

Eleven Spanish companies, recognised by Iberdrola for their cutting-edge work on climate change

- The 2022 Supplier of the Year Awards aim to highlight Spanish technology and emphasise its international standing.
- Every year, the energy company purchases more than €2.4 billion from its Spanish suppliers.
- Mario Ruiz-Tagle, CEO of Iberdrola Spain, congratulates the award winners, as their success makes the company's success possible.

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Iberdrola today presented its Supplier of the Year Awards in Spain 2022, an award that seeks to highlight Spanish technology and emphasise its leading international position. In this edition, the awards went to a total of 11 companies that stand out for being at the forefront of climate change.

With these awards, Iberdrola recognises the fundamental role that each partner plays in achieving the group's strategic projects and underlines the importance of creating an ecosystem of suppliers working towards the same goals.

All of the recognised companies share values such as safety, innovation, job creation, internationalisation and sustainability. They also collaborate with Iberdrola in its strategy towards a decarbonised economy, based on its investments in renewables and increasingly smart distribution grids, large-scale storage projects and its commitment to innovative solutions for its customers.

In 2021, Iberdrola made purchases related to equipment, materials, works and services for more than €2.4 billion from nearly 4,400 suppliers in Spain. In Spain, 84% of these purchases were made from local suppliers, many of them SMEs, a percentage in line with the group's average worldwide.

In 2022, in the first 10 months, this volume invoiced to suppliers in Spain already amounts to nearly €2 billion, figures that reinforce the company's commitment to the development of local suppliers and the creation of indirect jobs.

According to the 2023-2025 outlook, investments in Spain will exceed €6 billion in three years. By 2030, Iberdrola's activities will support more than 500,000 jobs worldwide throughout the supply chain. Of this figure, more than 85,000 jobs will be in Spain.

The presentation of these awards, held this afternoon at the Iberdrola Tower in Bilbao, was presided over by Mario Ruiz-Tagle, CEO of Iberdrola Spain, accompanied by the Global Director of People and Services and Iberdrola's Institutional Delegate in the Basque Country, Asís Canales. It was also attended by more than 240 guests, including numerous representatives of the supplier companies with which Iberdrola collaborates in Spain.

In his speech, Mario Ruiz-Tagle stressed that suppliers are necessary, and are an important player. "Without their work, commitment, dedication and daily performance, we could not

continue to be a responsible, sustainable and resilient company", he stressed. He also recalled that the company's investment in Spain will exceed €6 billion in 2025, which will mean a total employment of 85,000 people.

The Iberdrola Supplier of the Year Awards 2022 in Spain consist of 11 categories, which recognise companies for their focus on innovation and competitiveness, diversity and equality, occupational risk prevention and quality, sustainability, job creation or their vocation for internationalisation.

The Best Supplier of the Year Award went to Ormazabal. The special 2022 Award went to this Basque company, for its extensive experience working with Iberdrola, always responding with the highest level of quality, jointly developing solutions, and flexibility of supply. Ormazabal is more of a partner than a supplier, sharing risks with a continuous quality of communication and is an industry leader in best practices.

The award in the Equipment Manufacturer category went to Gonvarri Solar Steel from Asturias. This supplier provides great support in several key projects for Iberdrola showing flexibility, quality of service, reliable equipment and competitive price in the field of renewable energies.

The prize for Internationalisation has been awarded to the company Deutsche Windtechnik; a supplier from Aragon that accompanies Iberdrola in the strategy of global wind maintenance models outside Spain and new markets.

In the Entrepreneurship and Innovation category, the winner was Beeplanet, the Navarre-based start-up that installs second-life batteries (circular economy) in recharging points. They have developed a scalable product that accelerates the deployment of fast charging points.

In the Diversity and Equality category, the La Mancha-based company INAEL was recognised for its commitment to implementing measures to promote diversity and equal opportunities, supporting policies that may benefit groups with special difficulties when manufacturing equipment and materials for Iberdrola's electricity networks.

The prize for Digitalisation and new technologies was awarded to the Madrid-based company BLUETAB (IBM group) for its work in Big data, Cloud, Data Management and Data Governance. The technology firm expects to hire 300 professionals over the next three years, according to the company for the new talent HUB in Bizkaia.

The award-winning company in the Works and Technical Services section was Lizelan from Guipuzcoa for its decisive service in the elimination of pruning anomalies in the electricity distribution sector, carrying out its work with high quality.

In Non-Technical Services, the winner was the Madrid-based company JA Garrigues, Iberdrola's leading law firm in Spain, providing legal advisory services in different areas, aligned with the highest international standards in corporate governance.

The Energy Transition award went to Eco Energías del Guadiana de Extremadura, recognised for its environmental management services and co-development contracts for solar PV plants. As a result of this collaboration, Iberdrola has built and put into operation more than 1,900 new solar MW; it has a further 575 MW under construction and 380 MW at an advanced stage of processing.

In the category of Sustainability and SDG contribution, Iberdrola has recognised the work of the Galician company Mil SA Trillo Galicia, which after carrying out an ESG improvement plan requested by Iberdrola, has been positioned with more than 90 points/100 in the ESG Sustainability model.

In this edition, Iberdrola also awarded a prize for economic recovery and job creation to the Asturian company IDESA (GDA-Windar) for its efficient management and maximum safety with the H2 storage tanks for Iberdrola's hydrogen plant in Puertollano, Ciudad Real.

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