



# COMMUNICATION

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

In this section of Frequently Asked Questions, we will try to answer any questions asked by those interested in this matter concisely and simply.

### ▼ What is a Line of Action?

It is a specific action to solve issues in the municipality.

Lines of Action (LA) address most of the city's important issues, such as environmental protection, the creation of spaces of high urban value for citizens, the transformation of the city's mobility model towards a more sustainable one, rehabilitation and energy efficiency in public and private infrastructures, employment, boosting the city's economy and its local commerce, promoting entrepreneurship, strengthening social policies aimed at vulnerable groups, etc.

### ▼ How much will the City Council spend on the implementation of this strategy?

The overall strategy involves a total disbursement of €17,629,993 for the 2017-2023 period. Europe is financing 85% (14,985,493.30 euros) through its ERDF funds, and the City Council bears the remaining 15%, i.e. €2,644,499.70.

### ▼ Does the city need a 'strategy'?

A 'city strategy' aims to transform an urban area into a space of higher urban quality that is economically and socially balanced, inclusive and integrating, that respects diversity, and that is environmentally sustainable and has a strong leaning toward gender equality.

### ▼ What are the contents of an ISUDS?

An Integrated Sustainable Urban Development Strategy will include the following contents:

- An initial identification of urban issues and challenges.
- An integrated analysis that covers the physical and environmental, climatic, demographic, social and economic dimensions.
- The definition and diagnosis of the expected results.
- The definition of the scope of action.
- An Implementation Plan that includes the lines of action, timeline, budgets, and productivity indicators.

- Citizen participation and social stakeholders in both the design and implementation phases.
- Administrative capacity.
- ERDF horizontal principles and cross-cutting objectives: equality between men and women and non-discrimination, sustainable development, accessibility, attention to demographic change, mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

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▼ What is an Implementation Plan?

With the agreement of the other state and European administrations involved, the municipal government decides which actions it wants the European Union to co-finance through its European Regional Development Funds (better known as ERDF funds) at 85%. Therefore, this involves an extremely strict execution and financial control, as well as compliance with the implementation of specific lines of action.

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▼ What is an 'expression of interest' in an ISUDS?

An 'expression of interest' refers to the actions that will be carried out in the city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria within the ISUDS 'CONO SUR' project and that are financed by ERDF funds.

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▼ Are calls for proposals open to citizens, associations, companies and other interested parties in general?

No. Calls are open to the various departments, areas or services of the City Council, which submit their proposed actions through specific operations that cover the objectives of the strategy itself.

However, to execute the strategy, citizens, economic and development actors, and other interested parties are taken into account and included through citizen participation (working groups, surveys, etc.) to obtain a real strategy that provides solutions to the municipality's social, economic and environmental issues.

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▼ What is an 'operation' in an ISUDS?

An 'operation' is an action, intervention or a set of coordinated actions that contribute to achieving the strategic objectives established for the city or area of action in a coherent manner.

It is the practical expression of the public policies that develop and enable the implementation of a specific 'city model' in an integrated and sustainable way.

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▼ What is a DECA?

DECA stands for 'Documento que Establece las Condiciones de la Ayuda' in Spanish (document setting out the conditions for support).

It lays down the conditions for each ERDF grant a beneficiary receives for a given operation.

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▼ What are the deadlines for submitting an 'Expression of Interest'?

There are no deadlines. From the moment the call is opened and published, it remains open until the end of the European Operational Programme and its implementation period – in this case, until 31 December 2023 – bearing in mind that any proposed operation must be fully implemented and closed (including materially paid) before that date.