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Iberdrola chairman Ignacio Galán to be awarded a prize and give the keynote address at Forinvest Finance Night 2020

- Regarded as one of the five most important CEOs worldwide by the *Harvard Business Review*, Galán will speak about how environmental impact and climate change directly affect both the domestic and international economic-financial systems, while also explaining how Iberdrola has faced up to the new challenges.
- Forinvest, the biggest financial-business networking event in Spain, will take place over the 3–4 March. It will once again kick off with the Finance Night, the big economic and financial gala evening at 7:00 p.m. on Monday 2 March at the Feria Valencia Event Centre.

Valencia. Forinvest will be holding its Finance Night at 7:00 p.m. on Monday 2 March. This year's event will have a blue chip speaker in the person of Ignacio Galán, Iberdrola chairman and Iberdrola Group CEO, who is set to address this



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great economic-financial world gala evening. Ximo Puig, president of the Government of the Autonomous Community of Valencia is to preside the event.

Galán's keynote address, which is to deal with the most important issues of the day, will open the thirteenth edition of Forinvest, to be held over 3-4 March 2020 at Feria Valencia. In addition to giving the keynote address, the Iberdrola president will be receiving the lifetime achievement award, one of several awards to be presented by Forinvest that evening to members of the business world, financiers and successful entrepreneurs.

[Ignacio Galán's CV](#) (Salamanca, 1950) is no quick read. He was acknowledged in 2019 as one of the most important CEOs in the world in the annual ranking drawn up by the *Harvard Business Review*, and is one of the 30 most influential people in the fight against climate change according to Bloomberg. An industrial engineer graduate from the ICAI School of Engineering (Madrid), he also holds honorary doctorates from the universities of Salamanca, Edinburgh and Strathclyde (Glasgow).

Galán has directed leading companies in cutting-edge industrial and technological sectors, where he has brought about profound changes to their profiles, thereby stamping his vision of the future and revealing his capacity to steal a march on the new needs of various sectors. In addition to being the president and CEO of Iberdrola, he is currently also chairman of Iberdrola Group subholdings in the United Kingdom, the United States and Brazil. Under Galán's direction, Iberdrola has become a global energy leader, the top producer of wind power and one of the biggest electricity companies in the world in terms of market cap.

He is a member of the electricity cluster of the World Economic Forum (Davos), which he has presided over; he is also a member of the Steering Committee of the European Round Table of Industrialists and of the JP Morgan International Council.

Professionals of the stature of Pedro Solbes, ex-Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Spain; Antonio Garrigues Walker, renowned lawyer; José María Viñals, Senior Executive at the IMF; José Manuel González-Páramo, member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank; and Nuria Oliver, international expert in artificial intelligence and the first Spaniard to receive an MIT Innovation award, are previous recipients of the award to be presented to Ignacio Galán.



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The Finance Night

The Forinvest Finance Night serves as a prelude to two days of intensive analyses, conferences and debate with A-list speakers, which will see Valencia become the focal point for the country's economic-financial affairs. Personalities from the business, economic and financial worlds, the insurance sector and Valencian society will all attend the event to be presided over by Ximo Puig, president of the Government of the Autonomous Community of Valencia, who will be accompanied by his Minister for Finance and Economy and the chairman of Forinvest, Vicent Soler.

Bankia, Santander, Caixabank, Sabadell, Ibercaja and the Government of the Autonomous Community of Valencia through the Valencia Institute of Finance (IVF) are event partners, while Mapfre is the official event insurer.

