

The works of the second phase of the Maritime Park will begin at 2019



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The Councilor for Town Planning of the City Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Javier Doreste, presented today at a press conference with the architect, Pedro Romera, the second phase of the project of the Maritime Front of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in the field of the Base Naval and the Pier of Santa Catalina.

The project, which has an investment of 1,932,627 euros financed by the development funds of the Canary Islands (Fdcan), consists of the closing of the breakwater by the construction of a linear walk of 115 meters in length that works as mirador. With a glass rail on the side of the sea, which connects with the first phase of the Maritime Park located closer to the Pier of Santa Catalina.

The area, which covers an area of 1,750 square meters and is accessible by a ramp that allows the entry of people with reduced mobility, contains a grandstand that concludes on a large platform that will function as a solarium, recreation room or meeting. This platform is at a lower level than the walk, which reinforces the feeling of intimacy and brings the sea closer to the pedestrians. The novelties presented by the project and that differentiate it from the first phase are the construction of a cantilevered slab with a flight whose dimensions are different by zones, being the maximum of four meters, as well as the installation of two canopies supported in various Aluminum pillars that will shadow the area and have an area of 460 square meters.

The Councilor for Urban Development, Javier Doreste, said that "thanks to this project, we will be able to improve the dialogue that the citizens of the capital have with the sea, making a part of the port as important as The environment of the Santa Catalina Wharf".

"The good reception that has had among the residents of the city the opening of the first phase of the Maritime Park, is what has moved us to promote the expansion of a project that will significantly improve the space that serves as a gateway to and from The cruise ships that arrive to the city, facilitating the transit of these to diverse spaces of the city like the Park Santa Catalina, the beach of Las Canteras or the surroundings of the Avenue Mesa and Lopez ", said Doreste.

The architect Pedro Romera commented that "this project, whose geometry is inspired by the shape of the canarian sailing ships, will create a new space for coexistence for the citizens of the capital by improving an area of the coast so important. Like the surroundings of the Santa Catalina Wharf".

The bidding process for the project is expected to start next June, after the agreement of the Canary Islands Development Fund (Fdcan) has been signed between the City Council and the Cabildo. According to the head of Town Planning, "the project, which could be awarded throughout August, will be finalized, if everything goes well, at the

beginning of 2019."

The project of the II Phase of the Marine Park also contemplates as a novelty the adaptation of an area for the planting of diverse species of marine environment pertaining to the Canary flora like Bejeques, sweet Tabaibas or Parsley of Sea, leaving prepared the network of irrigation for later Expansions, a drainage network for rainwater, and the installation of the lighting network in the area. The execution period of the works is 18 months.

The construction of the new viewpoint is in addition to the set of actions that the Municipal Government intends to carry out, some already executed and others to be carried out in the surroundings of the Isthmus of Santa Catalina, such as the construction of a footbridge that connects the port area with the Market Of the Port, a public park and a square in the vicinity of the aquarium 'Poema del Mar', which is currently being built.

The last phase of the project contemplates the extension of the maritime park to almost the Naval Base, the Urbanism area will study the possible installation of small wooden kiosks, to be used as a cafeteria or terrace, located next to the environment of the Plaza de Canarias.

The Marine Park, with the three finished phases, will occupy an overall surface of 6,392 square meters in three heights and will have a triangular geometric form in homage to the tradition of the Latin Vela Canaria.