



# VALENCIA, INNOVATION- FRIENDLY CITY



## Purpose of this tool

To make available to the innovation ecosystem an executive summary of the Valencia Urban Sandbox to be used in their applications and innovation projects in search of external funding and investment.

To improve the competitiveness and success of the stakeholders of the innovative ecosystem of Valencia in their innovation projects, offering Valencia as a receptive city for innovation, testing and European experimentation.





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In Valencia we know that experimentation is one of the main components of the innovative process. Innovating involves testing and experimenting in relevant scenarios and the city government wants to take a step forward and be a facilitating agent for the innovation ecosystem.

Valencia has become the largest stage in Europe to test innovation processes in real and relevant environments and has done so by launching the Valencia Urban Sandbox.

The Valencia Urban Sandbox is a managed test environment that allows the private, academic and social sectors to experiment with innovative projects in real situations, integrating disruptive technologies and solutions in the urban environment and its associated public services. Any innovation from any sector, activity, technology or source of knowledge, including the humanities, is welcome at the Valencia Urban Sandbox.

The Valencia Urban Sandbox reinforces our commitment to public-private collaboration, positioning Valencia as a model of a city that is open and friendly to innovation.



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**Stable and adaptable framework for innovation:** An instrument for promoting innovation regulated by a municipal ordinance, with a mission of permanence and which guarantees stability, legal certainty and a framework of trust for all the agents involved.

**One-stop shop** that facilitates innovation and experimentation, positioning itself as a unique space for the innovative ecosystem. See [Ordinance regulating the Urban Sandbox of the City of Valencia](#).

**Always open call and aligned** with the dynamic nature of innovative processes, offering an environment that keeps up with the pace of innovation and facilitates its development.

**No bureaucracy and streamlined access:** Online access request, minimal documentation and response from the local government in less than 3 months.

**More than 100 urban resources already available for experimentation:** The current list of urban resources includes urban spaces, infrastructures and events that are already available for testing innovation projects. See [List of Urban Resources](#). Promoters who need to use an urban resource not included in the current list may request its inclusion. If you don't find what you need to test the innovation, ask us.

**No additional fees or costs:** Innovation projects will be exempt from the Municipal Ordinance on use of the public domain and will benefit from a 100% reduction in the fees associated with such use.

- **Principle of public-private collaboration:** Accompanying access and creating an environment of public-private collaboration under the principle of sharing risks and benefits.
- **Evaluation and initiation of trials:** The feasibility, security and appropriateness of the project will be reviewed by the Assessment Committee to ensure compliance with the established requirements. Once approved, expedited access to the selected urban resources will be provided.



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## Advantages of investment in innovation in Valencia

### Tangible outcomes

- The projects developed in the Valencia Urban Sandbox prove their utility and performance in real and relevant environments, which ensures greater credibility and viability for investment attraction, transferability, scalability and market success.

### Risk mitigation

- The Valencia Urban Sandbox provides a monitored testing environment to mitigate risks associated with the initial implementation of innovative and disruptive projects, ensuring that solutions have been tested in relevant and real environments before reaching the market.

### Proactive support and assistance

- The Valencia Urban Sandbox is a real One-Stop-Shop for access to experimentation in real and relevant urban resources in Valencia.
- The València Innovation Capital Foundation will accompany the process and act as a link between the public administration, the private sector, academia and civil society, promoting the success of the tested initiatives.
- Each innovation project will be supported by a facilitator of the requested urban resource with the mission of helping the promoting entity to make the innovation project test a success.

### Results sharing

- The Valencia City Council is committed to sharing the innovation projects taking part in the Valencia Urban Sandbox, giving added value to the testing and experimentation carried out, as well as providing projection and visibility.

### Certified participation

- The Valencia Urban Sandbox will certify participation. All innovation projects that access the Valencia Urban Sandbox will receive a certificate indicating the tests carried out, specifying the urban resource used and the period in which they were carried out.





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### Alignment with European strategies

- Participation in the Valencia Urban Sandbox supports the strategy of the European Innovation Agenda, boosting the eligibility of its innovative projects to access European and national funding programmes.
- The Valencia Urban Sandbox is an innovation promotion instrument included in the València 2030 Urban Strategy and the València Innovation Capital strategy.

### Commitment to assessment and better regulation

- A biennial Report of the Valencia Urban Sandbox will be published with an outcome assessment of the different innovation projects tested and the economic, social and environmental impact achieved.
- Likewise, the biennial Report of the Valencia Urban Sandbox will include recommendations for regulatory improvements that will be sent to the Spanish Government and the regional government of the Generalitat Valenciana as a sign of our commitment to legislative improvement to promote economic growth based on technology and innovation.



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