

Juan Francisco Lazcano, appointed President of the Spanish Road Association for the third consecutive term

## "In this stage, my priorities are to address the road network funding problems as well as the traffic emissions".

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The Board of Directors of the Spanish Road Association (AEC), meeting last week in Madrid headquarters of the Public Work Studies and Experimentation Center (CEDEX), has ratified Juan Francisco Lazcano Acedo, President of the National Confederation of Construction, as President of the entity, thus, he will continue another four years at the head of the Association.

After his appointment, the elected President addressed the Council to thank them for the support he has received from its members in the six years he has been at the forefront of the Association. A support that has been decisive in order to run again for the presidency.

Then, "excited at a new stage with great challenges and very unique opportunities ahead", Juan Francisco Lazcano focused on the most important aspects of his work program for this new mandate.

First, he referred to the debate on the pay-as-you-go concerning road infrastructure, which, he said: "it seems that the new Government of Spain is going to put on the table". He pointed out, in this context, that the AEC had been making "an appeal for the need to start a general reflection on the funding model of road maintenance, associated with an analysis, also urgent, of transport taxation" for too long.

The engagement of the Spanish Road Association in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions into the atmosphere –collaborating in achieving the commitments made by the Government with the recently announced European Green Deal–, in improving road safety – developing specific lines of work within the framework of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, within the "Safe System" Strategy– and in defining the keys to the mobility of the future –with the creation of the "Smart Roads" Forum, the first group of Spanish experts in which the technical, political and economic foundations of the roads we will move through in the coming years will be laid– are the other three big issues that will shape the roadmap of the new "legislature" that Juan Lazcano will be starting at the head of the entity.

The Spanish Road Association currently has nearly two hundred memberships. All together form the General Assembly, the supreme government body of the institution.

## Juan Francisco Lazcano Profile

Juan Francisco Lazcano Acedo (Madrid, 1945) has dedicated almost his entire professional career to road infrastructures. Road, conduit and port engineer, currently he holds the presidency of the National Confederation of Construction (CNC) as well as of the Labour Foundation of Construction (FLC). Moreover, he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Spanish Confederation of Business Organizations (CEOE).

Between 1996 and 2000 he was the Roads CEO of the Ministry of Development, where he arrived after his time working at the General Subdirectorate of Construction, Conservation and Exploitation of the Ministry, holding that designation during eleven years.

A long and fruitful trajectory that has been recognize to Juan Francisco Lazcano through multiple honors and decorations, among them, the Command of the Civil Merit, the Galicia Silver Medal and the Medal of Honor of the Civil Engineers. In addition, he owns the Gold Medal of the Spanish Road Association.

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