

## **More than 40,000 people benefited from Fundación Cepsa's actions in Campo de Gibraltar in 2022**

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- **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, these actions in 2022 helped a total of 40,125 people in Campo de Gibraltar, despite the limitations imposed still 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 33 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 €574,490 in 2022.

One of the most notable actions was the Social Value Awards; with funding up to €65,000 and six regional entities were awarded, four of them for their energy transition--related project. It should be noted 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 around 340 elderly people, while in Algeciras it has supported the municipal program to fight against energy poverty. 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.

Estrella Blanco, head of Fundación Cepsa, emphasized that "we continue to work hand in hand with administrations and institutions to offer quality initiatives that benefit our neighbors with education and environmental actions as the core of our activity, without forgetting the social support to the most vulnerable sectors of the society of Campo de Gibraltar."

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 Bacca-laureate-level students about the energy sector, now back to normal following the pandemic. Furthermore, more than 130 university students participated in the activities launched by the Fundación Cepsa Chair at the University of Cádiz.

In addition to the owl recovery project in southern Spain, which is being carried out at the Madre Vieja Environmental Station in collaboration with the Regional Government of Andalusia and the European Union, with which 10 specimens have been released in 2022, collaboration has continued with the La Línea City Council to recover and enhance the Arroyo Negro wetland in the municipality, the protagonist of the Conference on Biodiversity in Andalusia hosted by Fundación Cepsa and attended by a hundred people, in addition to the participation of the Director General of

Protected Areas of the Junta de Andalucía, Enrique Borrallo, the territorial delegate of Sustainability of the Andalusian Government in Cadiz, Óscar Curtido, and the IUNC, among others.

The *SOS Caretta* program was also carried out over the past year: *Pescadores por la Biodiversidad (Fishermen for Biodiversity)* in collaboration with the Hombre y Territorio association, an initiative thanks to which 35 turtles have been rescued off the coasts of Cadiz and Huelva. In addition, it has been recognized with the SDG 14 Maritime Rescue Award in 2022.

Fundación Cepsa faces 2023 with the same commitment to the Campo de Gibraltar, focusing its efforts on designing quality actions framed within its current strategic lines.

**Fundación Cepsa** is a general interest, nonprofit entity whose aim is to carry out initiatives that serve the needs and priorities of the local communities where its founder, Compañía Española de Petróleos S.A. (Cepsa), conducts its activities. The areas of action for Fundación Cepsa are social, environmental, and scientific-educational.

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