

## THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF GRANADA

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The Provincial Council of Granada is a supralocal and intermediate government with the recognised constitutional right to manage, with complete autonomy, the specific interests of the Province of Granada.

The Provincial Council of Granada, in its status as a local public entity and assisting body to 171 municipalities, carries out a policy supporting balanced and sustainable development in the province, promoting, with this common aim, measures and actions in the most diverse fields: provincial development, equal opportunities and youth, culture and heritage, tourism, environment and renewable energies, social well-being, works, etc.

### Working with the municipalities - “Granada es Provincia” Consultation Programme

The municipality is the basic territorial body and they are autonomous institutions. But, mainly due to its small size, some of them have a very limited management capacity that makes very difficult to carry out its competencies.

Therefore, the Provincial Council provides specific technical, material and economic assistance to guarantee that all citizens, independently of the municipality where they live, have the same rights and opportunities.

This cooperation between municipalities and the province is developed within the framework of the “Granada es Provincia” agreement programmes.

The “Granada es Provincia” method of agreement guarantees the participation of municipalities in the elaboration and development of provincial policies, allows the clear identification of where the municipal priorities are and gives the Provincial Council the possibility of agreeing its policies with the local councils.

## GEOGRAPHIC AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROVINCE OF GRANADA

The Province of Granada is located in the extreme south-east of the Iberian Peninsula, in the Region of Andalusia - Spain.



Its 171 municipalities comprise a population of 919,455 inhabitants (Data of Municipal Continuous Register at 1st January 2014) with a very unequal distribution. It is the city of Granada and its metropolitan area, together with the coast, that concentrate around 70% of the population, whilst the most mountainous areas and the North area are the most unpopulated areas. Many of our municipalities have less of 5.000 inhabitants. Therefore, an important part of the territory has a rural character and there are important territorial imbalances.

The province has a surface of 12,646 km<sup>2</sup> that goes from shores of the Mediterranean to the highest peak of the Iberian Peninsula (3,480 metres). More than 50% of its territory is above of 1000 metres. This geographical diversity means a wide range of resources that goes from a very important sky resort to a tropical coast.



The analysis of economic activity shows the predominance of the service sector, to a large extent due to its direct link to tourist potential of the province, thanks to its rich cultural, historical and natural heritage.

The agricultural sector has the second position. The industry is very weak, being the agro-industry its most dynamic subsector.

From the point of view of the population in work, the province of Granada is visibly suffering the economic crisis in which Europe has been immersed for some years.

The economic characteristics of the province bring about it is suffering with especial severity the current crisis. Although it always has a very worrying high unemployment rate, it even has nowadays shot up to 34.10%

## **DEPARTMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The Department for Employment and Sustainable Development works with the aim of encouraging socio-economic development in the province of Granada, through:

- Getting external funds that could contribute to improve some of the several aspects of the development of the province, mainly in the framework of European projects.
- Assistance to municipalities and key agents of the province in order to get and properly manage regional, national and European external resources useful to contribute to social and economic conditions
- Planning, coordination and implementation of plans devoted to reactivate the productive sectors in our province.
- Design and implementation of territorial plans for local development.
- Improvement of competitiveness and diversification of the primary sector and agri-food production in the province.
- Support and assistance to municipalities in any matter related to socio-economic improvement of rural areas.
- Technical assistance to municipalities to answer needs and demands of entrepreneurs and businesses.
- Development of actions of corporate social responsibility in public local entities, as well as the inclusion of social clauses in public contracts.

- Improvement of quality of local public services

These lines of action are developed in the framework of the following structure:

### **1. SERVICE OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT**

- I. Office of European Projects
- II. Training for employment: training, employability pathways
- III. Strategic planning for socioeconomic development:
- IV. Programme to support modernisation and quality of local public services.
- V. Programme of Social Responsibility

### **2. SERVICE OF CREATION AND CONSOLIDATION COMPANIES.**

- I. Technical assistance to entrepreneurs and companies.
- II. Promotion of self-employment and company's creation.
- II. Programme of innovation, business consolidation and support to strategic sectors.

### **3. SERVICE FOR PROMOTION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

- I. Improvement of quality of agricultural products.
- II. Training and qualification of human resources in the primary sector.
- III. Support to agriculture, ranching and agricultural infrastructure sector.

## **SOME FIGURES ABOUT EUROPEAN PROJECTS**

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### 31 projects carried out in the 2007-2013 programming period

Total budget: €49,559,662.26

External grant received: €21,319,886.18

### 21 projects carried out in the 2000-06 programming period

Total budget: €30,313,490.21

External grant received: €12,982,391.51

Number of municipalities that have received assistance to get European resources: 58.

Number of recipients in the province (public bodies, private companies and non-profit organisations) of the electronic bulletin periodically sent to alert about the opening of call for proposals to get grants (mainly the European ones): about 1900 recipients

Around 300 municipal technicians have participated in courses, seminars and informative sessions related to European projects.

**It is included below a table with key information of European projects** implemented by the Department of Employment and Provincial Development of the Diputación de Granada for the last two European programming periods: 2007-2013 and 2000 – 2006.

### EU FUNDED PROJECTS. PERIOD 2014-2020

European Programme	Project Name	Objectives	Start/Finish Date	Leader Organization	Total managed budget €	Funds of the Provincial Council of Granada	European funds received
INTERREG EUROPE 1st Call	<b>CHRISTA</b>	Improvement of policies related to protection and conservation of cultural and natural heritage resources and their use for the development and promotion of an innovative, sustainable and responsible tourism.	01/04/2016 - 31/03/2020	Regional Tourism Board of Pafos (Cyprus)	168.432 €	143.167,20	25.264,80

### EU FUNDED PROJECTS. PERIOD 2007-2013

European Programme	Project Name	Objectives	Start/Finish Date	Leader Organization	Total managed budget €	Funds of the Provincial Council of Granada	European funds received
INTERREG IV C 4th Call	<b>CesR</b>	Support local rural entities to promote job mutualism in services sector linked to tourism and social services	01/01/2012 - 31/12/2014	Regional Tourism Development Board of Auvergne (France)	1.473.356	158.782	119.087
	<b>TOURAGE</b>	Promote senior tourism as a tool to promote employment and development of rural areas	01/01/2012 - 31/12/2014	Regional Council of North Karelia (Joensuu, Finland)	1.850.670,00	143.063,00	107.297,25



	<b>I4FOOD</b>	Improvement of SMEs competitiveness in the food industry sector	01/01/2012 - 31/12/2014	South Transdanubian Regional Development Agency (Hungary)	964.249,70	142.500,00	106.875,00
POCTEFEX: Cross-border cooperation Spain-Morocco. 3rd Call.	<b>CULTURMED</b>	Promote natural, cultural, historical and landscape heritage of Alpujarra area to support the declaration of this territory as part of World Heritage	25/02/2014 - 31/12/2014	Provincial Council of Granada	260.000,00	150.000,00	112.500,00
POCTEFEX: Cross-border Cooperation Spain-Morocco 2nd call	<b>AGROPAISAJES</b>	Develop strategic planning instruments that contribute to the conservation and enhancement of rural areas surrounding urban spaces	01/11/2011 - 31/12/2013	Provincial Council of Granada	1.373.241,00	1.373.241,00	1.029.930,75
	<b>ETNOMED</b>	Increase the potential of common ethnographic heritage in the province of Granada and Northern Morocco, as a resource for sustainable socio-economic development and cultural dialogue.	01/11/2011 - 31/12/2013	Provincial Council of Granada	1.091.283,25	1.091.283,25	818.462,44
	<b>INNOMERCAMED</b>	Training and promotion for business of agri-food and retail sectors	01/11/2011 - 31/12/2011	Provincial Council of Granada	1.040.000,00	943.678,00	707.758,50
	<b>NEXOTUR</b>	Support for quality of tourist products in provinces of Malaga, Granada and Almeria and Northern Morocco	01/01/2012 - 31/12/2013	Almeria Chamber of Commerce	1.187.000,00	339.500,00	254.625,00
<b>EU FUNDED PROJECTS. PERIOD 2007-2013</b>							
European Programme	Project Name	Objectives	Start/Finish Date	Leader Organization	Total managed budget €	Funds of the Provincial Council of Granada	European funds received
EUROPE DIRECT	<b>EUROPE DIRECT GRANADA MUNICIPAL NETWORK</b>	Informative and advisory coverage to municipalities and citizens on EU institutions, legislation, policies and funding possibilities.	01/01/2007 - Ongoing	Provincial Council of Granada	725.471,85	412.504,07	242.040,78

Andalusia European Information Network	<b>Andalusia European Information Network</b>	Subsidy from the Council of the Presidency to Europe Direct Granada, member of the European Information Network in Andalusia	01/01/2008 - Ongoing	Provincial Council of Granada	70.927,00	70.927,00	70.927,00
ESF. O.P. Adaptability and employment MAP 2nd Call	<b>GRANADAEMPLO II Project.</b>	Encourage access to the job market for the unemployed via the development of integrated pathways to social and labour market integration.	03/2012 - 01/09/2015	Provincial Council of Granada	6.433.864,90	5.416.848,06	4.333.478,45
LEONARDO Lifelong Learning Programme	<b>E.V.A.</b>	Provide a response to the need for strengthening the competencies of employment and training technicians via the methodological VIDEO CV tool	01/10/2012 - 01/09/14	Province of Rome	55.355,00	55.355,00	41.516,00
Youth in Action	<b>EYIN</b>	Improve the qualification of young European immigrants via the design of online training actions to facilitate their insertion into the social and labour markets.	01/09/2011 - 28/02/2014	Provincial Council of Granada	139.000,00	139.000,00	39.000,00
ERDF. Local and Urban Development	<b>ECEMED</b>	Integrated project for sustainable development around medium-sized cities.	13/06/2008 - 12/06/2011	Provincial Council of Granada	12.342.799,67	3.450.140,22	2.415.098,15
	<b>TEMA</b>	Integrated project for sustainable development around mountainous areas.	13/06/2008 - 12/06/2011	Provincial Council of Granada	10.361.467,97	3.514.590,42	2.460.213,29

**EU FUNDED PROJECTS. PERIOD 2007-2013**

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INTERREG IV B SUDOE 1st call	<b>RIDER</b>	Support for innovation in the commercialisation of SMEs companies in Granada from the agri-food sector.	01/04/2009 - 31/12/2010	Association for the Development of Projects, Training, Actors and Territories (France)	1.007.000,00	240.000,00	180.000,00
Intelligent Energy Europe Programme	<b>ENERCITIES</b>	Energy efficiency in schools	01/09/2009 - 30/09/2010	Province of Lucca	1.100.000,00	119.000,00	89.250,00
EmpleaVerde ESF	<b>GRANADA TODO SOLAR</b>	Increase the competitiveness and sustainability of Granada companies through improving professional qualifications, training and the incorporation of renewable technologies and energy efficiency in production processes	01/10/2009 - 30/05/2010	Provincial Council of Granada	342.915,50	342.915,50	274.332,40
POCTEFEX: O.P. Cross-border Cooperation Spain-Foreign Borders. 1st call	<b>ENERCOOP</b>	Development of a sustainable energy model in Granada and Northern Morocco, via knowledge transfer, technical training and dissemination.	01/04/2010 - 30/06/2010	Provincial Council of Granada	1.150.275,00	1.150.275,00	862.706,25
	<b>MAGREC</b>	Reappraisal and revitalisation of Historical Heritage and Local Identity, for the development of the province of Granada and Northern Morocco	01/02/2010 - 30/06/2011	Provincial Council of Granada	898.722,00	898.722,00	674.041,50
	<b>MERCAMED</b>	Support for the creation, consolidation and commercial promotion of businesses and development of cross-border business cooperation, for the development of the provinces of Granada and Tétouan	01/03/2010 - 30/06/2011	Provincial Council of Granada	710.325,08	687.321,31	532.743,81
ESF. O.P. Adaptability and employment 1st call	<b>Granada Empleo</b>	Socio-occupational intervention aimed at improving the labour market and employment for the disadvantaged population	15/06/2008 - 15/06/2011	Provincial Council of Granada	8.402.254,85	5.903.934,60	4.723.147,68



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EUROEMPLO ESF	<b>Network for Governance of Local Employment Policies</b>	Exchange of good practices linked to increase potential of resources of active employment policies	15/11/2010 - 15/09/2012	Provincial Council of Granada	150.000,00	150.000,00	150.000,00
	<b>Euroempleo Granada</b>	Training and professional practices in other European regions in renewable energies and home help services to improve employability	01/11/2010 - 30/10/2011	Provincial Council of Granada	250.000,00	250.000,00	250.000,00
INTERREG IV C 3rd call	<b>IMAGEEN</b>	Support for business consolidation via knowledge and subsequent transfer of methodology for technical assistance regarding self-employment in the province.	05/11/2009 - 05/11/2012	Chamber of Commerce of Lyon (France)	1.291.050,00	150.000,00	112.500,00
Europe for citizens	<b>Euromedinculture Citizenship: Culture, foundation for the Europe of tomorrow</b>	Improve the European cultural agenda via consultations with citizens and professionals	01/01/2010 - 31/12/2010	ADECI (France)	417.032,50	27.279,65	16.353,43
CULTURE 2007-2013	<b>INTERWOVEN</b>	International music and dance festivals, art exhibitions and tourism development of regions via training programmes on cultural offerings.	01/05/2010 - 30/04/2012	Provincial Council of Granada	400.000,00	362.910,00	200.000,00
	<b>HURISU</b>	Raising awareness amongst young Europeans in relation to the importance of an active European citizens, based on human rights as common EU values	01/05/2009 - 31/05/2011	Province of Perugia (Italy)	200.000,00	84.010,00	42.005,00
MED Programme 2nd call	<b>EMMA</b>	Promote innovation and participation of women in the local productive fabric. Develop policies to improve their working environment	01/04/2010 - 31/05/2013	Region of Umbria (Italy)	1.135.972,50	195.540,00	146.655,00
	<b>WIDE</b>	Promote organisational innovation in microenterprises via cooperation between public and private agents for economic promotion to increase competitiveness.	01/06/2010 - 31/05/2013	Development Agency of Marche Region (Italy)	1.730.062,00	165.956,00	124.467,00
SUDOE 3rd call	<b>ITERA - AA</b>	Promote innovation in SMEs in the agricultural and agri-food sector	01/01/2013- 31/12/2014	Syndicat mixte du pays de Fygeac	736.276,00	110.500,00	82.875,00
<b>TOTAL PERIOD 2007-2013</b>				<b>31 projects</b>	<b>59.290.571,72</b>	<b>28.239.776,08</b>	<b>21.319.886,18</b>

EU PROJECTS MANAGED PERIOD 2000-2006						
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O.P. Enterprise Initiative and Ongoing Training (ESF and Biodiversity Fund)	FORMAVEGA	Awareness-raising and training on aspects linked to the environment for Granada businesses, especially those in the Metropolitan Area.	01/01/2006 - 31/12/2006	Provincial Council of Granada	568.522,00	397.965,40
INTERREG III B MEDOCC	NETWORK OF MINOR HISTORICAL CENTRES	Cultural, touristic and natural raise in value of minor historical centres.	July 2005 - June 2007	TECLA (Association for Transnational, Local and European Cooperation - Italy)	152.896,00	114.672,00
C.I. INTERREG III C	EUROCUEVAS	Raise in value of troglodyte heritage	January 2005 - December 2007	Municipal Association of Loire (France)	170.088,00	127.566,00
	MILUNET	Exchange of experiences in the intensive multifunctional use of land as a path towards sustainable urban development	2003 - 2007	Habiforum Netherlands	41.490,83	31.118,13
	ECOLAND	Support local processes providing technological and environmental infrastructures of SMEs and industrial areas	March 2003 - June 2005	Provincial Development Agency of Ferrara (Italy)	125.000,00	93.750,00
	LEAD	Promote the participation of women in political, social and economic life	June 2005 - December 2007	City Council of Bari (Italy)	142.252,00	106.689,00
	INNODEC	Provide new instruments to measure innovation in the local sphere for a better adaptation of development strategies to needs	February 2005- March 2007	Province of Lucca (Italy)	175.000,00	131.250,00
EU PROJECTS MANAGED PERIOD 2000-2006						

European programme	Project Name	Objectives	Start/Finish Date	Leader Organization	Funds of the Provincial Council of Granada	European funds received
INTERACT	INTERACT PROMONTE	Identify and transfer experiences of Interreg, Proder and Leader projects relative to the improvement of situations of marginalisation of mountain municipalities	June 2004 - May 2006	European Association Political Authorities Mountain Regions (Belgium)	77.700,00	38.850,00
Innovative Actions Art.6 ESF	ALEGRA	Mobilise local entities and socio-economic partners to establish an integral strategy favouring employment via a Provincial Action Plan for Employment	January 2002 - February 2005	Provincial Council of Granada	1.471.564,82	1.202.351,72
Global Subsidy from the ESF, via the Ministry for Administrations	ACERCA IV	Improve employability of collectives seeking work via training and working practices in specialities included in the New Employment Sites, specifically care services for individuals with special needs.	May 2006 - December 2007	Provincial Council of Granada	2.476.850,26	1.873.906,09
	ACERCA III	Improve employability of collectives seeking work via training and working practices in specialities included in the New Employment Sites, specifically care services for individuals with special needs.	April 2004 - February 2006	Provincial Council of Granada	2.181.379,85	1.665.000,00
	ACERCA II	Improve employability of collectives seeking work via training and working practices in specialities included in the New Employment Sites, specifically care services for individuals with special needs.	March 2003 - June 2004	Provincial Council of Granada	5.189.980,36	4.035.279,51
	ACERCA I	Improve employability of collectives seeking work via training and working practices in specialities included in the New Employment Sites	March 2002 - June 2003	Provincial Council of Granada	1.652.783,30	1.135.071,46

<b>EU PROJECTS MANAGED PERIOD 2000-2006</b>						
<b>European programme</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Start/Finish Date</b>	<b>Leader Organization</b>	<b>Funds of the Provincial Council of Granada</b>	<b>European funds received</b>
C.I. EQUAL	TRICICLO	Consolidate new businesses, in a way that they survive within some parameters of economic and social profitability	November 2004 - August 2007	IMFE Granada City Council	152.879,00	137.591,10
	EQUALITAS	Socio-occupational inclusion of disadvantaged collectives in municipalities whose features determine them as a focal point of exclusion.	November 2004 - May 2007	Provincial Council of Granada	640.519,94	593.442,94
Cultural Programme 2000	METÁFORA	Renovation of Mediterranean castles and forts. Consolidation and restoration of the Castle in Castell de Ferro (province of Granada)	November 2002 - February 2003	Provincial Council of Granada	110.000,00	54.978,00
Leonardo da Vinci programme	GILDA	Design of a continuous training instrument for local development professionals	December 2002 - December 2004	S. & T. s.c. (Turin, Italy)	21.803,22	16.403,33
	INNO-PRO	Disseminate a training package relating to the management of innovation in SMEs	November 2001 - November 2004	CEIN (Noain-Navarre) and ATLANTIS Research (Thessaloniki, Greece)	40.298,00	20.149,00
	VETNET	Support the professional training centres to minimise the existing gap between training and the labour market	January 2001 - January 2004	Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences (Portugal)	46.627,00	22.535,00
	Sheep farming as an employment and rural development resource	Develop educational material for individuals involved in sheep farming		AEGEAS Vocational Training Centre	45.000,00	33.750,00
URB-AL	ALDEAL	Exchange of experiences on training of political managers and technical teams, in the promotion of local development by local entities	April 2003 - March 2005	Provincial Council of Granada	357.115,07	249.981,00
<b>TOTAL MANAGED PERIOD 2000 – 2006</b>			<b>21 projects</b>	<b>15.839.749,65</b>	<b>12.082.299,68</b>	

<b>SUMMARY PERIOD 2000 - 2013</b>				
<b>Projects per period</b>	<b>Provincial Council Funds</b>	<b>EU Funds</b>	<b>Total managed budget</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>
<b>2007 - 2013</b>	<b>€28,239,776.08</b>	<b>€21,319,886.18</b>	<b>€49,559,662.26</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>2000-2006</b>	<b>€17,331,098.70</b>	<b>€12,982,391.51</b>	<b>€30,313,490.21</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€45,570,874.78</b>	<b>€34,302,277.69</b>	<b>€79,873,152.47</b>	<b>52</b>