“There are other Mare Nostrum in the World, but they have other names”
Javier Carvajal, architect

Two thousand years ago the romans called Mare Nostrum the Mediterranean Sea, between South Europe and Africa, because it was “their sea”. But every civilization has their sea, their environment; and some of them are similar, they have the same climate, topography or even crops.

Both Oregon and Galicia are located in the northwest corner of their continents; one in the US, the other in Europe. They have a similar rain climate or green environment but different history and traditions...

What if we propose a project in Galicia with and American point of view?
Could we translate our experience to other similar region?
Could we learn from other ways of face similar environments with different tools?

The Berbés Neighborhood, in the mid-size city of Vigo, Spain, is moving from its industrial past to a new “Service City” model. The old fishing abandoned factories, between traditional Berbés and Bouzas villages, are being replace by new services: the congress center, a new hotel... but there are still several empty sites to develop new facilities; and our proposal could be one of them; a mix use building that includes and urban marketplace, in a close relation with the biggest fish factory of Europe, short stay housing and community wellness facilities for the new neighborhood.

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