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*For its firm commitment to promoting women's sport*

## **The King and Queen of Spain give Ignacio Galán an award recognising Iberdrola's work at the 2016 National Sports Awards ceremony**

- **The company has received the Stadium Cup, an annual award for the person or organisation that has made a special contribution to promoting sports activities**
- **Iberdrola supports 15 national federations striving to promote and increase the participation of women in all areas of sport: gymnastics, triathlon, swimming, rugby, canoeing, badminton, football, handball, volleyball, hockey, table tennis, athletics, karate, boxing and ice sports**

Today, the King and Queen of Spain presented the Chairman of Iberdrola, Ignacio Galán, with one of the 2016 National Sports Awards, which are given out annually by the National Sports Council (CSD), during a ceremony held at El Pardo Palace.

These prestigious awards aim to honour the people and organisations that either because of their direct activity or personal initiative, or as interested parties in developing sports policy, have contributed significantly to promoting and disseminating physical sports.

The company received the Stadium Cup, an award created by King Alfonso XIII in 1923. With this award, which is Spain's oldest sporting recognition, Iberdrola has been rewarded for its special contribution during the year to the promotion of sports activities.

Iberdrola recently renewed its cooperation agreement with the CSD, resulting in the company becoming the main driver of this body's 'Women's Universe' programme, which seeks to promote the participation of women in this area. This comprehensive programme is designed to promote the development of women and their personal growth in society. It was created to launch initiatives that would contribute to transforming society through the values of women's sport.

This project aims to focus on the social and cultural dimensions of sport so as to promote a lifestyle change and encourage the promotion of women's

sports by holding communication events and actions throughout the months covered by this initiative.

### **Iberdrola's backing for 15 federations**

Iberdrola already supports 15 national federations that seek to promote and increase the participation of women in all areas of sport: gymnastics, triathlon, swimming, rugby, canoeing, badminton, football, handball, volleyball, hockey, table tennis, athletics, karate, boxing and ice sports.

In most cases, Iberdrola is lending its name to the top competitions in these sports. Women's First Division Football, now known as the Iberdrola League, has 16 teams, 30 match days and around 240 matches. Also, the league's most important match each day is now included on the football pools coupon of the state lottery.

The leading women's rugby, volleyball and handball competitions are also supported by the company since the creation of the Iberdrola Honour Division, the Iberdrola Super League and the Iberdrola Guerreras League, respectively. In addition, the names of the hockey and water polo championships have also been changed and are now called the Iberdrola League. The top national women's teams in these disciplines meet each other in these championships.

The latest additions include karate and athletics, with competitions that have also gone on to receive the name of the Iberdrola League. In athletics, the cup is now called the Iberdrola Her Majesty the Queen's Cup. In boxing and table tennis, the company provides support through scholarships awarded to athletes by the CSD and federations.

Iberdrola hopes that, with all these initiatives, not only the resources available will increase but also greater more visibility will be given to these competitions and the experiences and success stories of female athletes will serve as an inspiration and example for society and future athletes.