



*Press Release*

**Advancing towards sustainable logistics**

**EROSKI ACHIEVES ITS FIRST LEAN&GREEN STAR FOR REDUCING ITS CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS**

- **The aim of the European platform LEAN & GREEN is to generate a network of leading companies in the field of sustainable logistics so as to reduce their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by at least 20% in 5 years**
- **EROSKI has surpassed the 20% goal by 5% and besides, they have done it 1 year before the scheduled time**
- **EROSKI undertakes to improve their environmental impact by improving processes, facilities and products through economic, social and environmental sustainability**

**Elorrio, 9 February 2021.-** The [Association of Manufacturers and Distributors \(AECOC\)](#) has awarded [EROSKI](#) their first [LEAN&GREEN](#) star for having surpassed the goal of reducing their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the logistics and transportation processes by 20%. EROSKI not only has improved the expected reduction and reached 25%, but has done so in only 4 years, as compared to the 5 years established in the plan which received Lean&Green's award in 2018.

EROSKI, together with other 18 companies from the consumer sector, leads LEAN & GREEN, the main European collaboration platform especially aimed at reducing the emissions associated to the supply chain. It is an international and inter-professional initiative whose aim, in addition to helping companies reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, is to help them aim for a quantifiable goal, collaborate with other companies, both at the national as well as the European level, share good practices and become a reference in sustainability with a transparent and traceable monitoring system.

The initiative is in line with the goals defined in the Paris Agreement to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. The structure of the LEAN&GREEN programme comprises 5 work levels, with quantifiable carbon emission reduction goals. When the goals of each level are achieved, companies are awarded stars.

*"Logistics can and must contribute to strengthening and updating those work and control procedures in which the environment is involved so as to fulfil our 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. Our having*

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*reduced logistics emissions by over 20% in the last few years paves the way to achieving the global goal of 25% by 2025".*

### **More efficient logistics: how is it being achieved?**

*"In the last four years alone, EROSKI has managed to reduce emissions in their logistics activities by over 25%, which implies avoiding more than 25,800 tonnes of equivalent CO2 emissions thanks to the deployment of various actions within their new transportation model focused on efficiency and sustainability", explains Mr. Madariaga.*

Various actions aimed at achieving the goals set have been implemented. *"New vehicles (gas vehicles, mega trucks, fleet renewals...) have been added and we are fully immersed in new work procedures so as to improve efficiency, increase fillings and reduce empty runs",* says EROSKI's Chief Operations Officer.

### **More sustainable platforms**

*"Our energy efficiency in logistics processes also involves the configuration of the platforms themselves: we are committed to sustainable construction and more energy-efficient and less environmentally harmful equipment, such as LED lighting, presence detectors, temperature robots, use of non-polluting refrigerant gases as well as natural daylight to improve the energy efficiency of the platforms. Moreover, we aim to purchase green energy, which we do in 20% of our platforms. And we also have a waste management model based on the principles of the circular economy",* states Alberto Madariaga.

EROSKI, true to its commitment to zero waste, is working to minimize the waste generated and reuse, recycle or recover unavoidable waste. To this end, they reuse more than 46 million logistics packages a year in their platforms and guarantee the recycling of the waste generated in their stores through reverse logistics and authorised waste managers.

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