



Press release

Commitment to responsible and sustainable consumption

EROSKI WINS THE LEAN & GREEN AWARD FROM AECOC TO REDUCE CO₂ EMISSIONS

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- EROSKI has won the award after having presented the action plan to reduce this percentage and will lead the project together with another fifteen companies in the consumer sector
- EROSKI undertakes to improve their environmental impact by improving processes, facilities and products through economic, social and environmental sustainability

Madrid, 10 October 2018.- [EROSKI](#) has won the [LEAN & GREEN](#) project award from the [Association of Manufacturers and Distributors \(AECOC\)](#). With this certificate, the EROSKI Group is leading the LEAN & GREEN platform together with another fifteen companies in the consumer sector.

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"At the logistics area as well as the EROSKI Group as a whole, we think that, in addition to reducing emissions by 20% in the term of five years, we are strengthening and updating those work and control procedures where the environment is present so as to fulfil our renewed [Health and Sustainability Commitments](#)", EROSKI's Chief Operations Officer, Alberto Madariaga, has said. "The Lean & Green initiative is entirely in line with the organization's general aim of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing emissions in logistics by 20% in 5 years will make it easier for us to achieve the global goal of 25% by 2025".

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AECOC has congratulated EROSKI for *"their firm commitment to a sustainable development model, as well as for heading the list of companies which already have measurement and reduction plans for their greenhouse effect emissions"*, according to its Managing Director, José M^a Bonmatí.

More efficient logistics

In the past two years, EROSKI already adopted the first measures. *"With the measures we implemented up to 2017 we achieved a 12.94% reduction in CO₂. This includes the reorganization of the platforms in the Central, Southern and Northern areas; the improvement of efficiency; the integration of the Fresh Produce and Food routes and the elimination of the most polluting vehicles in the fleet"*, the Chief Operations Officer of the cooperative has explained.

Some other actions have already been implemented this year in order to meet the targets. *"New vehicles have been added (gas vehicles, city trailers, mega trucks...) and we are fully involved in new work procedures in order to improve efficiency; we have modified loading procedures at the platforms so as to increase truck filling. Moreover, with regard to night unloading procedures, we intend to increase the number of stores annually with a sustainable solution"*, EROSKI's Chief Operations Officer has said.

More sustainable platforms

"To reduce the greenhouse gas emissions generated by our logistics activity, we have several lines of action in addition to more efficient supply and less polluting vehicles and driving: on the one hand, we are committed to sustainable construction and more energy-efficient and less environmentally harmful equipment, such as LED lighting or the use of refrigerant gases with low or zero global warming potential. Moreover, we intend to purchase green energy, which we are currently doing in 20% of our platforms. On the other hand, we have a waste management model based in circular economy principles", Alberto Madariaga has said.

EROSKI, true to their zero waste commitment, is working to minimize the waste generated and to reuse, recycle or recover the waste which is unavoidable. Therefore, they reuse more than 46 million logistics packages a year in their

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platforms and guarantee the recycling of the waste generated in their stores through reverse logistics and authorized waste managers.

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