

Corso di formazione “**Valutare la rigenerazione urbana**”



Quale rigenerazione ?

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Il percorso

1980 – Crisi economica: il Sindaco Cuerda crea il CEA, Centro di Studi Ambientali

1990 - Il CEA lancia il Piano per realizzare un Piano del Sistema del verde periurbano, inteso come soluzione generale per risolvere il problema delle aree degradate tra la città e la campagna. In realtà la greenbelt è stata una strategia multifunzionale per introdurre la landscape ecology nelle scelte di Pianificazione.

1995 - Carta di Aalborg: Vitoria-Gasteiz è la prima città Spagnola che firma la Carta e la prima a definire l'Agenda 21 locale. Temi chiave: idrologia, inquinamento e rumore trattati in modo integrato

1995 – Prima proposta di Greenbelt, definita a partire dai sistemi naturali principali

1998 – la Greenbelt entra nelle strategie alla base della revisione del Piano Urbanistico Generale

1998 - 2005 – Costruzione della Greenbelt contemporaneamente al boom edilizio

2005 – da Vitoria parte l'idea della rete ecologica provinciale

2007 - Il conflitto tra urbanizzazione e natura induce il Sindaco Alfonso Alonsoa prendere una decisione forte: "La parte sud della città sarà un grande parco naturale."

2012 - European Green Capital

Oggi - L'area sud (più di 15.000 ettari) sta per essere dichiarata ufficialmente Parco naturale dal Governo Basco.



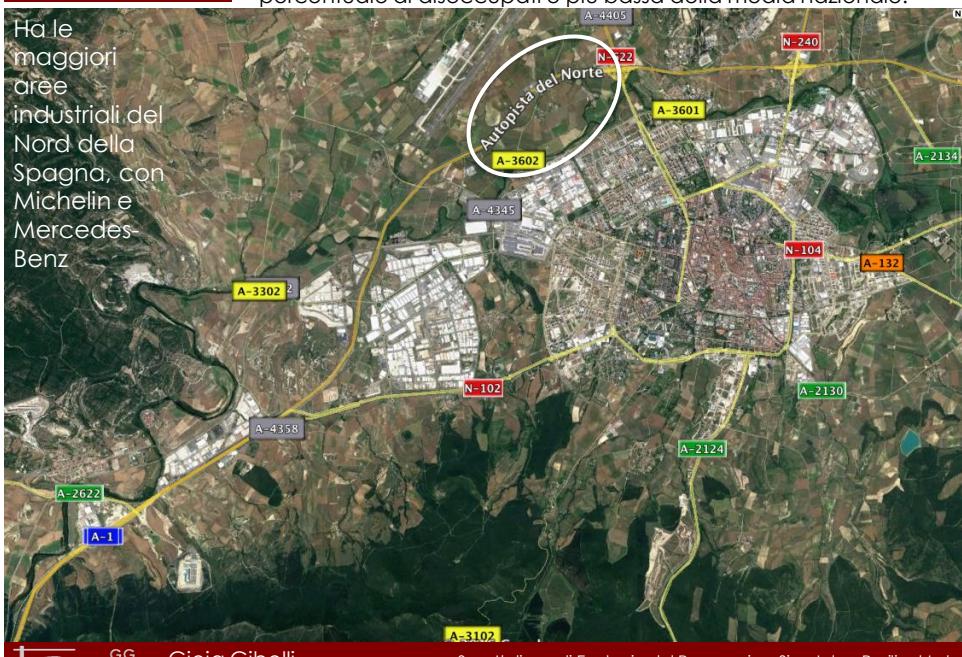
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Minacce e temi

Ha le maggiori aree industriali del Nord della Spagna, con Michelin e Mercedes-Benz

La città ha uno dei redditi pro-capite più alti di Spagna, e la percentuale di disoccupati è più bassa della media nazionale.



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Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain: From Urban Greenbelt to Regional Green Infr

Minacce e temi

Dal 1998 al 2009

ettari edificati da 1800 a 3300
nuove case 40.000
Incremento demografico 8%



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Figure 7.7 Fierce battles have been fought against urbanization processes during the most speculative decade in Spain's history. The greenbelt has been subjected to multiple pressures along its thirty-five-kilometer perimeter. © CEA.

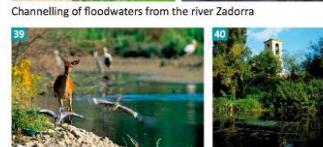
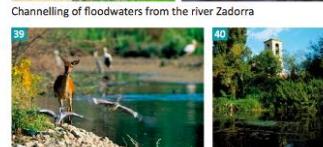
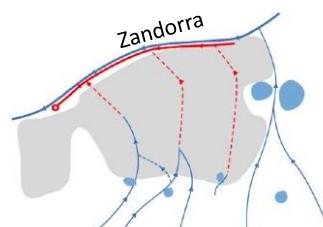
Minacce e temi

Acquiferi, fiumi e zone umide

Vitoria poggia su un acquifero di circa 450.000.000 di litri

Oggi usato quasi solo per agricoltura e irrigazione e contaminato da nitrati

Problemi: 5 rii tombinati e usati come fogne
alluvioni urbane
sovraffollamento dei depuratori
sfiori nello Zadorra



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L'inizio – Gli studi del CEA

conclusioni:

1. Vitoria-Gasteiz ha un grande territorio di ottima qualità ecologica, di cui una buona parte pubblica, e ha una grande attitudine alla conservazione del paesaggio e della biodiversità: la prima proposta è di proteggere 1000 ettari come greenbelt.
2. Vitoria-Gasteiz è una città compatta il cui centro è ben curato, a differenza delle frange urbane degradate e con rischio ambientale elevato, specialmente nei contesti dei laghi e dei fiumi.
3. Una volta recuperati, i paesaggi di frangia, possono giocare un ruolo straordinario nei confronti delle reti ecologiche a scala regionale. Possono anche definire un nuovo modello urbano con effetti positivi sulla qualità della vita di tutti i cittadini.



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Caratteristiche e temi

La qualità urbana

Le green infrastructures urbane

La mobilità sostenibile



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Caratteristiche e temi

Rivalutare l'Agricoltura e i paesaggi rurali



educational activities
ecological horticulture
place for people over
fiftyfive years old

in 1997 the Olarizu meadows and prairies were added to the greenbelt

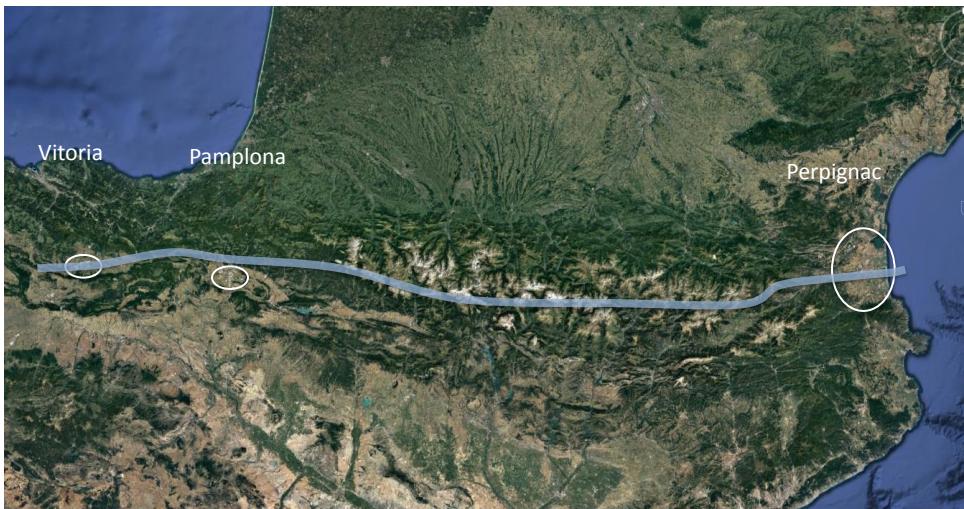


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Caratteristiche e temi

Il fiume principale, lo Zadorra collega la pianura di Alava con la valle del fiume Ebro e con il Mediterraneo



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1995 - 35 Km di perimetro

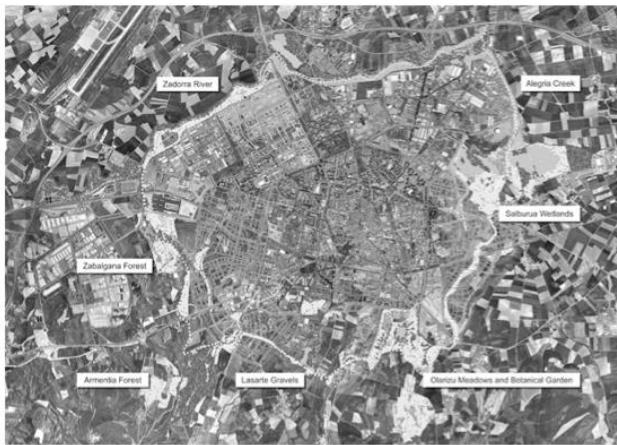


Figure 7.2 Greenbelt of Vitoria-Gasteiz. Credit: CEA.

The first proposal for the greenbelt in 1995 was defined by the main natural systems: a river that marks the boundary of the city to the north (**Zadorra**), a **mountain system to the south**, and a **drainage system with small rivers and streams to the east and west** of the city. Moreover, there were a number of small "island woods" (**Armentia and Zabalgana**) and a consolidated peri-urban park with its traditional procession and popular festivities (**Olarizu**). A few decades ago, a number of drained wetlands (**Salburua**), before being occupied by farming land, had provided habitats for communities of plants and animals, and played a regulatory role by helping to control flooding, so there was considerable support for their recovery. Despite the fact that many of these spaces were degraded, there was huge potential for their recovery.



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2013: la CE pubblica la Strategia Europea delle Infrastrutture Verdi (*Green Infrastructure-Enhancing Europe's Natural Capital, Comissione Europea, Bruxelles, 6.5.2013*) con l'obiettivo di spingere lo sviluppo delle Infrastrutture Verdi in tutti gli ambiti territoriali, nazionali, regionali e locali) enfatizzandone l'importanza per l'organizzazione del territorio

Vitoria-Gasteiz, : un SISTEMA DE INFRAESTRUCTURA VERDE URBANA, basado en funciones ecosistémicas, que permitan al sistema urbano evolucionar hacia mayores cotas de sostenibilidad



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Strategie

1.3 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUNCTIONS AND BENEFITS

The green infrastructure helps us to maintain the valuable services provided by ecosystems.



ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

1. Flood prevention, regulating rainwater run-off.
2. Reducing risks deriving from flooding, floodwater regulation.
3. Increasing aquifer recharge water.
4. Thermal regulation and reduction of urban heat islands.
5. Improving ecological permeability - movement and refuge of species - in the case of extreme weather conditions by creating ecological networks.

MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE

6. Increasing carbon sequestration (sink effect).
7. Reducing carbon emissions from motor vehicles by increasing public transport infrastructures and sustainable mobility (pathways, bicycle lanes, etc.).
8. Generating renewable energy sources ("green buildings").
9. Reducing energy consumption (climatic heating by means of urban forest, green facades, bioclimatic construction).

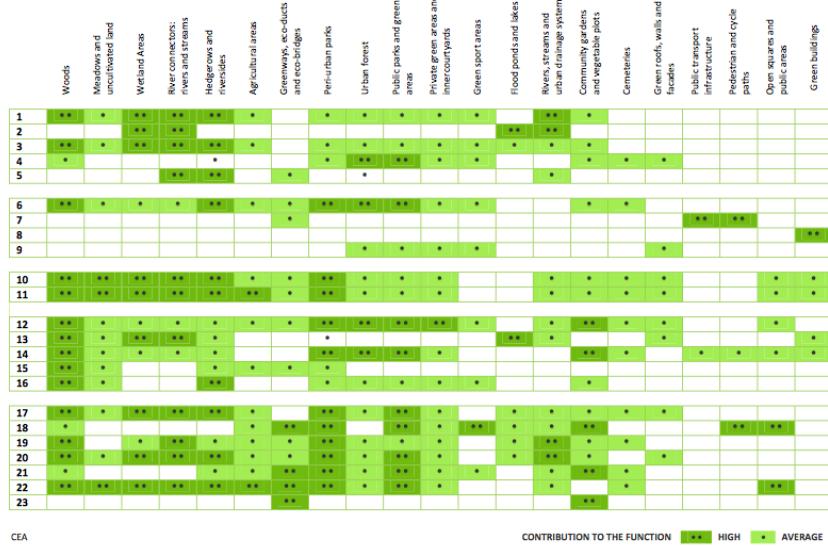
IMPROVING BIODIVERSITY

10. Maintenance, protection and enhancement of natural habitats, wildlife and biodiversity.
11. Increasing biocapacity.
12. Improving air quality.
13. Improving water quality (water treatment).
14. Reducing noise levels.
15. Improving and maintaining agricultural land values (increasing soil fertility).
16. Controlling soil erosion.

IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

17. Improving aesthetic values.
18. Increasing resources for sports and leisure pursuits.
19. Increasing resources for contemplation and spiritual well-being.
20. Generating resources for training and education.
21. Generating community resources (involving citizens).
22. Increasing the feeling of belonging and identity.
23. Urban agriculture and locally produced food.

Strategie



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Strategie

1.4 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AT DIFFERENT SPATIAL SCALES

Structuring a Green Infrastructure system or network requires regional planning and management strategies at different spatial scales.

INTERNATIONAL SCALE

A number of transnational strategies work in order to recover ecological connectivity processes through the definition of large ecological corridors.

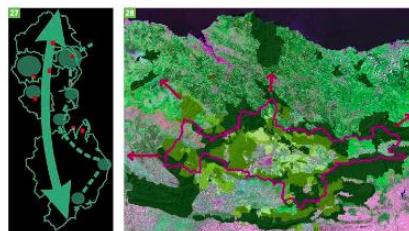


Large Biodiversity Corridors Planning Strategies
European Natura 2000 Network
Large mountain ranges
Pan-European Ecological Network

At a European level, the Pan-European Ecological Network attempts to advance towards spatial ecological connectivity at different scales and in different ambits (not only terrestrial) in regional and sector planning policies.

REGIONAL SCALE

At a regional scale, the network of protected spaces does not guarantee the necessary ecological connectivity of the region as a whole. For this reason, the landscape scale is advocated more and more for the design of functional ecological networks.



"Basque Threshold" in the Great Mountain Corridor of the Cantabria - Pyrenees - French Massif Central - Western Alps, Mountain Corridors Initiative of IUCN.
Natural Protected Spaces Network
Existing ecological corridors
Protected Landscapes
Major routes providing access to natural spaces
Networks of Greenways

At this scale, the Green infrastructure is conceived as a regional system that includes spaces with environmental, landscape and heritage values, as well as the necessary connections to maintain the basic ecological processes of the region.

Functional ecological network around the Upland Ring, Bioregion of Central Alava.

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The greenbelt is indeed a physical reality today, but it is also “a way of doing things.” This fragile peri-urban system and the city are still two different realities that do indeed coexist and should be directly integrated. the principles that inspired the strategy of the greenbelt: landscape ecology, social integration, balanced land use distribution, and, above all, full awareness and respect for our region, the rural landscape where we all come from and which we all need, today perhaps more than ever.

Infrastruttura verde urbana

Mobilità sostenibile

Riequilibrio idrologico e rete ecologica

Agricoltura e paesaggio rurale



Infrastruttura verde urbana



La Greenbelt: dalla scala urbana alla scala regionale

Primi passi

The first steps have been taken in Vitoria-Gasteiz by extending the marketplaces of the greenbelt to community gardens in different neighborhoods,

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La Greenbelt: dalla scala urbana alla scala regionale

Primi passi : mobilità sostenibile

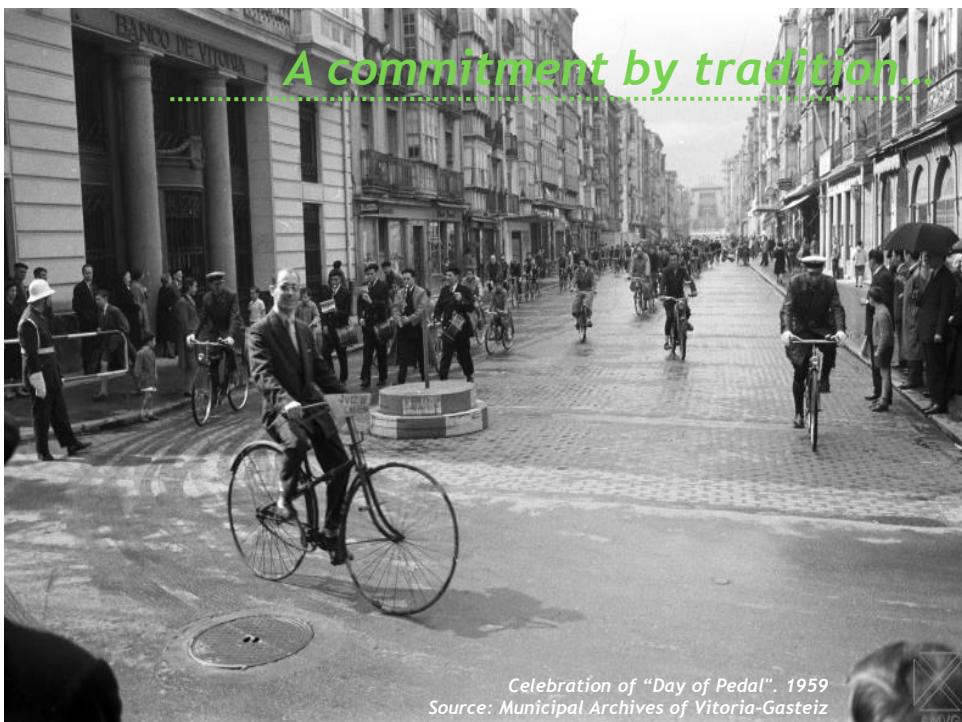
Pedonalizzazione e ciclabilità.
2003 il Piano Urbano per la pedonalizzazione

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A commitment by tradition...



Infrastruttura verde urbana



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RENOVATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF BUILDINGS	WATER MANAGEMENT	URBAN GREEN DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT	RENOVATION OF THE PUBLIC SPACE	MOBILITY IN THE CITY
<p>Planted facade which favours heat installation, raises temperatures due to evapotranspiration, filters and retains contaminants and generates an attractive visual element. Musée du quai Branly, Paris.</p>	<p>Drainage of run-off water facilitating the infiltration of rainwater. Glencoe School, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water, Cardiff.</p>	<p>Integration of art, culture and education that facilitates a greater knowledge of and relationship with nature. National Gallery, London.</p>	<p>Improving biodiversity and biocapacity in public green spaces. Cemetery on Boston Common.</p>	<p>Converting railway infrastructures into green corridors associated with pedestrian mobility. Promenade Plantée, Paris.</p>
<p>Solar and wind power microgeneration systems on green roofs. United Kingdom.</p>	<p>Rainwater reception systems. Portland.</p>	<p>Vertical gardens that increase the green space surface area and the biotic index of the soil. London.</p>	<p>Increasing spaces for play, learning and discovery through landscape and contact with nature. School courtyard in Philadelphia.</p>	<p>Placing underground of metropolitan railway infrastructures and the generation of green corridors and green spaces. South West Corridor, Boston.</p>
<p>Design of community green spaces for the promotion of active life on the roofs of buildings, for leisure and education activities and promote social cohesion. Eagle Street Rooftop Farm, Brooklyn.</p>	<p>Rain gardens act as run-off water filters, reducing the contaminants that enter the sewage systems.</p>	<p>Integration of playing and biodiversity spaces in small spaces. Gardens and vertical walls in Bordeaux.</p>	<p>Creation of green areas in stations and intermodal public transport spaces. Planting at the main train station in central Boston.</p>	



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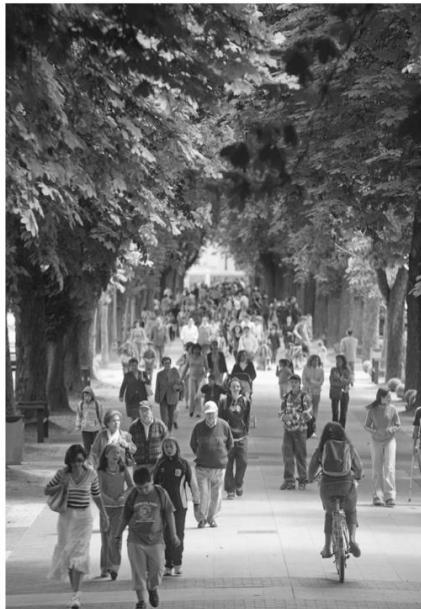


Figure 7.5 The success of the Paseo de la Senda in connecting the city center with the countryside—today's greenbelt—has been a great reference for the new Plan for Sustainable Mobility. Credit: Quintas.



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La Greenbelt

Passi seguenti

Research and proposals for an inner greenbelt are currently under way, directly promoted by the present mayor, Javier Maroto.



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Figure 7.8 The greenbelt starts to enter the consolidated city in order to impregnate it with its values. There is great potential to increase urban biodiversity and biocapacity rates. Credit: Quintas.



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AIM OF THE INTERVENTION

THE PUBLIC SPACE PERCEPTION (AND USE) IS ENHANCED BY ADDRESSING THE ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES (MOBILITY, DRAINAGE, CONNECTIVITY...) IN AN INTEGRATIVE WAY.

Objectives and intervention guidelines:

- Reduce the space available for the private car whilst enhancing pedestrian areas and both bicycle and public transport related infrastructures.
- Transform Gasteiz Avenue into a more energy-efficient urban corridor with a greater presence of vegetation and more space for pedestrians.
- Improve urban water management through natural systems of purification and use.
- Increase the environmental, sensorial, cosmetical quality of the area.
- Revitalize the neighbourhood and the connection between the natural spaces of the south and north of the city, following the old course of the River Bidasoa to the River Zadorra.
- To socially revitalise the neighbourhood and to foster commercial dynamism

BEFORE
AFTER

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Infrastruttura verde urbana

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La Senda walkway

Circa 90 km di percorsi pedonali
e ciclabili



Green Belt walkway

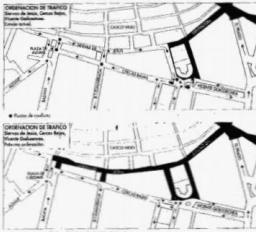


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MOBILITA'

A commitment by tradition...



EL REINO DEL PEATON

SE AMPLIA LA ZONA CERRADA AL TRAFICO HASTA 40.000 M² Y MAS DE 20 CALLES

a peatonalización de la calle Sierpes de Jesús y de la Plaza de la Provincia con el

que ahora sufren los conductores en la parte trasera del Palacio Foral; donde confluyen la salida de la Alameda de La Encarnación y el tráfico que

Some of the pedestrianized streets registered up to 25,400 vehicles a day before to free them from the cars.



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A shopping street in the heart of the medieval quarter.



Renovation of the Plaza de la Virgen Blanca, the real heart of the city, has made it a paradise for pedestrians.

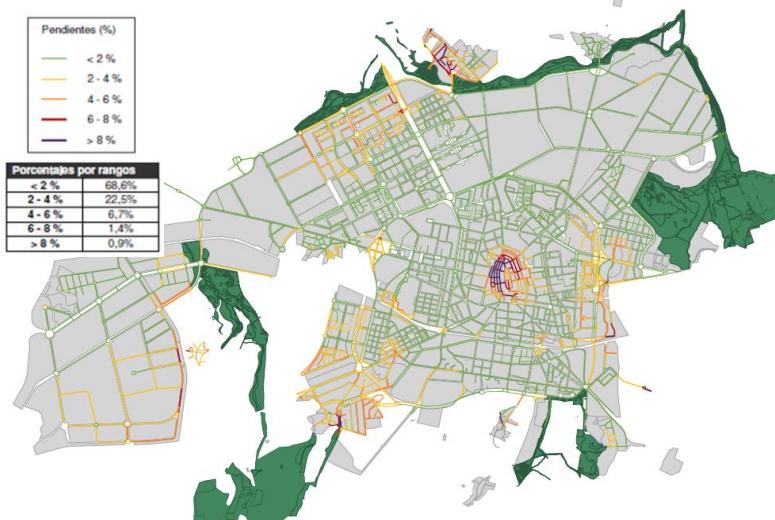
Nowadays the pedestrian zones reach up to 50,000 square meters.



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A commitment by opportunity...



Slope map.

Source: Sustainable Mobility and Public Space Plan of Vitoria-Gasteiz

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A commitment by opportunity...

Adequate accessibility

-  Width > 2,5 m and Slope < 5%
-  Moving walkway

Inadequate accessibility

-  Width < 2,5 m and Slope > 5%
-  Slope > 5%
-  Width < 2,5 m

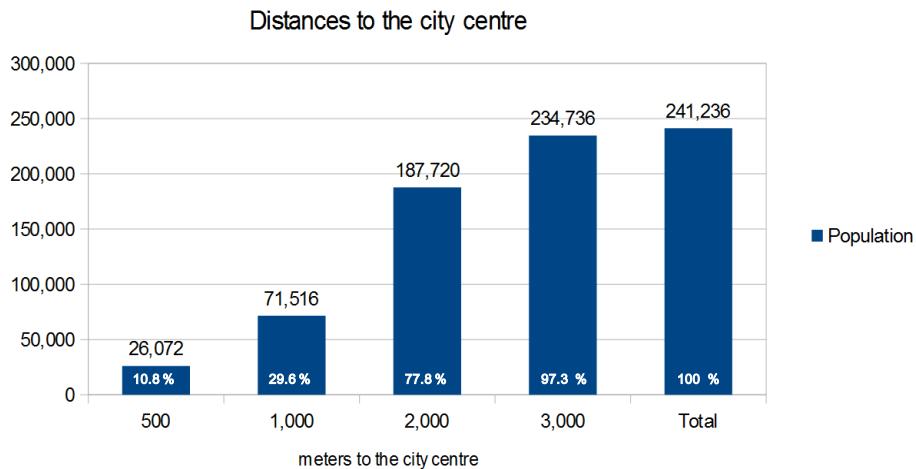


Accessibility map.

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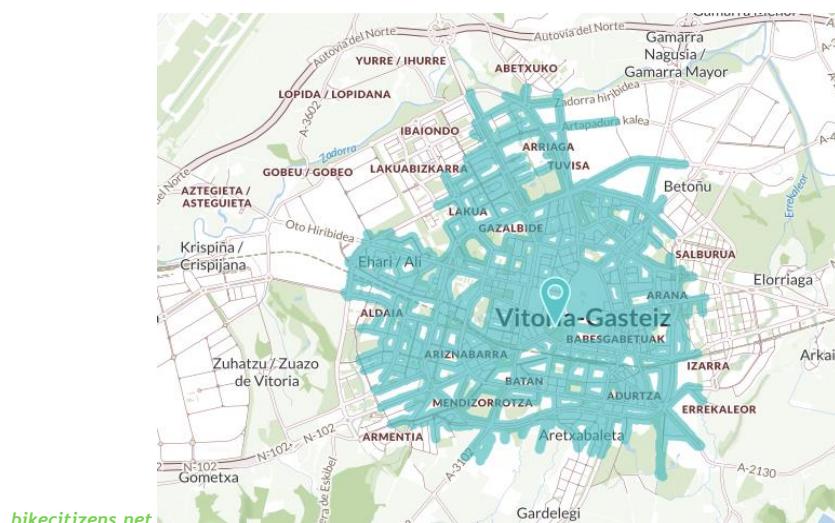
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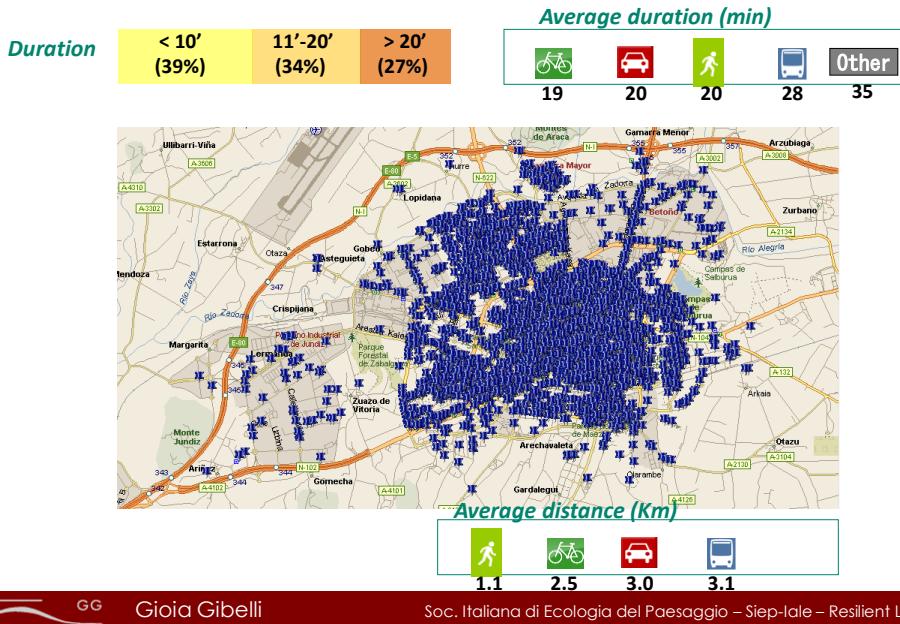
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after a 10 minutes ride by bike ...

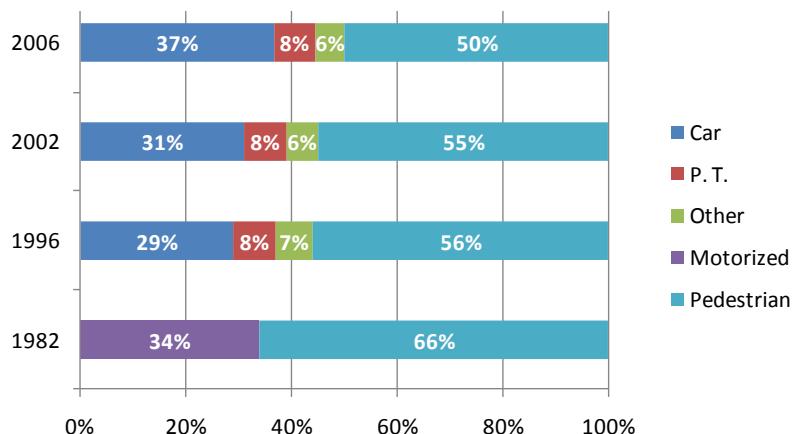
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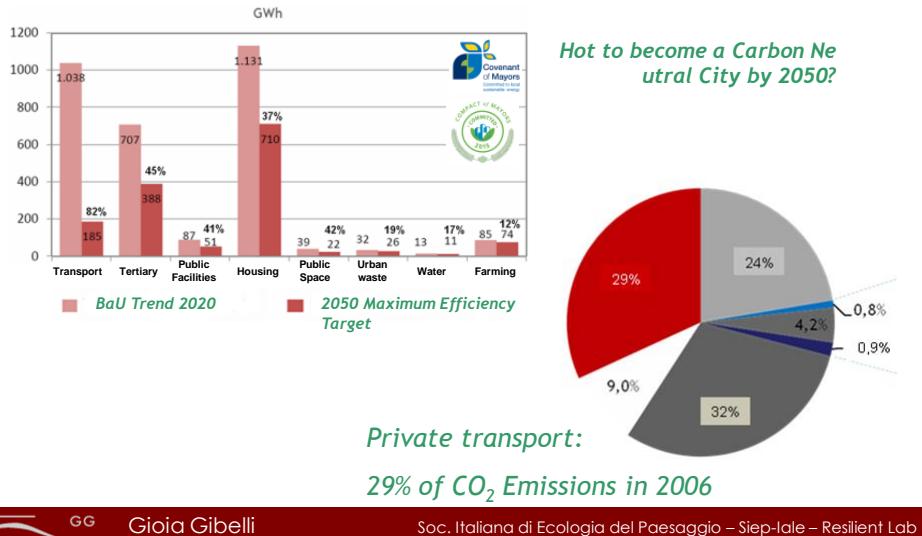


A commitment by convenience ...

*Modal Split trend.
Changes in urban scale forces a quick motorisation in the daily mobility*



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The social consensus ...

Towards a successful Plan through citizen engagement.



October 2006 1 st participatory workshop. <i>Mobility and sustainability in Vitoria-Gasteiz Report</i>
November 2006 2 nd participatory workshop. <i>Mobility in Vitoria-Gasteiz in 2010???</i>
January 2007 3 rd participatory workshop <i>Citizens' Pact for Sustainable Mobility</i>



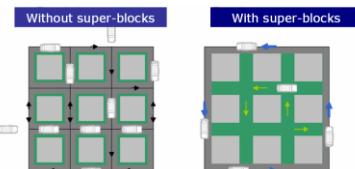
Citizens' Pact for Sustainable Mobility

- Signature. April 2007
- Plenary approval. September 2007
- Social Council approval. July 2008



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A new urban cell: Superblocks and main roads.



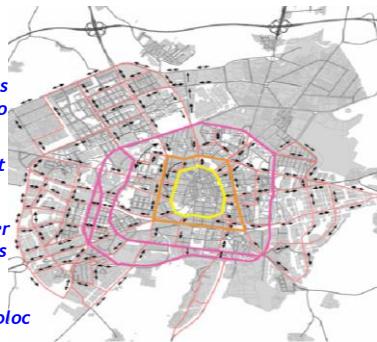
Legend:
 current network
 basic network
 secondary network
 private cars & public transport
 Residents, emergency, freight dist.
 Motorized transport road
 Pedestrian & other uses streets

The superblock is a key element of the mobility and public space strategy. Gives the public space back to the people from the private car.

A superblock is a new concept, a geographical space delimited by main corridors that covers several city blocks.

Private cars and public transport are kept outside the superblock while the inner streets are redesigned to be mainly used by pedestrians.

Vitoria-Gasteiz has reorganized the whole city in 72 superblocks.



With the scheme of the superblock is possible to create different and efficient networks for pedestrians, cyclists and motorized modes



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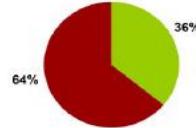
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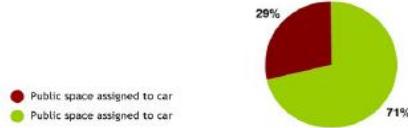
Allocation of public space



2006 Scenario



Superblocks' scenario



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Super-block scheme allows ...

- To free public space for mobility activities, accommodation and respect for pedestrians.
- To ensure the diversity of activities in a re-qualified public space.
- To improve accessibility.
- To reduce noise and polluting gas emissions in the city.
- To not significantly affect traffic capacity, neither in the super-block district, nor in the rest of the city.

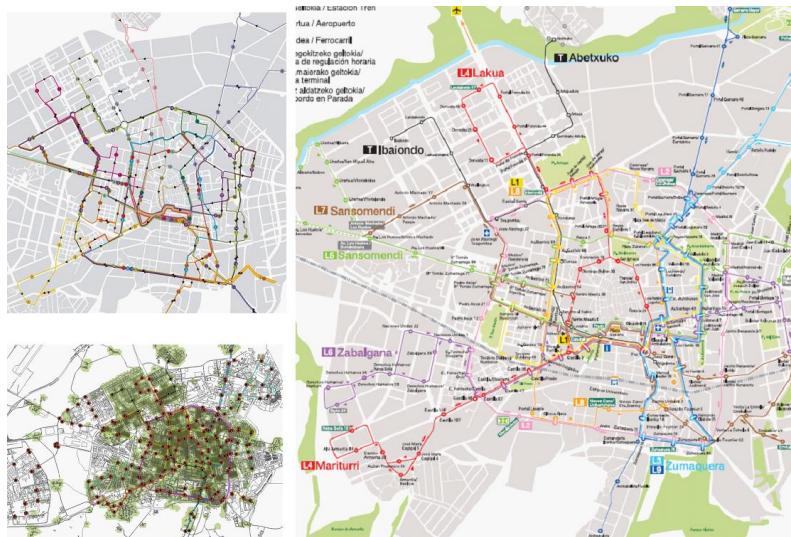


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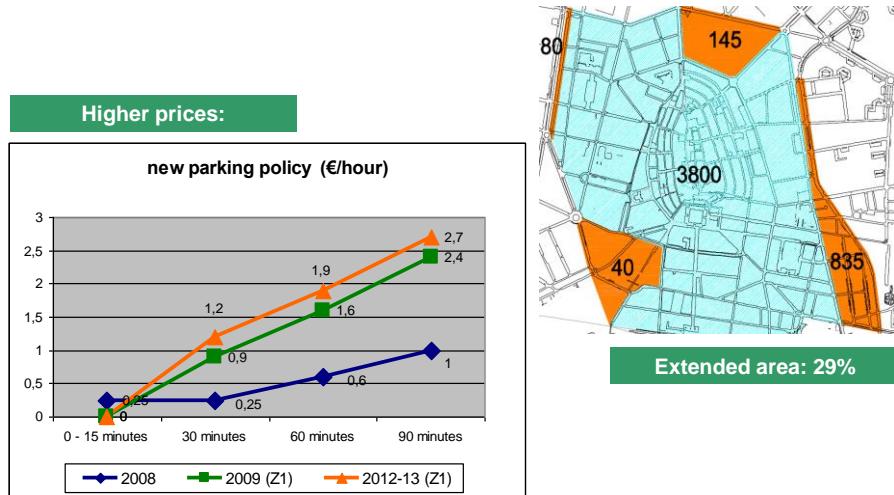
A new public transport network



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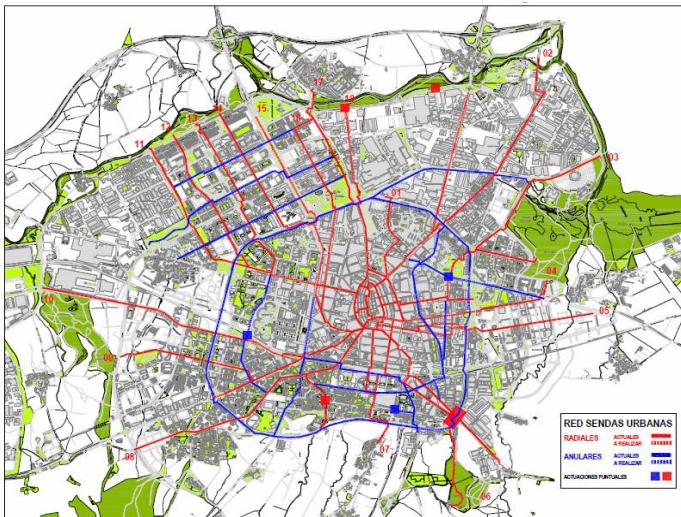
A new on-street parking policy



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An improved pedestrian network



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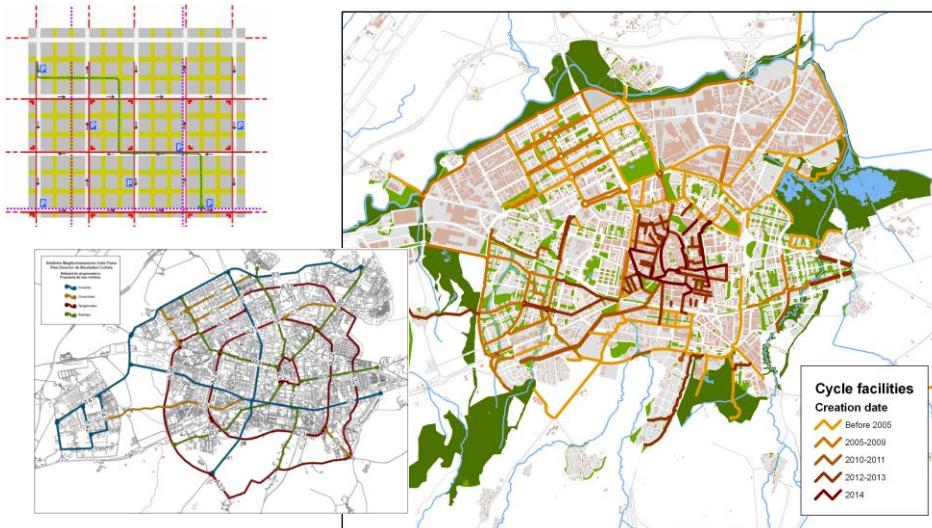
An improved pedestrian network



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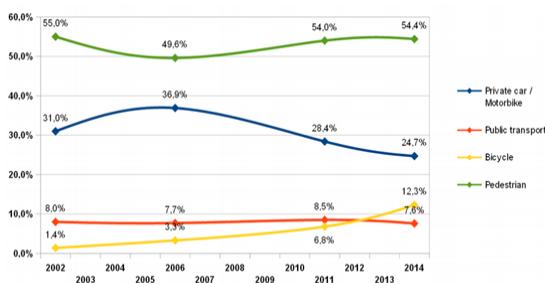
An improved bicycle network



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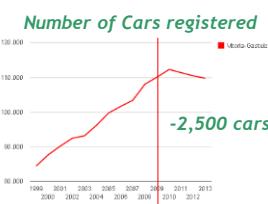
Main figures after 8 years



We succeeded in reversing the rising trend in private car use, raising the pedestrian share to 2002 levels and increasing the use of bicycle.

- Walking modal split has increased from 49.9 up to 54.4%
- Bicycle modal split has increased from 3.4 up to 12.3%
- Private cars modal split went from 36.6% down to 24.7%
- -9.5 % CO2 emissions in transport
- -8.9% energy consumption in transport

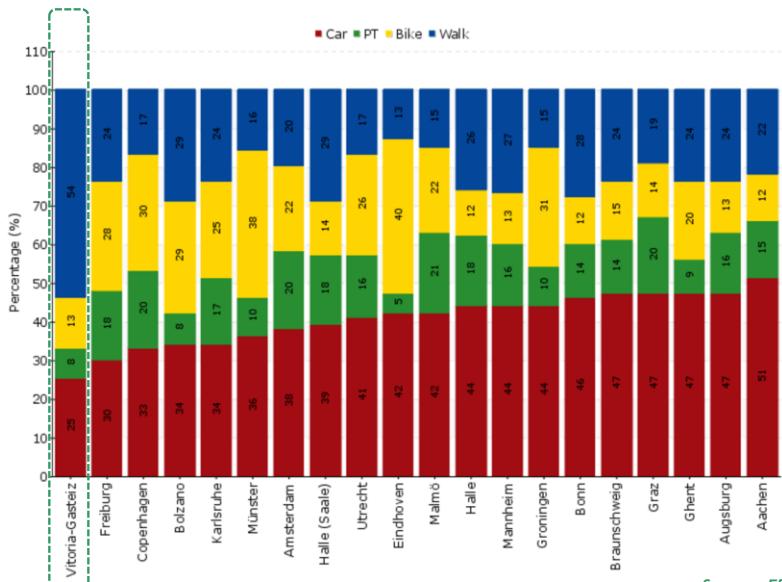
Trips	2006	2011	2014	
GENERAL MODAL SHARE	Pedestrian	288,141	447,911	495,427
	Bicycle	19,051	56,400	111,851
	Public transport	45,045	70,854	69,491
	Car or motorbike	214,224	236,008	224,892
	Others	14,875	18,653	9,665



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Active mobility in the focus: A value to preserve.



Source: EPO/MM

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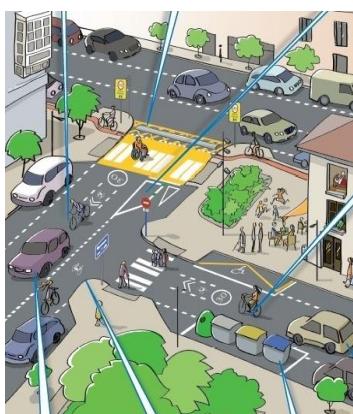
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An improved bicycle network





Area 30 Pilot scheme in the city centre.



The increase in the number of cyclists on sidewalks and pedestrian areas has led to conflicts with pedestrians, so has been designed a traffic calming campaign in 47 streets of downtown with 3 objectives

- Improving road safety for pedestrian and cyclists
- Reduce emissions of pollutants
- Reclaim the space for pedestrians



The measure does not end here but extends to all city.



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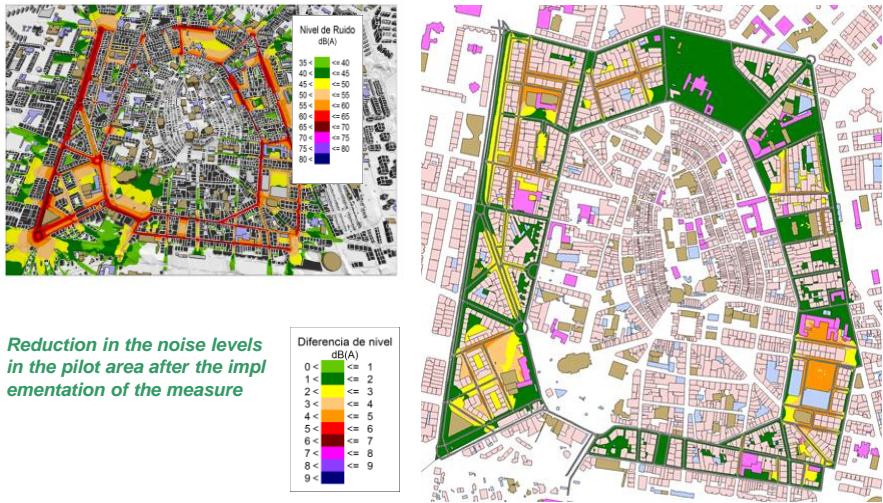
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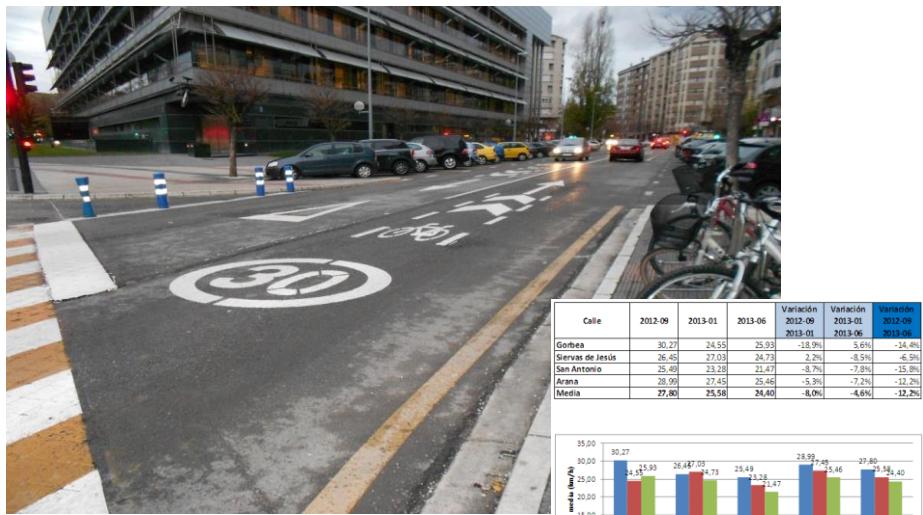
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Regolare il sistema idrologico

two of the main industrial areas were laid out on the Zadorra floodplains during the 1970s, and they suffered greatly from regular flooding episodes.

990s when, in order to avoid the frequent economic consequences of the river overflowing, the Basque government and the Provincial Council of Alava proposed to transform the river into a large concrete channel.

rejected outright by the citizens

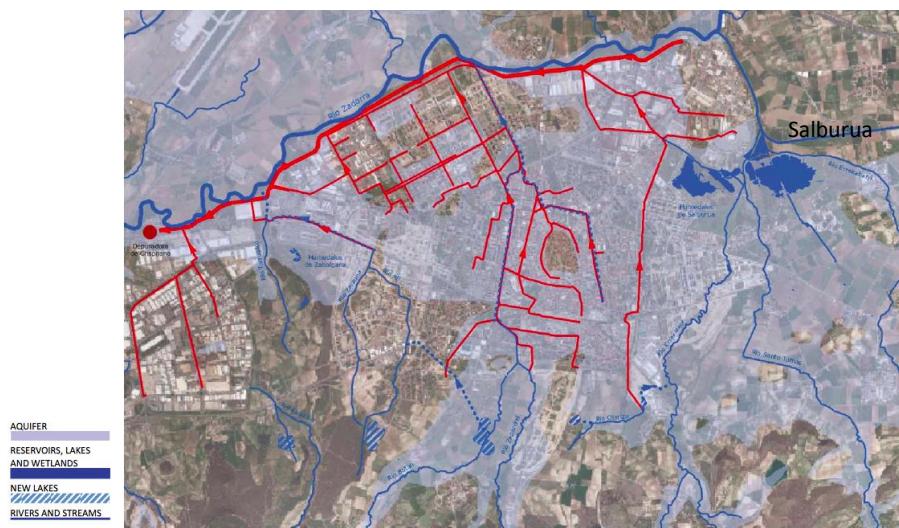
But the most important achievement was the decision not to develop the floodable areas on the right bank of the river (figure 7.3). This would allow the establishment of a boundary for urban growth and the preservation of agricultural areas, which would also serve as natural separation pools when needed.



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Figure 7.3 Multiple projects for ecological regeneration and hydraulic adaptation have been implemented over the last few years. The city of Vitoria-Gasteiz is situated over a huge underground aquifer, and the adequate management of the water has been of great importance for recognizing the “tangible” values of the greenbelt. Credit: CEA.



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Salburua



Figure 7.4 Only a twenty-minute walk from the city center, the Salburua wetlands have become a hotspot on bird migration routes, as several species choose this area to stop for shelter or even for breeding. Credit: Quintas.



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Le zone umide di Salburua



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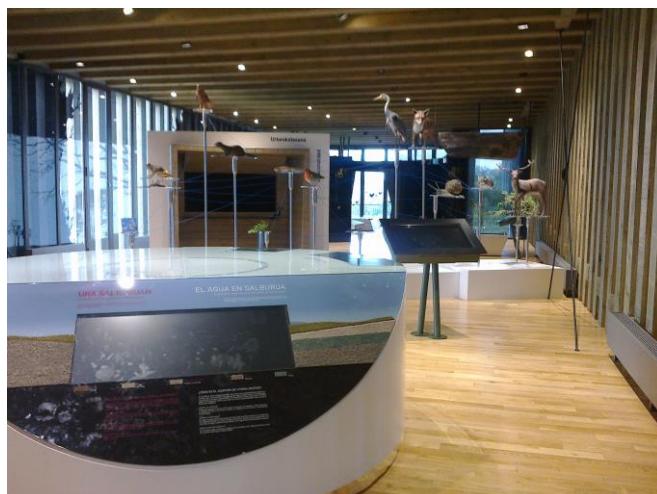
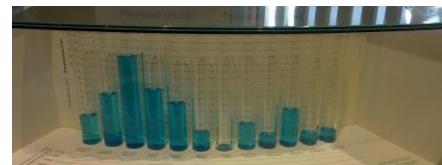






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La green belt agricola



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Work began in 2006 designing a system with a capacity for 250 gardens to promote ecological agriculture to farmers of all ages.

This project was 100% financed by the Izartu Program of the Basque government, with urban rehabilitation objectives and funds.

The project has played an important role in connecting socially neighboring districts.

fifteen hectares of ecological horticulture facilities were added at the north of the city in the Z

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the Environmental Park, known today as the Market Gardens

More than one hundred
vegetable gardens
a community garden



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Il Piano delle Greenways

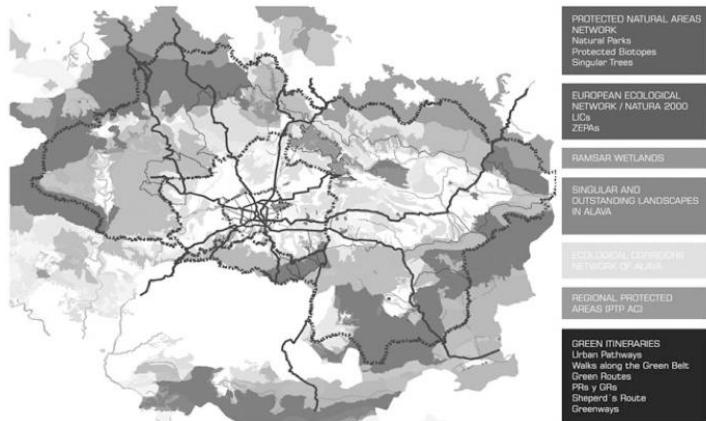


Figure 7.9 The Greenways Network constitutes an essential tool in the conservation strategy toward territorial defense and social valorization. Credit: CEA.



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La rete ecologica nella provincia di Alava

Table 7.1 Conservation strategy in Alava province

	1998	2011
Network of protected natural spaces	18,824 hectares	31,201 hectares
Natural parks	2	5
Protected biotopes	0	2
Singular trees	0	11
Ramsar wetlands	0	4
European Ecological Network Natura 2000	0 hectares	79,936 hectares
Special protected areas for birds	0	4
Sites of community importance	0	25
Catalogue of singular and outstanding landscapes	0 hectares	173,584 hectares
Singular landscapes	0	6
Outstanding landscapes	0	56
Ecological Corridors Network	0 hectares	88,000 hectares
Territorial protection areas in the regional plan	0 hectares	136,280 hectares
Green routes	36 km	1,100 km

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La rete ecologica funzionale dell'Anello dell'Altopiano

La rete ecologica dell'Alava è stata selezionata come "Buona Pratica di Sostenibilità" e ha ricevuto il primo premio al concorso internazionale UN-HABITAT nel 2010



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