

Oleiros, a place to life

Oleiros is a municipality located in the Artabro Gulf, in the bay of the city of A Coruña, on the most western area of Spain. Its territory is divided into 9 parishes and has 92 centres of population. In the beginning of 1970s, the main way of life of its inhabitants was subsistence farming, fishing and shellfishing. Moreover, a slight part of the population worked in the services sector in the nearby city of A Coruña.

Community participation and empowerment

Currently, Oleiros has 176 different associations that turn the municipality into a hotbed for culture and society. Thousands of citizens take part, in one way or another, in the social life of the municipality. A wide range of cultural, social, leisure and sports programs boost coexistence and participation in Oleiros. The city council collaborates with these groups, permitting them to use for free numerous facilities.

Strategic Planning

When it came into force, the foundation of a model and environmentally-friendly municipality started, characterized by the protection of forests, rivers and wetlands and, specially, of more than 26 kilometres of Atlantic coastline. A large part of the municipality's million square meters of green areas are part of the European Network of Protected Natural Areas (Natura 2000 Community Network), like the Natural Monument of Dexo Coastline, included in the SCI - DEXO COASTLINE. It is a site of Community importance covering 349.96 Ha that houses one of the largest reserves of Atlantic flora and fauna and where the city council has adapted the lighthouse keeper's house and the surroundings of the lighthouse to create a nature interpretation centre and awarded with one of the five blue flags held by the municipality.



Environmental Practices and Health Lifestyle

Urban development planning aims to increase the citizens' quality of life, to promote a more sustainable development, to preserve the historical centres of population, to favour the settlement of the population in relation to the natural environment and to provide premises and wide green areas to the citizens' delight. For this purpose, the provision of a drinking water supply network and a sewage treatment network was started, eliminating the pollutant sources mainly caused by the septic tanks that contaminated the subsoil.

Oleiros is developing an energy saving plan that has permitted to save 30% of electricity consumption within a two-year period. In order to do so, an energy audit

has been carried out and measures like the introduction of led technology, the installation of electric flux reducers and the use of astronomical clocks have been taken. In addition, numerous thermal solar power systems have been installed in the municipal facilities. The sports hall of Rabadeira is a good example of this measure of energy efficiency, as thanks to the installation of these panels 100% of the system and hot water costs were saved. Other municipal buildings with these types of systems are Dorneda sports complex, the municipal dance school or the training centre Isaac Díaz Pardo, which also has a thermal solar power system.



Arts, Culture and Heritage.

Urban development management has boosted the collaboration and participation of the private sector and other Administrations through the signing of urban development agreements that have led to the restoration and obtaining for the municipal heritage of singular buildings of high historical value to be devoted to the provision of public services. Several ‘Pazos’ —stately traditional ancestral houses of Galicia that played an essential role from the 17th to the 19th centuries and linked to the rural and monastic architecture and to feudalism— have been included in the municipal heritage, as they constituted some kind of local management unit around which the villagers’ lives used to take place. Oleiros has been working with NGOs and non-profit foundations for more than two decades in order to cooperate with the most disadvantaged peoples of the world, especially from America, Africa and Asia. For this purpose, part of the municipal budget is devoted to the funding of projects presented by non-governmental organizations and associations selected after public call. In the last call, seven projects on health and education for South America and Africa were subsidized. Oleiros aims to obtain the participation of all the citizens to turn the municipality into a liveable community.

