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# València, European Green Capital 2024



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# The European Green Capital Label

València is European Green Capital for 2024.

The European Green Capital Award is a **acknowledgement granted by the European Commission** to those cities that make an exemplary ecological transition and carry out measures included in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or the European Green Pact.

It recognizes the city's **commitment to sustainability** and its efforts to improve the environment and quality of life.

It's both an honor and a responsibility for the city and a continued public commitment to sustainability.

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To achieve the European Green Capital acknowledgement, a panel of experts from the European Commission evaluates the state of the city based on **12 urban sustainability indicators**, such as air, noise and water quality; sustainable land use and governance, among others.













In addition to these indicators, we cannot forget that citizenship, through their mobilization, effort and awareness-raising, have been key to achieving a València that cares for and protects the environment.

Valencia is the first Mediterranean city to achieve this recognition, making us a model of urban sustainability and a headlight city for other European and Mediterranean cities.

# 12

urban sustainability  
indicators

Cities are assessed according to 12 environmental indicators

-  Air Quality
-  Noise
-  Water
-  Sustainable Land Use and Soil
-  Waste and Circular Economy
-  Nature and Biodiversity
-  Green Growth and Eco-innovation
-  Climate Change: Mitigation
-  Climate Change: Adaptation
-  Sustainable Urban Mobility
-  Energy Performance
-  Environmental Governance

# The European Green Capital Label

The acknowledgement of Valencia as European Green Capital is much more than an award, it implies a public and constant commitment of our city in terms of sustainability. We are aware that it makes us a model and headlight city for other European and Mediterranean cities, and that is why we are totally committed to this project, which is not just the City Council's.

It is a city project. **To accelerate the ecological transition** that all cities are undergoing, we are very clear that everyone has to participate. It is a project that is here to stay. Not only in 2024.



# Why Valencia?

The good results achieved by the city of Valencia, which have led it to become European Green Capital 2024, are due to the great work done in the field of urban sustainability around four axes.

In addition to these four axes, there is the cross-cutting commitment of citizens to urban sustainability.

1. Green infrastructure and urban biodiversity

2. Public space and mobility

3. Orchard and sustainable nutrition

4. Green and Digital Mission

# Why Valencia?

## 1. Green infrastructure and urban biodiversity

València is a city with an **extraordinary green heritage**, which includes the Turia Garden and l'Albufera and a large number of parks and gardens, such as the Viveros Park or the 'Parc Central' and hundreds of neighborhood parks..

**The city has 7.5 m2 of green space per inhabitant.** The goal is to reach 10 m2 by 2030.

70% of the Valencian population has a green area adapted to climate change less than five minutes from their home (about 300 m).



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## 2. Public space and mobility

València has made an important effort to recover public space, consolidating it as a **city of squares and public spaces for citizens**.

Pedestrian revolution in the historical center. **More than 30,000 square metres traffic free.**

The three main squares of the historical centre of Valencia, which articulate the axis from the North Station to the Serrano Towers, have been converted into a new and enormous space for public use.





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## 3. Orchard and sustainable nutrition

### City - Orchard binomial

‘L’Horta de Valencia’ is one of the most important Mediterranean orchards in Europe and has been declared a **Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS)** by the **FAO**.

Efforts to promote the connection of the peri-urban orchard with the local community were recognized in 2017 with the **World Capital of Sustainable Urban Food**.



# Why Valencia?

## 4. Green and Digital Mission

Only 10 cities have achieved the 'Mission Label'

This is the **EU Mission Label for Smart and Climate Neutral Cities** that recognizes cities' plans to achieve climate neutrality.

This label makes them inspiring cities for sustainability.



# Transforming Actions

# Actions

## TURIA GARDENS

- ✓ `Parque de la Desembocadura´ (Park of the river mouth)
- ✓ Project to close the river circuit and connect the Turia Garden with the sea.
- ✓ Undergrounding of the “Serrería” tracks and the city's northern sewer system
- ✓ Urban Forest



# Actions

## L'ALBUFERA

- ✓ Necessary formal procedures for the Albufera Natural Park to be declared a Biosphere Reserve by Unesco.
- ✓ Unique wetland in Europe and we want to enhance its value.
- ✓ Contact with the Ministry for Ecological Transition and its demographic challenge
- ✓ Inter-council meeting with roadmap and 10 defined steps to follow



# Actions

## CLEANING

✓ We have increased the cleanliness in the streets, squares and gardens.

✓ **2.74 million euros** earmarked for cleaning activities of the city during the Fallas - 41% increase on the initial budget - 71% more personnel

## MOBILITY

✓ 12,1 KM cycle paths.

✓ Increase in electric **recharging points** - Plan to install more than a hundred recharging points in the city



# Actions

## WATER

- ✓ Commitment to reach the efficiency and optimisation of the water supply network.
- ✓ Emivasa Investment Plan - 14 million euros budget - Increase of 23.6%.

## SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

- ✓ Green Routes `Visit València`
- ✓ Tour guide training
- ✓ Festival Cuina Abierta
- ✓ Valencia Electric Boat Show



# Actions

## TREES

- ✓ Construction of 4 new Parks
- ✓ Planting of more than 2000 trees
- ✓ Renaturalization projects
- ✓ Planting of trees to recover the burnt area of 'L'Albufera'

## SCHOOLS

- ✓ "Valencia, que te quiero verde" – Participation of 130 schools to learn about the new Turia riverbed

## ACCESSIBILITY

- ✓ Project with Google to allow adapted vehicles to know the availability of parking spaces in real time.





# Actions

## BEACHES

- ✓ Valencia has 7 beaches with blue flags this year, the Arbre del Gos beach receives the award for the first time.
- ✓ Commitment to beach care, waste collection, and species recovery.

## SOLAR PANELS

- ✓ Creation of the largest photovoltaic plant in Spain, with more than 6,500 solar panels.
- ✓ 800 families will benefit from the Energy Vulnerability Action Plan.



# A year of Green Capital European

It will be a year of “**celebrating sustainability**” in which all the city's stakeholders will participate. From the public sector, we will promote public-private collaboration, citizen participation, engagement with the Academy and, of course, with the media.

Being European Green Capital in 2024 will allow us to put more focus on **awareness** and **sensitization** in the care, improvement and respect for the **environment**.

For this purpose, we have designed a program of around **400 activities**, exhibitions and events to raise awareness and visibility of sustainability throughout the year.





Youth

Citizenship

International Organizations

scientific, research, educational community

Impact



Childhood & families

Economic & Associative Fabric

Temporary citizenship

Elderly

Media

# Event Program

# European Green Capital

## València 2024



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# Type of Events



# Official Events

Big commemorative events of Valencia, European Green Capital 2024, with EU coordination and presence.

# 6 Official Events

# 01

## Opening Ceremony

January 11-12



Palacio de la Música

València, European Green Capital 2024 **inaugural event with delegations** from the European Network of Green Capitals.

# 02

## Valencia Cities Climate Week

June 25-26-27



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### Exposición

It gathers **three major events**:

- Annual EC Mission Cities Forum
- EURESFO, European resilience event of the ICLEI network
- Annual Energy Cities Forum

# 03

## International Clean Air Day

7 September



TBC

A global celebration that underscores the importance of **breathing clean air** and warns of the dangers of air **pollution**, an invisible but profound threat to health and the environment

# 6 Official Events

## 04

World Car Free Day  
and Mobility Week

September 22



A reminder to reduce **reliance on motor vehicles** and promote more sustainable and eco-friendly **methods of transportation**, especially in large cities.

## 05

CVE Ceremony 2026

October 23-24



Ceremony to reveal the city that will be European Green Capital in 2026

## 06

CVE Closing Ceremony  
2024

December



Closing ceremony and commemorative closing ceremony of València, European Green Capital 2024



# Central Events

Events or programs organized by public or private entities **whose themes coincide with the pillars of the capital**: renaturalization, biodiversity and public space, sustainable food, sustainable mobility, València 2030 Climate Mission.

# +20 Central events

January	February	March	April	May
31 Energy Revolution III	14-15 International Wetlands Conference	1-19 Green Faults  5-7 European Carbon Farming Summit  23 Exposition 'Esto nos salvará'. Closure.	4 abril – 22 octubre Exposition 'La vida secreta de las microalgas'  10 Conference "The tree in the City"  11 - 12 Valencia Electric Boat Show 2024  18-20 Biology Olympiad  24 International Noise Awareness Day	My Neighborhood in Transition  19 International Bee Day  20-24 Green Week. Biodiversity Week.  22 -24 International Marine Litter Forum  31 VII Technical Conference "Another look at our green spaces"

# +20 Central events

June	July	September	October	November	December
25-28 Recycle Festival  International Day Sustainable Gastronomy	1-31 Gran Fira de València  8 Conference CEMAS-24  10-12 International Conference ISMS	International Day of Awareness of Wasting Food	NovaGob International Sustainability Congress 1-3 Iberflora Sustainable Development Legacy Event 23-24 València Digital Summit  Sustainable Tourism Meeting  International Day of Sustainable Food	Responsible Consumption Fair  Sustainability and Innovation in Tourism and Territory	Marathon Green Valencia

# Amplifying events

Developed by  
public or private entities  
with great propagation  
and reach among citizens.

# +10 Amplifying Events

## Popular Races Circuit

### January

11  
ExpoJove  
Children's and Youth  
Day

22-26  
FITUR

### March

21-27  
Water Week

26  
The Power of  
Geospatial Tech for  
NYC!

### April

4-8  
Sample cava, wine and  
food

28  
15k Open to the Sea

### May

Mercavalència a  
L'Horta

International Congress  
on Marine Litter

### June

Photo exhibition "The  
Melting Age"

### August

Culture of the  
Neighborhoods and  
districts

Webinar EWA

### October

Volta a peu

MM València

### November

Plogging tour

### December

San Silvestre

# Events by collectives



	ESCUELAS	COMERCIO Y RESTAURACIÓN	BARRIOS	JÓVENES	MAYORES	VISITANTES	FALLAS
Visitas a l'Albufera	✓						
Recurso educativo energía	✓		✓		✓		
Recurso educativo cambio climático	✓		✓		✓		
Recurso educativo humedales	✓		✓		✓		
Recurso educativo biodiversidad	✓		✓		✓		
Recurso educativo apicultura urbana	✓				✓		
Recurso educativo sostenibilidad ambiental (UP)					✓		
Recurso educativo 'Connecta escoles València'	✓						
Campus multideportivo 3 'R'	✓						
Ruta turística CVE						✓	
Ruta barrios CVE			✓	✓	✓		
Cuina oberta / Plato sostenible		✓				✓	
Conciertos Serialparc				✓			
Salidas medioambientales 'Cuida tu playa'				✓			
Herramienta impacto de la actividad fallera							✓

+380 eventos por colectivos



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