

IV Iberdrola Supera Awards: six equality projects "for a better world"

With a total of 300,000 euros, the awards recognize equality initiatives through sport. Andalusia, Asturias (two), the Canary Islands, Galicia and the Basque Country, the winning projects.

Of the more than 900 nominations submitted, the six winners of the 4th edition of the <u>Iberdrola Supera Awards</u> were announced today. It has been during a very emotional gala, with more than 200 guests, in which six projects of great social significance and with a common denominator: to promote gender equality through different sports practices have been distinguished.

Ignacio Galán, Executive Chairman of Iberdrola, participated this afternoon in the prize-giving ceremony, which will provide real support to the winners. This is a contest endowed with 300,000 euros, 50,000 for each of the categories: Supera Base, Supera Competition, Supera Innovation, Supera Inclusion, Supera Social and Supera Dissemination.

During the awards ceremony, hosted by journalist Nico Abad and Margarita Álvarez, Galán thanked the winners for "contributing with their initiatives to building a fairer and more caring society based on the values that Iberdrola shares: those of effort, self-improvement and commitment which, in short, are also those of the good practice of sport from its base. These are profoundly social awards starring anonymous women and girls who will carry out admirable projects. We are truly fortunate to be able to support them. Two of the great attributes that identify Iberdrola are women's sports and its anticipation of the green transition.

The awards will be used to make the projects in the six categories of the competition a reality:

Supera Base, for the promotion of grassroots sports among girls up to 16 years of age, which went to Club C.D Guretxoko from the Basque Country, for promoting the presence and prominence of women in a sport that is a priori dominated by men.

Supera Competición, to help the incorporation of women in competition, which will help the Club Balonmán Cañiza of Galicia to improve the training infrastructure of the first team that competes in the División de Honor Plata Femenina handball league.

Supera Inclusión, for the insertion of women with special abilities in the practice of sports, which will help people with limited mobility and/or sensory disorders to experience the thrill of diving with Marina Muñoz, in the Canary Islands.

Supera Social, which rewards the integration of women in society through sport, and which went to the EMET Foundation in Andalusia for carrying out sports workshops as therapy for vulnerable women in its centers.

Supera Difusión, for enhancing the visibility of women's sports, which went to the Patronato Deportivo Municipal de Siero to publicize the feat of 78 Asturian women who will climb 78 summits simultaneously and who will broadcast their action on video to promote the practice of amateur sports.



And finally, *Supera Innovación*, designed to improve the practice of sports through science and/or technology, for the Club Patín Gijón Solimar (Asturias) to apply Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality in their training to avoid injuries.

The decision of the Jury of Honor - composed of Susanna Griso, Sonsoles Ónega, Eli Pinedo, Ona Carbonell, Carolina Marín, Jesús Carballo, Manu Carreño, Marta Arce, Paloma del Río, Sandra Sánchez, Teresa Perales, Alexia Putellas, Lydia Valentín, Susana Rodríguez and Vicente del Bosque - has been known in a very emotional gala that has put its finishing touch with the performance of the singer Sole Giménez, and which was attended by many of the 32 Iberdrola Ambassadors, as Teresa Portela (canoeing), the athlete Desirée Vila or Loida Zabala (para-athletics).

The president of the Spanish Sports Council, Víctor Francos; the secretary general of the Spanish Olympic Committee, María Victoria Cabezas; and the president of the Spanish Paralympic Committee, Miguel Carballeda, among others, did not want to miss the event either.

Iberdrola is, since 2016, the main promoter of women's sports in Spain. It supports 32 National Federations, reaching more than 600,000 women, that is, two out of every three federated women, and has more than a hundred competitions with Iberdrola's own name, including 32 leagues.