

## **THE FIRST S-MOVING FORUM GATHERS TOGETHER ONE THOUSAND HIGH-LEVEL PROFESSIONALS IN SEARCH OF TECHNOLOGICAL PARTNERS**

**S-MOVING, *Smart, Autonomous and Unmanned Vehicles Forum*, has today wrapped up its first event with more than a thousand professionals attending. Companies and participants have confirmed the suitability of holding a forum that offers a cross-sectional view on the technological development around smart and autonomous mobility connected by land, sea and air. Exhibitors highlighted the specialised profile of the registrees, whose real interest in establishing contact with potential technology partners is reflected in the number of business meetings held, more than 500 in the two forum days**

Over a thousand professionals from sectors and activities linked to smart, autonomous and connected mobility met yesterday at FYCMA (Malaga Trade Fair and Congress Center) to participate in the first year of S-MOVING, Smart, Autonomous and Unmanned Vehicles Forum. The event, a pioneering initiative in Europe focused on the challenges and opportunities of technological development and the auxiliary industries that are fostering mobility of the future, has brought together representatives from more than 300 companies and a hundred experts to share aspects such as application of these technologies on land, sea and air, with special attention to collective transport, industry 4.0, big data, cybersecurity, and great prominence of Hyperloop projects.

This transversal and multisectoral analysis is precisely one of the most outstanding aspects of the participants as a differential value. In this sense, the chairman of the Organization Committee, Antonio Gómez-Guillamón, has insisted on the "opportunity" that the forum has given to the "companies from different sectors to know what is being done in many other fields".

Regarding the call for professionals, companies and entities attending the event, the highly specialised profile of the attendees have influenced it, with a real and specific interest in identifying potential technology partners for the implementation of projects and initiatives, as well as in "the transfer of know-how", as explained by the head of the Scientific-Technical Cooperation Area of the National Institute for Aerospace Technology (*Instituto Nacional de Técnica Aeroespacial - INTA*), Juan José Redondo. The director of Technology and Ecosystems of Premo Group (*Grupo Premo*), Antonio Rojas, has also spoken on this line of thought, who has ensured that "the most relevant sectors" have been present, while the head of Business Development of the ABB corporation, Álvaro Vázquez, has celebrated the important "influx of first brands and future projects". This interest has come to fruition when more than 500 business meetings were held during the event, which has provided a networking area and an online tool to pool the supply and demand of related capabilities.

As for the conferences and round tables, the technical manager of the Aerospace and Production Processes of the Technological Corporation of Andalusia (*Corporación Tecnológica de Andalucía - CTA*), Silvia de los Santos, has also highlighted "the quality of the presentations in all the technological lines", something that has already become one of the main milestones of the first S-MOVING forum.

It is worth mentioning that during these two days, emerging SMEs have shared space with multinational companies such as Airbus, Aertec, Accenture, Asea Brown Boveri (ABB), Airtificial, Samsung, Indra, Alstom, Premo, Ayesa, Fagor Electronics, Hispasat, Nokia, GMV, Ferrovial, Asti Mobile Robotics, MADES, Maerks, Arelance, Datlight, Kongsberg Maritime, among others. Companies and entities such as Fundación ONCE y Caixabank (Payment Innovation Hub) have also participated in S-MOVING.

Regarding the public sector, representatives of the Spanish Aviation Safety and Security Agency (*Agencia Española de Seguridad Aérea - AESA*), ADIF, the Higher Council for Scientific Research (*Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas - CSIC*), the Spanish Association of Civil Engineers (*Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos*); the Association of Collective Urban Transport Management Companies (*Asociación de Empresas Gestoras de los Transportes Urbanos Colectivos - ATUC*); the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the National

Institute for Aerospace Technology (INTA); INECO; AENA; the Andalusian Foundation for Aerospace Development and the Advanced Centre for Aerospace Technologies (*Fundación Andaluza para el Desarrollo Aeroespacial y el Centro Avanzado de Tecnologías Aeroespaciales* - FADA CATEC); the universities of Malaga, Valencia, Córdoba and Huelva; the Andalusia Technology Park (*Parque Tecnológico de Andalucía* - PTA); ICEX España Exportación e Inversiones; the Technological and Industrial Development Centre (*Centro de Desarrollo Tecnológico e Industrial* - CDTI); the National Institute of Cybersecurity (*Instituto Nacional de Ciberseguridad* - INCIBE); the Diving Centre of the Spanish Navy (*Centro de Buceo de la Armada Española*) - Ministry of Defence; National Police; Extenda, Andalusian Knowledge Agency (*Agencia Andaluza del Conocimiento*); Andalucía Emprende; the Public Company of Sanitary Emergencies (061) or MalagaPort (Port of Malaga).

S-MOVING has been organised by FYCMA, the City Council of Malaga and the Agency for Innovation and Development of Andalusia (*Agencia de Innovación y Desarrollo de Andalucía*) - IDEA+Invest in Andalusia under the Ministry of Employment, Business and Commerce. The University of Malaga (UMA) has acted as a Golden Partner and Asea Brown Boveri (ABB) technology group, Technological Corporation of Andalusia (CTA) and Vodafone acted as Silver Partners. It had the collaboration of the Business Association for the Development and Promotion of the Electric Vehicles (*Asociación Empresarial para el Desarrollo e Impulso del Vehículo Eléctrico* - AEDIVE), the Spanish Association of Drones (*Asociación Española de Drones y Afines* - AEDRON), the employers' representative of the digital technology sector in Spain AMETIC, Andalucía Aerospace -Clúster Empresarial Hélice-, the Cluster Marítimo Marino de Andalucía, Aerospace Systems Cluster-Andalusia Technology Park, the Spanish Federation of RPAS Associations (FEDAR), the Association of Young Entrepreneurs of Malaga (AJE) and the Knowledge, Research and University Council through EXTENDA - Andalusian Agency for Foreign Promotion (*Agencia Andaluza de Promoción Exterior*).

Its Organization Committee also integrates other public and private entities of relevance in various sectors and working areas, such as the Association of Industrial Engineers of Madrid (*Asociación de Ingenieros Industriales de Madrid* - AIIM); the Spanish Association of Automotive Suppliers (*Asociación Española de Proveedores de Automoción* - SERNAUTO); the City Council of Madrid, the Centre for Railway Technologies (*Centro de Tecnologías Ferroviarias* - CTF), on Granada Tech City and the Spanish Technological Platform for Industrial Safety (*Plataforma Tecnológica Española de Seguridad Industrial* - PESI).

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