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The mayor of Benidorm, Toni Pérez, has announced today that he will raise to the next plenary a proposal for the City Council to attend a call for European funds to develop a flooded urban park in the Rincón de Loix area, which includes sports and recreational uses. At a press conference, the mayor explained that the intention is to participate in the fourth edition of the initiative Urban Innovative Actions (UIA) launched by the European Union, which has a budget of 372 million and is part of the 2014 FEDER program -2020.

Perez has stressed that the proposal, called 'BenidO2rm', is "a city project", and has detailed that the UIA call requires that it "be innovative, pose new solutions to urban situations, and be transferable to be applied in other places of European territory ". In addition, "the concurrent administrations must have a technological partner to execute the project". In this case the 'partner' is Dinapsis Operation & Lab, the innovation center of Hidraqua, which is the one who has proposed the project to the City Council.

The mayor has transferred the main lines of the project together with the director of Dinapsis Operation & Lab, Jorge Ballesta, and the municipal engineer Vicente Mayor. A project that has been titled 'BenidO2rm', valued at more than 3 million euros, and which has been previously presented to the groups of the corporation in the Board of Spokespersons.

'BenidO2rm' proposes "a single large green area of around 30,000 square meters" that "extends and integrates" the sports area 'Antonio López -which adds a new soccer field to the two already existing-, the urban park of Rincón de Loix and the municipal plot located next to the social center La Torreta. According to the municipal engineer, this space "will be designed as an urban park" that will function as "floodable" on the surface that corresponds to the plot next to the social center. At this point, a rolling pool will be built to collect rainwater from the Baró and Derramador ravines when there are heavy rain episodes.

The director of Dinapsis explained that this water "will remove the trawl pollution, preventing it from reaching the beach, and then regenerate 'in situ' to be reused in the irrigation of the park itself," the fields sports and also, in the future, other public and private green areas. This flooded part of the park is configured so that it does not affect the rest of the facilities.

Financing and project conditions

The bases of the UIA program contemplate financing up to 80% of the cost of the selected projects, with a maximum amount of 5 million euros. These projects must be executed within a maximum period of 3 years. The mayor has assured that "we will go for all in this call", and has clarified that to cover 20% of the cost of the project not eligible for Europe could seek "aid from other institutions" or use "municipal funds."

Pérez remarked that if the funds are not obtained, the City Council will not park 'BenidO2rm' because "it is a city project that should be considered yes or yes" because "we are talking about a sustainable, sporty and healthy urban space that improves existing facilities and that, at the same time, resolves a historical hydraulic problem in that specific point of the Corner of Loix ". Thus, Pérez has slipped that the situation of the municipal coffers would allow to assume the project as "a plurianual work".





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