

City Carcaboso	
Country	Spain
Population	1,156
Title of policy or practice	Carcaboso Brotes Verdes (Carcaboso – Green Sprouts)
Subtitle (optional)	Transforming the Municipality
URL video	https://youtu.be/rh9yWQ7pBYw
Category	Governance
SDGs	<p>SDGs: 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13; 15; 16; 17.</p> <p>Within the Carcaboso Municipality's governance policy, focused on promoting food policies for sustainability, the following sustainable development objectives are addressed in the UN-approved Agenda 2030: End of Poverty, Zero Hunger, Health and Wellness, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Clean Water and Sanitation, Affordable and Clean Energy, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Innovation and Infrastructures, Reduction of Inequalities, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Responsible Production and Consumption, Climate Action, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, effective Partnerships between Institutions.</p>
Brief description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Searching for alternative outlets to deal with unemployment and lack of opportunities; • Promoting municipal initiatives through a series of political actions that aim to the rural, social and labour development of the town and its area of influence, through the lens of agroecology, food sovereignty, the common good, participation and social responsibility, by making the Public Administration involved in the transformation process towards a more resilient and sustainable society; • Integrating Carcaboso in the Municipios en transición project (Municipalities in Transition), supported by the international Transition Movement; • Changing people' awareness and education through training and sensibility as a basis to transform the city model; • Creating the Centro Agroecológico Demostrativo (C.A.D – Demonstrative Agroecological Centre) as the key nucleus of all this transformation. C.A.D. is a space for starting and experimenting new agroecological projects, initiatives and ideas; • Creation of a Municipal Land Bank in order to transfer land to people in the municipality as a means to guarantee self-sufficiency. These people are offered a small piece of land, a training and the necessary support to help them start the production; • Integrating Carcaboso in the TERRAE network – a project that exports this model to many localities throughout the Nation; • Integrating Carcaboso in the Tredar project, which allows and facilitates to commercialise ecological baskets to consumers belonging to different collectives. This initiative guarantees the producers an income that, although meagre, helps them support their families so that their production is not limited exclusively to self-consumption, but it can also be distributed to consumer families. The consumers periodically receive these surpluses in the form of baskets, and pay for them, making them a sustainable product.
Date of start and state	06/2005 Ongoing

(ongoing/completed)	
Actors and stakeholders involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Population of Carcaboso, with all Municipality's sections and departments; ● ADESVAL; ● Mancomunidad Integral del Valle del Alagón; ● Terrae Network; ● Ciudades por la Agroecología network; ● SEAE; ● Municipios en transición network; ● Economía del bien común; ● Ecologista en acción; ● Movimiento Extremeño por la Paz; ● AECOS; FEMPEX ; REAS EXTREMADURA; REDINAM; ● Government of Extremadura; ● Provincial Deputation of Cáceres; ● Directorate General for Public Governance; ● Other public, private and associative entities.
Approach	<p>Searching for alternative outlets to deal with unemployment and lack of opportunities.</p> <p>Promoting municipal initiatives through a series of political actions that aim to the rural, social and labour development of the town and its area of influence, through the lens of agroecology, food sovereignty, the common good, participation and social responsibility.</p> <p>Involving the public administration in the transformation process towards a more resilient and sustainable society.</p>
Innovation	<p>This policy has contributed to the fight against the depopulation of the Municipality of Carcaboso, prioritizing the creation of new employment niches.</p> <p>A strong commitment has been made mainly to green employment and to other sectors. All of our actions were directed to training, self-employment and clean agriculture awareness, care of the rural environment, sustainable development and search for innovative food crafts with and for our citizens.</p> <p>The social, economic and, above all, agroecological and environmental policies that have been developed in Carcaboso in recent years have made our Town an international model whose example has been followed by many municipalities, both in Spain and in the rest of Europe.</p> <p>At the core of all this transformation is the Centro Agroecológico Demostrativo (CAD – Demonstrative Agroecological Centre), which from this moment on will become the driving and dynamic centre of all other actions. It is a pioneering space in the region from which the rest of training activities and experimental agroecological projects, initiatives and ideas will spread.</p> <p>Work is being done to set up two craft workshops, which are scheduled to get into work by the end of 2019. There, vegetable preserves will be produced to make baby food, along with other dairy products.</p> <p>Thanks to these initiatives, the Municipality of Carcaboso has been recognized with the following prizes: CONAMA prize, ADENEX prize, UNESCO's Comunidad Sostenible (Sustainable community) prize, Municipio Emprendedor Extremeño prize.</p>
Impact	<p>Examining the objectives achieved throughout the development of our policy, 80% satisfaction rate has been achieved.</p>

	<p>The participation of the residents of Carcaboso in the activities of the municipality has been varying based on the time of year and the characteristics of the activities. The participation has always been between 60% and 100%, therefore, in our view, all lines of action the Municipality has promoted are being positively achieved.</p> <p>As for the evaluation of projects, which is the analysis of the changes generated by the project, we compared the current state with the expectations emerged during the planning phase.</p> <p>The evaluation has been carried out constantly in order to identify the reasons and faults of an eventual failure.</p> <p>Of course, the impact these actions are producing in the Municipality can be clearly seen only by looking at the participation of the community in the activities.</p>
<p>Inclusion</p>	<p>Carcaboso's governance model covers different areas, such as education, health and welfare, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, sustainable energy and energy efficiency, good-quality employment and economic growth, innovation and development, reduction of inequalities, sustainable municipalities and communities, responsible production and consumption, awareness of climate change, peace, social justice, collaboration and establishment of alliances between different administrations.</p> <p>With regard to social and territorial inclusion, cooperation of agents and groups in the area have been employed, at national, autonomous community, regional, county and local levels. This policy aims to increase the participation of the communities, groups and institutions in designing strategies for the development of different areas, especially at county level.</p> <p>There is a clear connection between starting projects of a strong cooperative and collaborative nature and creating an entrepreneurial system in the territory. This goes alongside the formation of new labour niches or, at least, the support of entrepreneurial initiatives through training or through the creation of worker social cooperatives that can develop activities in line with our policies.</p>
<p>Adversity coefficient</p>	<p>Carcaboso is a small town that could have allowed great industrial growth, tourism and services, if the immobility of its previous politicians didn't turn it into a ghost town. Until few years ago, in Carcaboso, on Mondays almost all of the men used to commute a long way to go to work in the construction industry in Madrid and did not return until Friday. Therefore, during the week the women were the exclusive protagonists of the day to day life of the agriculture and livestock of this community. These women would later become the motor for the town to prosper, as women have always done.</p> <p>This brought the Municipality to be especially affected by the crisis, as those men who went away to work outside Extremadura every Monday suddenly found themselves unemployed and had no choice but to spend their day in the town park.</p> <p>However, far from falling into discouragement, Carcaboso became an example of municipalism and managed to transform its weakness into its strength and the threats into opportunities – all thanks to political initiatives that transformed this reality, pursuing a policy based on good neighbourliness, the common good and ecological agriculture.</p> <p>Although the work has not been simple due to excessive bureaucracy and a harassing and excessively criticizing opposition, the Mayoress has managed to consolidate in the town a model of municipalism based not only on the precepts of mutual support and the common good, but also on resources such as cooperation, participation and social responsibility in order to turn the municipality into what it is today.</p> <p>Thus, Carcaboso faces 2019 in its best employment quotas since before the crisis. A series of forthcoming projects have allowed Carcaboso to become one of the few localities in the area where the population grows, in spite of the flagrant depopulation taking place in Extremadura. All this lead to think that if there are fight with imagination and strong will, Carcaboso's motto "Think globally, act</p>

| locally" will be the basis to transform the Municipalities.