

## **Vulnerable urban Area in Galicia (Spain)**

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### **Short Outline**

Vulnerable urban area and marginal establishments in the 7 main cities of Galicia (Spain): the case of the vulnerable neighbourhood of The Portiño (La Coruña).

### **Abstract**

In the last 50 years, the urban structure formed by the 7 main cities of Galicia, that is developed throughout the three corridors of Atlantic and plateau axis, has showed a strong dynamism not entirely planned. This model of growth has tensioned the territory and generated a friction between urban and rural processes as well as the vulnerable urban area appearance of diverse degrees (from the vulnerability to the marginalization) and tipologies (from infrahousing in historical centers to self-constructed peripheries and marginal establishments).

An integral study of the vulnerable urban area of the cities of Galicia becomes strictly necessary to know properly this reality, and to enhance policies adapted for one complete urban and social recovery. Progressively throughout the last 30 years, in the city of A Coruña, a deficient planning has not been able to correct a disordered growth and the deterioration of this urban areas. There are districts in very vulnerable situation and marginal establishments, and we can see processes of gentrification and degradation in the historical center.

As result of the study of the vulnerable urban area in the city of A Coruña, the team infraDOMUS made a proposal of urban recovery for the neighbourhood of municipal houses of the Portiño - characteristic example of this type of urban area -. A deep and systematic analysis of its urban and social reality was carried out betting for an integration in the urban mesh and the involution of sinergies with its surroundings.

The urban reality of Galicia is extremely complex. The recovery of pieces of city - as the neighborhood of the Portiño - must register whithin a systematic methodology of study that is a support in the elaboration of suitable and sustainable policies of urban integration.

### **Keywords**

Vulnerable urban areas, integration in the urban mesh

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