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Madrid. The [National Sports Council \(CSD\)](#) has granted Iberdrola the Gold Plaque of the Royal Order of Sporting Merit, as officially announced in a [Resolution](#) of the Ministry of Culture and Sport published in the Official State Gazette (BOE).

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Iberdrola has been supporting Spanish sport for over twenty years through global agreements with the CSD and the Spanish Olympic and Paralympic Committees (COE and CPE), as well as with various sporting federations.

In the past few years the company has been intensely involved in [women's sport](#), in line with its irrevocable commitment to promoting equality. In fact in 2016 it became the first company to make a firm all-embracing commitment to promoting women's participation in sport.



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Iberdrola currently supports 16 federations: gymnastics, triathlon, rugby, canoeing, badminton, football, handball, volleyball, hockey, table tennis, athletics, karate, boxing, surfing, ice sports and fencing. The company also lends its name to 22 top-tier national sports leagues, and another 35 competitions.

The greater input of resources (facilities, medical services, referees, etc.) has not only helped to increase the number of federated female athletes in these disciplines by 32% (reaching 316,500), but is also allowing Spanish elite female athletes who have developed their sporting career in other countries to start competing again in Spain, contributing to an improvement in national competitions.

About Iberdrola

[Iberdrola](#) is a global energy leader, the number-one producer of wind power, and one of the world's biggest electricity utilities by market capitalisation. The group supplies energy to almost 100 million people in dozens of countries including Spain, the United Kingdom (ScottishPower), the United States (AVANGRID), Brazil (Neoenergia), Mexico, Germany, Portugal, Italy and France. With a workforce of around 34,000 and assets in excess of €113bn, it achieved a turnover of €35bn and a net profit of €3bn in 2018.

Iberdrola is leading the transition towards a sustainable energy model through investments in renewable energy, smart grids, large-scale energy storage and digital transformation, to offer its customers the most advanced products and services. Thanks to its commitment to clean energy, Iberdrola is one of the companies with the lowest emissions and an international benchmark for its contribution to the fight against climate change and to sustainability.

