

## **Marcelino Oreja, Enagás' Chief Executive Officer: "Innovation is key for any energy operator's management"**

- **The company is participating in Gastech, the world's benchmark event in the gas sector, currently being held in Tokyo**

Today, Enagás Chief Executive Officer, Marcelino Oreja, attended Gastech, the international benchmark event in the gas sector, being held in Tokyo this week. During his speech, the CEO emphasised that "nowadays efficiency, sustainability and flexibility in services should be the keys to any energy operator's management" and that "we have to see innovation as the tool that will make us more efficient, sustainable and flexible".

Similarly, Oreja pointed out that innovation in efficiency leads to lower energy prices, a fundamental aspect in improving competitiveness in the business fabric. As he explained, this also applies to sustainability: "In the case of Enagás, the energy efficiency strategy, the utilisation of residual energy for electricity generation and continuous monitoring, are areas we have worked in for a long time and that have allowed us to reduce our carbon footprint by more than 50% in the past two years".

Oreja stated that innovation aimed at offering more flexible services is a challenge faced by all energy operators. He emphasised that Enagás is working on projects in this field, to adapt the company's regasification plants to provide new logistics services such as small scale or bunkering, or to promote pilot projects in the use of biogas and compressed natural gas (CNG) in transport.

In the context of the transition to a low-carbon economy, the company is committed to using liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a fuel in, fundamentally, maritime transport. "As one of the most environmentally-friendly energies, natural gas is key to improving air quality and to reducing greenhouse gas emissions", he said.

Enagás' Chief Executive Officer also took part in announcing the next Gastech event, to be held in Barcelona in 2018. He added that the Iberian Peninsula, which now has 8 regasification plants, could become a global LNG hub, considering liquefied natural gas' increasingly important role.

Gastech is the world's benchmark event in the gas and LNG sector. This year it is being held in Tokyo from the 4th to the 7th of April, bringing together more than 25,000 technical and commercial experts from every sector in the supply chain.

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