





# **Enagas, Ambassador for European Excellence 2016**

- An acknowledgement of Excellence, through the Ambassadors of European Excellence Programme, aimed at projecting an image of excellence, effort and success within and beyond Spanish borders.
- The most characteristic value of Excellence of the gas production company is sustainability; its maxim is the creation of a sustainable future.

**Madrid, 20 June 2016.-** The Excellence in Management Club, a not-for-profit organisation that seeks to strengthen the global competitiveness of organisations and professionals from different sectors through values of excellence, has presented, in conjunction with Marca España, the second edition of the Ambassadors of European Excellence Programme.

At the event, held at the Casa de América in Madrid, Enagás was recognised as an Ambassador of European Excellence 2016. The company is an international leader in the development, operation and maintenance of gas infrastructure.

"The purpose of the Programme is to project, within and beyond Spanish borders, an image of excellence, effort and success for Spanish organisations that have proven themselves as an example through an official recognition of excellence," said Alberto Durán, President of the Excellence in Management Club.

The company started its international business in 2011, and is currently present in eight different countries. The company's international strategy focuses on three main axes of growth: to participate in the integration of the European natural gas market; to develop natural gas infrastructures on growing markets; and finally to strengthen the position of Enagás as a global specialist in LNG.

Its path to excellence began in 2007, when the EFQM Management Model was adopted as a benchmark and it made its first EFQM self-assessment. From that moment until now, Enagás has achieved the different EFGM levels of excellence, including 500+ Certification, the highest level of recognition in Spain.

The assessment criteria, for which this award is given, can be summarised in its corporate reputation, international vocation, its trajectory with EFQM Certification, its identification with values of excellence and other recognitions.

# Sustainability as the key Value of Excellence

Sustainability is an integrated aspect of the Enagás management at strategic and operational level. The company is firmly committed to the creation of a sustainable future through innovative, efficient and sustainable solutions that promote a low carbon economy.

"Enagás' commitment to creating a sustainable future is materialised in: the development of infrastructures that allow an efficient use of gas, the contribution to reducing local contamination and CO2 emissions in the transport sector and the introduction of biogas in our infrastructures," explained José Miguel Tudela, Director of Organisation and RSC for Enagás.







In 2014, Enagás received the EFQM Good Practice Competition for the development of "Tanker Loading Operations and New Services for Regasification Plants". The jury was impressed with their organisational flexibility, positive change in the culture and work ethic of their employees and their involvement in the project of groups of interest.

In addition to Enagás, the event also appointed three other outstanding Spanish organisations leading in their sectors: San Rafael Hospital, the tax agency of the Provincial Government of Salamanca (REGTSA) and San Cernin School in Pamplona.

The Ambassadors Programme Jury recognised these four organisations, all bearers of the EFQM 500+ Certification, the highest level in Spain, for their values of excellence, while supporting the image of Spain and its internationalisation.



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#### About CEG

A private, not-for-profit business association, founded in Spain in 1991 by 21 chief executives of the most important Spanish businesses. This year we are celebrating 25 years of commitment to the improvement of competitiveness of Spanish organisations. We have been the official representative of the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) since 1994. We have over 220 members, from all different sectors and of all different sizes, currently representing 26% of GDP and 24% of IBEX35.

#### About Marca España

Marca España is a State policy that seeks to improve the image of Spain overseas and promotes the coordinated activity of all institutions and organisations committed to initiatives that assist in improving results and achieving measurable contributions for the interest of Spain in all areas. In 2012 the High Commissioner's Office for Marca España was created, with the mission of planning, promoting and coordinating the activity of all public and private organisations devoted to promoting the country's image.

## About Enagás

Enagás is an international leader in the development, operation and maintenance of gas infrastructures. It has over 12,000 kilometres of gas pipelines, four strategic storage plants and, with eight regasification plants, it is one of the companies with the most LNG terminals in the world.

It is an EU certified Transmission System Operator (TSO), and therefore an accredited independent European operator. It currently does business in eight countries: Spain, Mexico, Chile, Peru and Sweden, Greece, Albania and Italy, where it is part of the development of the Trans-Adriatic Pipeline (TAP), a key component for energy supply in Europe. In Spain, Enagás is the leading







natural gas transmission company and Technical Manager of the Spanish gas system. It has been listed on Ibex 35 since entering the stock market in 2002. Since 2007, the company has adhered to the EFQM Model for Excellence in Management and has EFQM 500+ Certification, the maximum level of recognition available in Spain.

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