



Identification, Dissemination and Exchange of good practice in
Local Employment development and promoting better governance

**SPAIN-GLOBAL GRANTS
O.P. PROMOTION OF EMPLOYMENT (2000-2006)
OBJECTIVE 1 AND 3 REGIONS**

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What is a GLOBAL GRANT?

Within an Operational Programme, the management authority can decide, in accordance with the Commission and with the beneficiary of the programme, that one part of the endowment of the Programme is reserved with a final character for the implementation of **certain given actions, considered as priorities**: this mechanism is known as global grant. In the case of the European Social Fund, Art. 4.2 of its Regulations describe the usage of this formula to **facilitate the access** of non-profit making organisations and **local partnerships to small grants**.

In order to manage this credit reserve, the management authority **signs an agreement** with an **Intermediary**, which must guarantee its reliability, its experience and its settlement in the territory.

- In the Spanish programmes, two types of Global Grants have been designed:
 - The most part are dedicated to stimulate the associative network in the area of fighting against the discrimination of the less favoured groups.
 - Others are dedicated to stimulate local development through a series of interventions in neighbourhoods with specific difficulties of insertion into the labour market.
- Spanish example for Local Employment Development with a Global Grant Mechanism

Among the different Global Grants that have been included in the Spanish Operational Programmes (Regional or National Level), highest amount of E.S.F. Funding, in Objective 1 and 3 Regions, is allocated in the Global Grant included in the **“LOCAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT”** priority of the **O.P. Promotion of Employment (2000-2006)** carried out on those regions.



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⇒ **The Intermediary** declared: **General Directorate of Local Cooperation
Ministry of Public Administrations.**

⇒ **The Aim** of Global Grant:

The global grant will be dedicated to offering to those in search of employment an opportunity of work internship that complements the training in those **assistance services for people with special needs**. These services include care to children, elderly people, the handicapped, sick people, people socially excluded or in risk of being excluded, etc. The actions should be developed through a “personalised itinerary” fitted for the unemployed beneficiaries.

The setting of a network of child-care facilities (kindergartens) and, in general, of day centres or proximity services for the attention to dependant people should also be encouraged.

⇒ **Applicants:**

Those projects promoted by

- **Local Governments of more than 50,000 inhabitants** or
- **by Provincial, Insular Governments and Uniprovincial Autonomous Communities**
(provided that they include the same number of people)

will be financed.

Local Governments will participate in the financing and will have to incorporate an agreement that involves the highest degree of participation of the social agents who work in this area: interested companies, Universities or Centres of Vocational Training, non-profit organisations, etc.

⇒ **Amount of E.S.F. Funding (Meuros):**

- Objective 1 Regions : **190,983** - (5,57 % over O.P.)
- Objective 3 Regions: **94,749** - (11,77% over O.P.)

Example of project :

As one of the items reviewed in the “Intermediate Evaluation Process” for the Operational Programmes, good practices coming from the Global Grant mechanism were described .

The one considered in the Objective 1 Regions was the project called “Lugo, Abriendo Caminos” (“Lugo, opening ways”) carried out in the 2001, 2002 and (2003-2004) Calls, led by the Local Authority of Lugo (Galicia)

For the (2005-2006) Global Grant Call, the project has been called "Lugo, cidade proxima“ (“Lugo, a closest city”) .

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This project was identified as example of good practice in contributing to the Lisbon objectives.

Objectives of the project:

- Improving the quality of life of the Lugo population
- Reducing unemployment in the area
- Contributing to the improvement of the support services for people with special needs (older people, disabled people, people in risk of social exclusion..)
- Providing support and guidance for people in risk of social exclusion
- Promoting the social and labour market integration of “hard to reach groups”
- Stimulating business creation
- Promoting the local social economy
- Supporting the local socioeconomic processes through the creation of a “Central of proximity services”.

Target groups: Unemployed and people in risk of social exclusion (women suffering from domestic violence, (ex-) drug users, (ex-)offenders, (ex-)prostitutes, lone parents, ethnic minorities and school leavers).

Budget:

Total expenses: 1.289.738,34 euros
ESF Funding : 902.816,84 euros

Activities developed:

- Development of Personalised Pathways to Employment tailored to the needs of the beneficiaries and supported by a team of tutors.
- Development of different types of workshops: to help beneficiaries in their job search, improve their self-esteem, recognise their own skills and provide support and guidance.
- Placements for the beneficiaries.
- Establishment of a “Central de servicios de proximidad” (Central of proximity services (or social services).The purpose of this service is promoting and supporting the creation and sustainability of private businesses that provide services to support people from disadvantage groups (social services).

Transfer of results

The different aspects developed by the project have been integrated into the policies and strategies for local development of the Local authority of Lugo.

The project was in line with the Local Employment Pact and the priorities of the Local Development Agency. This synergy allowed the Local authority to anticipate a greater impact in local policies and in the development of an intervention model adapted to the social and economic characteristics of the territory.