



CASE STUDY N°7



The **Málaga Province case study** aims to support the creation of the **Environmental Experimentation Centre for Climate Change “Málaga Viva Lab”**, the first regional centre in the province dedicated to **climate change research, education, and public awareness**. Málaga faces multiple climate-related challenges, including drought, biodiversity loss, forest fires, extreme temperatures, floods, and health impacts, which increasingly affect rural livelihoods, productive sectors, and tourism dynamics. Led by the **Provincial Council of Málaga**, the Centre is currently in its initial development phase and is intended to support municipalities—particularly smaller ones—by providing knowledge, guidance, and practical tools to strengthen **local climate resilience**.

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Organisation: Diputación de Málaga

Sector: Agriculture


Location: Málaga Province, Spain

The initiative seeks to bring together a broad **multi-stakeholder ecosystem**, including public authorities, the educational and research community, civil society organisations, and environmentally oriented businesses. Through the application of the **Living Lab methodology**, the Centre introduces **participatory and community-based approaches** from its earliest stages, ensuring that future activities, services, and spaces are **co-designed with key stakeholders**. This process encourages the active involvement of local communities and supports the development of initiatives that generate environmental and social benefits across the province, particularly for populations most vulnerable to climate change.

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Ultimately, the Living Lab aims to establish a **collaborative platform** that strengthens environmental awareness, promotes **climate-resilient practices**, and supports **research and innovation** at the territorial level. By fostering cooperation among institutions, communities, and knowledge actors, the Málaga Viva Lab seeks to build strong regional networks capable of advancing long-term climate adaptation and sustainability.