

THE GALICIAN FEDERATION OF FREIGHT TRANSPORT AND REGANOSA MEET IN MUGARDOS TO STUDY THE USE OF LNG FOR LORRY FUEL

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Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is destined to revolutionise the heavy road transport industry since the cost of operating a lorry running on this product is 25 % lower than that of diesel. This finding was addressed at the meeting held in Mugardos between directors from the Galician Federation of Freight Transport (Fegatramer) and Reganosa. Both parties opened a line of collaboration to promote the implementation of this new fuel in the industry.

Reganosa, currently involved in two European projects to foster the use of alternative fuels with greater availability and environmental efficiency, invited the directors of the above trade organisation to a meeting in which to discuss opportunities for collaboration. The delegation of the transport industry was led by its president, Mr. Ramón Alonso Fernández. On behalf of Reganosa, the director general of the company, Mr. Emilio Bruquetas, and the director for Strategy, Mr. Sergio Barral were present.

Although the fleet of lorries running on liquefied natural gas is growing constantly, it is expected to increase in size as soon as the refuelling network is adapted to the provisions of the European Directive on Alternative Fuel, according to which there must be refuelling stations at least every 400 kilometres, and in every city with a population of over 100.000 inhabitants. In Galicia, pilot projects are under way in order to establish a supply network.

Lorry engines operating on LNG are also about to take a great leap, going from a maximum power of 320 hp to 400 hp, with which they will be fully fit for very steep roads.

In the light of such circumstances, the director general of Reganosa offered Fegatramer collaboration to engage in joint research in order to facilitate the implementation of liquefied natural gas in road transport. In turn, Mr. Ramón Alonso spoke about the need that Galician carriers have for the LNG supply network to be improved in Galicia, along the AP-9 motorway and in the North of Portugal.

CAPTION. From left to right, Mr. Sergio Barral, director for Strategy of Reganosa, and Mr. Emilio Bruquetas, director general of Reganosa; Mr. Ramón Alonso, president of Fegatramer, and Mr. Víctor Toca, a director of this trade organisation.