

#### PREVIOUS STATE:

The project is located in Verin, the regional capital of a vast territory in the south of Ourense province, bordering the Portuguese region of Chaves, through which flows from north to south the river Tamega, a tributary of the right bank of the river Duero, along 30 km of the valley of Monterrei, communicating Verin with Chaves.

This area is known for the quality of its mineral and medicinal waters, in which was generating one of the highest concentrations of springs and thermal spas in Iberian peninsula throughout history. This common resource, water, as well as the passage of one of the routes of the "Camino de Santiago" and the wealth of their river ecosystems and natural areas, provoked the creation of the Verin-Chaves Euro-region, which is developing border cooperation works like Thermal and Water Route Verin-Chaves based on the enhancement and recovery linked to tourism and the Tamega river an the backbone of the hydrotherapy region.

The program consists of conditioning a circular 3.500 m length route linked to the river Tamega only in his first half, crossing three distinct urban scenes: a first one tranche of urban public spaces in acceptable condition; a second stretch of rural character located on the outskirts of Verin characterized by disorder and diversity of built and unsupportive each other scenarios; and a river ecosystem with great value natural landscape, included in Red Natura 2000, called "The Forest of Pleasure".

#### PURPOSE OF THE OPERATION:

With this diverse context it was decided to rethink the layout of the route linking the river Tamega all the way, enhancing their linear sense, discarding its initial circular nature-minded infraestructure at territorial level functioning as the backbone of the region and connecting, along 30 km of river, Verin with Chaves and Vidago, thermal enclaves main shaft, articulating the gaps and different urban fabric and giving an order to this caotic environment.

At this infrastructure will provide uses and activities (bathing, relax areas, fishing, walking, sports...) and urban facilities making and generating public places and life in each of its sections.



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01 THERMAL AND  
WATER ROUTE  
VERIN-CHAVES

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#### TECHNICAL DATA OF THE WORK

LOCATION:	VERÍN (OURENSE)
PROMOTOR:	AXENCIA TURISMO DE GALICIA
BUILDER:	COPASA
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PROJECT MANAGEMENT:	JOSÉ LUIS QUINTELA PORRO
LENGTH ROUTE:	4.685 m
PRESUPUESTO:	168.022 €
START DATE OF WORKS:	APRIL 2013
FINISH DATE OF WORKS:	MARCH 2014






#### INTERVENTION AREAS

 URBAN STRETCH. VERIN URBAN CORE

 RURAL STRETCH. VERIN OUTSKIRTS

 RIVER ECOSYSTEM.  
"FOREST OF PLEASURE"

#### PAVEMENTS

-  Preexisting urban pavements in acceptable condition
-  Graded aggregate path of material extracted from the river drag in its annual dredging and subsequently treated at a local crushing plant
-  Preexisting path
-  Wood planking
-  Elevated wooden paths on stilts

#### INTERVENTIONS IMPLEMENTED

- 1 River beach in Verin urban core: Route start signal
- 2 Reconstruction of access ramp to river Támeaga to its annual dredging
- 3 Pier stretch over the river: visual obstacles demolition
- 4 Bridge "Ponte do Melo": Execution of access wood ramps to the bridge
- 5 "Campo da Feira de Pazos": Execution of two wood levels of river beach
- 6 Execution of graded aggregate path on existing roadbed
- 7 Flooded path stretches: Execution of elevated wooden paths on stilts
- 8 Mouth of the Búbal river: Route finish signal