

## First wishes from Istanbul and Spain

The Uzbek branch of the Central Asian Regional Environmental Center, in the framework of the project "Raising Awareness on Water and the Environment in Uzbekistan, Development of Cooperation" (UzWaterAware), organized a stage tour to the state of Spain.

It is no secret that this project, which has been implemented since 2016 with the financial support of the European Union, is conducting outreach efforts to solve problems related to water and the environment. A delegation of 24 people, including specialists in the field of agriculture and water management, media staff, and journalists, boarded a plane bound for Spain via Istanbul on February 22. After 5 hours of flight, we arrived at the magnificent Istanbul airport in Turkey. We went around the Istanbul airport, knowing that the flight to Spain will fly to Madrid in 4 hours. The airport is crowded with passengers of different races and nationalities. Everyone is busy with their own worries and problems.

It is clear that the visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev to Turkey on February 20-21 was of great importance in terms of the joint implementation of significant, important tasks and long-term plans. There is no doubt that only solidarity and mutually beneficial cooperation can be a criterion for progress. It is not difficult to see the common goals between the peoples of Turkey and Uzbekistan, the attentive and respectful attitude of the presidents of the two countries, as well as the openness of heart and soul. This is a guarantee that the future of both countries will be great.

An airplane flight to Madrid was announced. The journey continued again. Finally we are back on the plane. The flight took five hours. Spain covers an area of 504,782 square kilometers and has a population of more than 47,370,000. The capital of Spain is Madrid, the form of government: the Constitutional Parliamentary Monarchy, the head of state is king, 17 autonomous regions, 50 provinces, the country occupies a unique position. Spain, with its major cities such as Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and Seville, has a unique geographical position and nature.

Located in southwestern Europe, it borders with Portugal in the west, Gibraltar in the south and France and Andorra in the north. It occupies eighty percent of the Iberian Peninsula. It is the fourth largest in Europe. One of the most mountainous areas in the region. The Meseta Plateau, which covers more than half of the country's territory, has an average height of 660 meters above sea level. The highest peak of the peninsula is in the Sierra Nevada mountains - 3478 m. The north and west coasts are washed by the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, and the south and east - by the Mediterranean Sea. Spain is one of the sunniest countries in Europe. The climate is almost the same as in Uzbekistan. Sunny on average 260-285 days a year. The average annual temperature on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea is + 20 ° C. In winter, the temperature drops below zero only in the central and northern regions.



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