

# SCENIC PATH ALONG THE FORMER GYPSUM MINES

Igualada, Spain

The project is set within the broader scheme of the Igualada Green Ring, the aim of which is to generate a series of **itineraries for pedestrians and bicycles** in the form of a green belt around the city's perimeter. This new sustainable mobility infrastructure sets out to design a system of parks and peri-urban open spaces that function as a network suitable for environmentally friendly leisure activities, adapting and recovering, to a large extent, spaces that are currently run-down or underused. In this context, Camí de les Guixeres, the track leading to the mines, represents the recovery of a stretch of 1.65 kilometres, out of which the first 800 meters have now been completed.

## IGUALADA GREEN RING



The natural space through which this track runs lies on the northern limit of the city of Igualada and is in a very run-down condition. Intense mining was carried out in the site (El Claret and El Pelfort gypsum mines) and, when the mines closed down, **the area was used as a municipal waste transfer station**. In the late seventies, when this facility was also closed down, the space was totally abandoned with no subsequent corrective action or recovery.

