In this first phase **a total of 13 multidisciplinary teams participated under a pseudonym** and the Jury selected **five finalists who prepared a general project** of the whole field and developed the defined sections in detail.

As a reward they **received the amount of 10,000 euros in compensation and financial compensation** for the work for the preparation of the documentation for the second phase.

Finally, Alicante already has a winner. After having passed the different phases that were required, ***My Connected Archipelago*** was the winner, by SUBARQUITECTURA (Carlos Banon, Andres Silanes and FernandoValderrama) + GRUPO ARANEA (Francisco Leiva + Marta Garcia-Chico). The city will be more ecological thanks to this project.