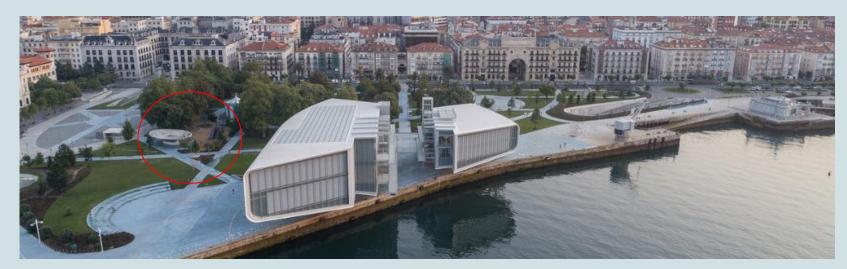
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Los Jardines de Pereda is an environment located by the Bay of Santander. This area is close to the center of the city and is often frequented by children.

We consider this space as eco-inclusive for several reasons. It is a physically safe space, with a rubber floor to minimize the damage of possible falls. There's not a road close to it, therefore, children are not exposed to the dangers of traffic. It is surrounded by numerous green areas, which are favorable for children's development. There is also a bar by it where families and carers can sit and watch their children play whilst supporting local businesses. It is a pet-friendly park, so it brings the opportunity to enjoy leisure time with animals. In these surroundings you can also find cultural activities for people such as a book exchange initiative or a museum. The book exchange initiative is perfect, since there are multiple benches where you can sit and read, and trees that will give you shade or protect you from the occasional drizzle. The museum, named Centro Botín, has a profound educational purpose, offering different activities to students in order to develop their creativity and emotional intelligence. Its goal is to improve social welfare. In order to do this, it promotes the arts as a learning vehicule.

It is a well-connected space (by trains, buses, boats, on foot...). Although the communications are good, we cannot label it as a fully accessible playground, since children with some kind of mobility restriction might find it hard to find accessible swings to play with. Regardless, there are spaces where the participation of this group of children can be encouraged, such as the activities organised by the city council, which include a series of games that can help develop physical and sensory skills. Both these initiatives, the park and its surroundings are perfect spaces for social interaction among equals, and hence, a good eco-inclusive space.









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