

# ERP2019

4th European Rural Parliament (Candás, Asturias)

## ITINERARY NO. 2

### Entrepreneurship and nature

**10.00 h.**- Departure from **Candás**.

**10.45 h.**- Visit to **Valnalón** (Langreo).

**Valnalón** is a public company of the Government of the Principality of Asturias, created in 1987 as a strategy to stimulate entrepreneurial skills, knowledge and attitudes at all levels of society.

Its area of entrepreneurial education has as its objective the promotion of entrepreneurial spirit at different educational levels. The actions are designed for students, teachers and families and there is an entrepreneurial network in which organizations, institutions and companies participate. Valnalón has transferred its educational projects to different countries and has been recognised by the EU as an example of good practice on several occasions.

In the area of entrepreneurial promotion, Valnalón works with people in the development of their entrepreneurial skills, in the preparation of their business project and in their training plan to make their ideas a reality. Since 1992, when the Project Seedbed was created, Valnalón has provided entrepreneurs with spaces and equipment in the Business Centre, the promotion of warehouses and offices and business consolidation programmes.

**More information** at [www.valnalon.com](http://www.valnalon.com)

**11.30 h.**- Departure.

**11.45 h.**- Visit to the **Museum of Mining and Industry of Asturias (MUMI)** (El Entrego, San Martín del Rey Aurelio).

The [\*\*Museum of Mining and Industry of Asturias \(MUMI\)\*\*](#) is located in the town of El Entrego, municipality of San Martín del Rey Aurelio. It was built on the grounds of the rubbish dump of the emblematic San Vicente Mine, in the area known as El Trabanquín, in the heart of the coal basin of the Nalón.

The complex includes the intense mining activity that took place in the Asturian mining basins since the 18<sup>th</sup> century, as well as the history of coal, the Industrial Revolution and the technological advances in this field over the centuries. This cultural enclave is a tribute to the main engine of Asturian development. Along with coal, the manufacture

of iron and steel came to Asturias. The coal provided the region with an extensive network of railroads and opened the maritime and mountain ports that had kept it isolated from the rest of Spain.

A tower presides over the whole, and a lift or mining cage runs through the chairlift facilitating the access of the visiting public to the mine.

The development of the [Museum](#) responded to a social need to preserve the material remains of what forms the identity of the mining basins, at a time marked by the abandonment and by the general regression of the industrial activity. It was inaugurated in the month of March of 1994.

**More information at [www.mumi.es](http://www.mumi.es)**

**12. 35 h.-** Departure.

**13.00 h.-** Visit to **Rural Hotel El Secreto de Julia** (Rioseco, Sobrescobio).

The **Rural Hotel El Secreto de Julia** is the bet of a young local entrepreneur who returns to her hometown and bets on rural tourism as a business formula.

The building is a 1900 protected building converted into a two-star rural hotel in the centre of Rioseco (Sobrescobio), with a capacity of 8 hotel beds distributed in 5 rooms.

El Secreto de Julia, the name of the hotel in honour of her grandmother, opens to the public in 2013, as "a space reserved for tranquillity, relaxation and the enjoyment of life in peace, enjoying traditional flavours and sharing every moment with friends".

El Secreto de Julia offers a bar and cafeteria service open to the general public, a basic socialization service in rural nuclei with a small and aged population, which serves as a space for the exchange of experiences between tourists and local inhabitants.

**13.30 h.-** Lunch and visit to **La Casa del Agua (The House of Water – Rioseco)**.

**La Casa del Agua** is an environmental education center that guides you through the history of water uses and their influence on nature in Redes Natural Park, aimed at raising awareness of the importance of protecting the most valuable natural resource.

La Casa del Agua was founded in 2002 and expanded its facilities to house the contents of the Spanish pavilion at the 2008 Zaragoza Universal Exposition, which was entirely devoted to water. The new audiovisual and interactive contents show from the origin of water on the planet to the hydrological cycle, to the different

uses of water in our country, promoting the need for its saving and responsible consumption.

The role of the Nalón River and the Tanes and Rioseco Reservoirs in the production of electricity and the supply of quality water to the central area of Asturias is also highlighted in an entertaining and didactic way. Finally, the exterior of the building is dedicated to the local ingenuity that used water as a driving force, including the traditional hydraulic mill.

**More information** at [www.ayto-sobrescobio.es/casa-del-agua](http://www.ayto-sobrescobio.es/casa-del-agua)

**14.30 h.-** Departure.

**15.00 h.-** Visit to **Reciegos Cheesemaking Complex** (Reciegos, Caso).

**Quesería Reciegos** is an agritourism complex made up of a three star rural hotel with a capacity of 17 hotel beds distributed in 8 rooms, which is associated with an artisan cheese factory of quesu Casín.

The project is based on the Quesería Redes, which has been operating since 1990, to which the promoter, promoter of the Protected Designation of Origin of the aforementioned cheese, in 2005 decided to associate the rural hotel, in the place of Reciegos, halfway between the villages of El Campu and Veneros (Caso).

This is how the Reciegos Agritourism Complex was created, which brings together the true essence of rural tourism and the excellence of the agri-food industry, as evidenced by the multitude of awards and prizes collected by the promoter, including the Civil Merit Medal in 2019.

**More information** at [www.complejoreciegos.com](http://www.complejoreciegos.com)

**16.00 h.-** Departure.

**16.30 h.-** Visit to the **PumpTrack Circuit for kids** (Laviana).

**The Pump Track** is a complex of sports facilities linked to the practice of cycling and skateboarding, both for amateurs and professionals. The project was born from the last Plenary Session of Childhood and Adolescence in 2017, where young people from the municipality of Laviana asked the mayor for a space to have fun with skateboards and bicycles. The proposal was approved by the entire municipal Corporation, which decided to build a children's pumptrack circuit.

The great success of these facilities encouraged both young people and the City Council itself to develop this offer and also offer it to riders and adult fans. This is how the second pumptrack for adults was created on land adjacent to the Laviana sports complex.

It was then decided to develop four old routes and roads of mining origin in Monte de Carrio, for the discipline of downhill enduro cycling. These lands had been managed by the mining industry for more than a hundred years and were degraded and with a low yield for livestock activity.

The aim of the Town Hall is to ensure that its municipality, faced with the closure of the coal industry, looks for and finds other economic and vital outlets, which can stop the aging of the region and the loss of rural population through the practice of sport and tourism.

**17.15 h.-** Departure.

**18.15 h.-** Arrival at Candás.