

Both entities sign an agreement for the promotion, dissemination and support of financing instruments aimed at small and medium-sized companies in our country

ENISA and Enagás join forces to boost Spanish competitiveness and sustainable entrepreneurship

- This collaboration is committed to providing the necessary support to companies and projects, promoting the energy transition and the diversification of new business models
- The agreement was signed by José Bayón López and Marcelino Oreja Arburúa, CEOs of the respective entities

Madrid, 09 September 2021. The National Innovation Company (Empresa Nacional de Innovación - ENISA) and Enagás have just signed an agreement to promote public-private financing of sustainable business projects.

"We are very proud to add the name of ENISA to that of Enagás and its subsidiary, Enagás Emprende, and thus initiate a path committed to supporting projects or companies that require our investment to start or continue their sustainable entrepreneurial activity", explains José Bayón López, CEO of ENISA.

For his part, Marcelino Oreja Arburúa, adds that creating this partnership "adds value to Spanish competitiveness and the promotion of the energy transition, supporting start-ups and innovation projects, through the diversification of new business models such as biogas, hydrogen and sustainable mobility, among other areas, as well as access to disruptive technologies at an early stage".

With this agreement, Enagás, through its usual communication channels, will raise awareness of the financing offered by ENISA and how to apply for it. For its part, ENISA undertakes to analyse the possible financing by means of participative loans of the applications received, provided that they meet the requirements for access to its financing facilities.

"The decision on the approval of each operation will be the responsibility of ENISA, in accordance with the conditions, requirements and application procedures that regulate the management of the participative loan", emphasizes Bayón. "The financing offered by ENISA to SMEs can help increase the competitiveness options of the innovation ecosystem", emphasizes Oreja.

To facilitate collaboration between the two entities, a working group has been set up comprising four members: on behalf of ENISA, Carmen Cuesta, Director of Communication and Promotion, and Alberto Moratiel, Coordinator of Promotion and Institutional Relations; and on behalf of Enagás, Fernando Impuesto, General Manager of Enagás Emprende, and Emilio Martínez, Manager of Open Innovation and Corporate Entrepreneurship.

Participative loan

The financial instrument handled through ENISA is the participative loan, with amounts between 25,000 and 1,500,000 euros, which requires no guarantees other than those of the business project itself and a sound management team.

Companies must have their registered office in Spain and present technically and economically viable business projects, as well as an innovative, novel business model or with clear competitive advantages.

About Enisa

ENISA is a public company attached to the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, through the Directorate General for Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, which since 1982 has been actively involved in the financing of viable and innovative projects, driven by SMEs and entrepreneurs.

About Enagás

Enagás is a Transmission System Operator (TSO) with 50 years' experience in the development, operation and maintenance of energy infrastructure, and carries out its activities in eight countries: Spain, the United States, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Albania, Greece and Italy. The company has over 12,000 kilometres of gas pipelines, three strategic storage facilities and eight regasification plants. In Spain, it is the leading natural gas transmission company and the Technical Manager of the Gas System. Enagás is firmly committed to the decarbonisation process and has pledged to be carbon neutral by 2040.

About Enagás Emprende

Enagás Emprende is the Corporate Venturing initiative of Enagás for investment in and acceleration of start-ups and innovative technologies in the field of energy transition, with particular emphasis on renewable gases (biogas and hydrogen), sustainable mobility, energy efficiency, digitalisation, and other cleantech projects in general. Enagás Emprende has invested in or promoted a total of 15 companies since its inception in 2015, including H2Greem (green hydrogen production), Llewo (sustainable mobility), E4Efficiency (ecological cooling), Scale Gas (small-scale LNG), Solatom (solar energy), and Satlantís (satellite technology), among others.

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