



# PROJECTS CO-FINANCED BY EUROPEAN FUNDS (SUCH AS EAFRD or ERDF) TO VISIT DURING SHAPING THE FUTURE OF RURAL AREAS FIELD TRIP



# BRIHUEGA ROYAL CLOTH FACTORY



The Royal Cloth Factory of Brihuega was founded in 1756 by King Ferdinand VI, having held a long textile tradition dating back to the XII and XIII centuries. Brihuega also had and still counts on the disposal of large amounts of water, necessary for the process of cloth making, as well as a vast number of merino sheep.

The design of this building was made by Court architects. Its most singular building - the so-called Rotonda- was built during the reign of Carlos III. It is the only industrial building with a round base across Europe.

Brihuega City Council acquired this property -declared an Asset of Cultural Interest- in February 2017, with the aim of reactivating the building as a tourist and economic asset. The actions carried out by the town council since its acquisition have been the following:



## ■ RECOVERY OF ITS XIX century GARDENS

## ■ RESTORATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE ROOFTOPS OF THE MAIN BUILDING in 2018

This action was co-financed through a LEADER/CLLD AID awarded by the FADETA Rural Development Group in this 2014-2020 programming. Details of the aid granted:

**TOTAL INVESTMENT: 822,481.49 €**

**LEADER/CLLD AID (EAFRD): 200.000 €**

During the elaboration of the LDS of the FADETA Group for the 2014-2020 programming, it was concluded that its lands offer numerous tourist potentialities, hence the decision to support all those projects, measures, actions that contribute to promote and improve their touristic offer. Among these actions we can find the recovery, rehabilitation, and conservation of its historical and cultural heritage.

## ■ RECOVERY OF THE BUILDING ACCESSES AND THE BASEMENT FLOOR OF THE ROTONDA in 2019

**TOTAL INVESTMENT: 451,154.80 €**

**PUBLIC AID (Ministry of Public Works, Government of Spain): 315,808.36 €**

## ■ CONVERSION OF THE ROYAL CLOTH FACTORY INTO A SPA HOTEL COMPLEX in 2021.

This process was carried out through an administrative licence (Castilla Termal being the company awarded the concession).

**TOTAL PRIVATE INVESTMENT: 16 M€**

**PUBLIC AID (ERDF): 2,121,387.43 €**

This project -a result of public and private collaboration- in addition to the total recovery of this 18th century building, will add value to Brihuega as a quality touristic destination, and will also activate the local economy by generating 75 direct jobs.

All this work would not be possible without the help and close collaboration of the Rural Development Groups, entities that are an example of empowerment willing to take decisions on the destiny of their lands.

