



# VISIT TO THE MAYOR OF LAS ROZAS CITY HALL

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Las Rozas' mayor, Jose de la Uz, who, as you might have heard, has been re-elected as the mayor, gave the students from Zola School in Madrid and FAWZ in Petershagen a speech about sustainability. During this speech, the students had the opportunity to ask him some questions about his decisions and the measures he has been taking during his time as our mayor, and some measures that he proposed in his last campaign. In this meeting the students also met the counsellor for the environment and the counsellor for education.

This was part of a project we are doing between both schools called “Green Visions”, that’s main goal is to replace all kinds of jobs with more eco-friendly options. That’s why we created a database with sustainable companies that we had heard of. We also visited, in our trip to Germany, many places that taught us about how they manage their waste and trash.

Since education is a very important point when talking about ecological advances on a world-wide level, we got interested in the actions taken. When talking about education for young people, we can proudly say that Las Rozas is composed of nothing less than



29 ecological schools, among which our school is included. All of them show the green flag that indicates that they are a school who are very involved in solving the problems that the environment suffers.

The mayor wanted to make it clear throughout the whole meeting that he is very concerned about his projects being sustainable, so we asked him whether he was planning to install solar panels on public buildings. We were happy to hear that this is an ongoing measure where every new building has to have them, which will positively impact how the energy is used and that it is obtained in a far less invasive and damaging way. He also said they are planning to increase the number of electric scooters and electric bicycles available, so that less emissions will be generated.

He launched a project on October 2021 and continued it in the year 2022 that consisted of tree planting, in which many families from the city contributed, resulting in the planting of more than 4000 trees

A few months ago we saw for the first time a strange kind of spaceship-like object near to one of our favourite shopping centres, el Zoco, and we have been wondering about it since that moment. Today we had the opportunity to finally answer this question: this futuristic structure happens to be a house, but not a normal house, one that would be able to be on Mars. This house has whatever you need, you just need to ask for it. A good reference for you to understand how it functions is Siri, as it works in exactly the same way. For example, if you want to sleep you just need to say “Bring me my bed” and it will appear in front of you.



We were really lucky to have been invited to a showing of the new project “Reciclos”, powered by EcoEmbes and the Las Rozas’ city hall. Its goal is to boost recycling amongst citizens in a fun way in which you can even win prizes. How does it work? Every yellow container in Las Rozas is getting a specific QR code, and all you have to do is download the Reciclos APP, scan the barcode behind the product you want to throw away and assign it the container you are using. Once you have done this, you will receive special points that you can either donate to the research on the revaluation of used products, or exchange them for “lottery tickets”, which will give you the opportunity to win amazing prizes.

We would have liked to have heard throughout the meeting from the mayor, in regards to measures to promote the recycling inside the schools, so the students don't just learn



the theory on the school, but they can also apply that theory, but except for this, the students really enjoyed the meeting and they claimed it to have been a wonderful experience for them.

Everything that we heard today was really useful for the improvement of our project and we really want to thank José de la Uz for giving us this incredible opportunity to know how our city helps in the resolution for all kind of problems, not only about contamination, but also with other social problems.