

Press release

ONA and IK4-TEKNIKER are to strengthen their technological links dating back more than two decades

- ▶▶ *ONA and IK4-TEKNIKER base their cooperation on mechatronics and precision engineering, advanced manufacturing know-how and surface chemistry*
- ▶▶ *With this incorporation, the technology centre's group of collaborator organisations will reach a total of 24 companies*

(Eibar, Basque Country. 1 February, 2017).- The Biscayan company, [ONA Electroerosión](#), a manufacturer of electroerosion machines in the EU and one of the most outstanding players on the international front, has joined up as a Collaborator Organisation of the [IK4-TEKNIKER](#) technology centre after both companies recently signed an agreement for this purpose.

The agreement, signed today at the technology centre's headquarters in Eibar by the CEO of ONA, Mr Javier González and the CEO of IK4-TEKNIKER, Mr Alejandro Bengoa, intends to reinforce and consolidate the technological ties maintained over recent years.

Nowadays, the Durango-based company and the technology centre focus their collaboration on technological research projects related to precision engineering and mechatronics, advanced manufacturing know-how and surface chemistry. More specifically, they are dealing with increased machine functionality, ultrasound-assisted electroerosion, the development of devices for EDM milling in gas or additive activation of dielectrics as well as additive manufacturing.

One of the agreement's main strategies is linked to achieving an alignment in terms of technological strategies. To do this, IK4-TEKNIKER will assist the company in defining its strategic R&D&I by playing the role of an expert agent and enabling communication with the centre's management and its most relevant researchers.

Similarly, ONA will profit from a number of rights and benefits applicable to the technology centre's collaborator organisations. In this regard, the company specialised in electroerosion machines will be allowed to make preferential use of the IK4-TEKNIKER infrastructures.

Another issue covered by the agreement refers to the fact that ONA will be authorised to use the IK4-TEKNIKER corporate image as a tool to further their visibility. It will also give them the right to participate as candidates in the election of trustees and provide access to training activities, seminars and events organised by the centre.

In order to ensure that all the activities agreed on are executed correctly, collaborator organisations will hold biennial meetings and appoint a so-called KAM, or Key Account Manager, responsible for coordinating organisations.

The agreement reaffirms IK4-TEKNIKER's commitment as regards upgrading and strengthening its relationship with the business environment.

Once ONA has joined, the group of collaborating organisations will be formed by Masermic Mechatronics, Goratu, Aernnova, Alfa, Etxe-tar, Fagor, Gamesa, Goizper Group, Ibermática, Kutxabank, Lazpiur, Zigor, Doimak, Egile, Goialde, Jaureguizar, Nivac Ojmar, Pasaban, Zayer, Iline Microsystems, Maier and Ulma Handling Systems.

Concerning IK4-TEKNIKER

With more than 30 years of experience in applied technology research that has been transferred to companies, IK4-TEKNIKER has achieved a high degree of specialisation in four major areas (Advanced Manufacturing, Surface Engineering, Product Engineering and ICTs). This means that its cutting edge know-how has been made available to customers to meet their requirements.

Concerning ONA Electroerosión

ONA is one of the most important manufacturers of electroerosion machines in the world and a leading developer of electroerosion solutions. The company offers an optimum range of profitable, accurate and ecological solutions with regard to those currently available in the field of penetration and thread modalities.

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