

“Biosphere Gold Destination” recognition, as a result of the involvement of the private sector in the application of good sustainability practices. Gijón makes the Tourism Sustainability Programme available for its businesses, and therefore there are 16 Biosphere Certified and 14 Biosphere Committed companies and services.

Find out more at:

<https://gijonturismoprofesional.es/es/sostenibilidad>

Blue Flags Beaches; Pafos: An iconic achievement for any beach is the Blue Flag with denotes a high standard of sustainable coastal preservation and cleanliness. In Pafos this is now different and in combination with a series of other practices such as recycling initiatives by the local municipality, accessible options for residents and visitors, the beaches in Pafos are smart and sustainable.



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Find out more at:

<https://www.visitcyprus.com/index.php/en/discovercyprus/sun-sea/beaches/536-faros-beach-pafos-paphos-blue-flag>

4.2.2.3 Utilising Natural Resources for Recreation: Efeler

Thermal Waters - İmamköy Recreation Area; Efeler: As thermal waters are very important for human health, Efeler has been covered by İmamköy recreation area for six decades. It has a green landscape with its natural beauties and a stream running through the centuries-old plane trees. The natural hot spring water in the picnic area of İmamköy is good for many diseases such as gynecological diseases, skin diseases and intestinal diseases, thanks to the various beneficial minerals it contains. İmamköy recreation area provides a resting opportunity to domestic and foreign visitors with its unique nature and healing water. Efeler Municipality has developed a project for the recreation area belonging to the municipality to become a new attraction center. The Municipality has started the construction of a hotel with modern-looking tiny caravans in the recreation area and set the target to complete the project and put it into service very soon. Within the scope of the hotel project, for the protection and continuity of natural resources, water will be drained after each individual gets into the water. This will help meet the hygiene conditions in order to enter medium and large-

sized pools with natural spring water. The natural spring water is the most valuable heritage that the recreation area has presented and ensures the sustainability of the project.



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Find out more at:

<https://www.mynet.com/efeler-belediyesinden-imamkoyde-tarihi-acilis-180101492709>

<https://visitaydin.com/en/enjoy-thermal-water-in-aydin/>

4.2.2.4 Sustainable Urban Planning: Gdynia; Szeged; Taranto

CLIMATic City Centre for the improvement of public spaces; Gdynia: The CLIMATic City Centre is an innovative project run by Gdynia aiming to improve the quality of public spaces, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists, for a greener environment. As it is pursuing climate neutrality, Gdynia has increased green areas in the heart of the city and has taken several measures to reach that goal: It has designed new infrastructure to change transportation habits by limiting and changing the direction of car traffic and rearranging its parking system. Additional bicycle lanes were installed and sidewalks for pedestrians were widened. Gdynia has also created tree lines and pocket parks that are being constantly developed.



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