

## **More than 45,000 people benefited from Fundación Cepsa's actions in Campo de Gibraltar in 2021**

- **The foundation invested more than €500,000 over the past year**
- **The actions include social support, educational and environmental.**

Fundación Cepsa is still loyal to its goal of strengthening its voluntary responsibility to the Campo de Gibraltar society by promoting initiatives that help its members. Under this mission, the Foundation's actions in 2021 helped a total of 45,361 people in Campo de Gibraltar, despite the limitations imposed by the health crisis that has forced the institution to modify its programs and adapt them to the security protocols required by Covid-19.

Those above-mentioned Campo de Gibraltar locals took part in 29 initiatives that were launched last year, framed within the Fundación Cepsa's three strategic lines: social support, scientific-educational and environmental. In order to continue its social responsibility work, Fundación Cepsa invested more than €503,214 in 2021.

One of the most notable actions was the Social Value Awards; edition in which funding was increased to €65,000 and six regional entities were awarded, four of them for their energy transition--related project. A total of 22.5 tons of detergents and cleaning products were also distributed, through a collaboration with the Persán Foundation, to vulnerable families in Campo de Gibraltar. It is worth mentioning that for yet another year, Fundación Cepsa has continued to collaborate, among other actions, with the development of memory workshops in San Roque, which have benefited more than 300 elderly people, while in Algeciras it has supported the Consistory in the Hogar Escuela program for minors at risk of social exclusion. Among other initiatives, the Linense coastline has been provided with adapted material for the bathing of people with physical disabilities, in collaboration with the City Council.

For Estrella Blanco, representative of Fundación Cepsa, "2021 has been a year in which we have promoted environmental and biodiversity actions, in addition to those related to education and scientific applications, without forgetting the social support to the most vulnerable sectors of Campo de Gibraltar in such a difficult time caused by the pandemic. We continue to work hand in hand with administrations and institutions to offer quality initiatives that benefit our neighbors".

This year we were once again able to carry out our wetlands awareness program at the Madre Vieja Environmental Station with 6th grade students; similarly, we were able to run our Energy Campus program to teach secondary and Baccalaureate-level students about the energy sector, although with some changes due to the pandemic. Furthermore, nearly 300 university students participated in the activities launched by the Fundación Cepsa Chair at the University of Cádiz. For the first time, in collaboration with the CDX area of Digital Transformation of Cepsa and the Logistics Innovation and Industry 4.0 Hub of the Bay of Algeciras, the Digital Trekking course was held to help some thirty companies, SMEs and self-employed of the Campo de Gibraltar to modernize their businesses.

We also want to note that the owl recovery project in southern Spain, which is carried out at the Madre Vieja Environmental Station in collaboration with the Government of Andalusia and the European Union, continues to show good results following the release of 25 owls in 2021. On the other hand, the project on the invasive Asian alga *Rugulopteryx Okamurae* is studying several ways to find alternative uses for the waste. In addition, researchers point to a decline in its establishment in the Bay and the Strait. Finally, Fundación Cepsa has started in 2021 its collaboration for the maintenance and enhancement of another wetland in the Campo de Gibraltar as Arroyo Negro in La Línea.

Fundación Cepsa faces 2022 with the same commitment to the Campo de Gibraltar, focusing its efforts on designing quality actions framed within its current strategic lines.

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