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Ercros recognised for its commitment to promoting employee health

The 'Desafío Ercros' (Ercros Challenge), designed to encourage healthy habits among staff, has been highly commended in the Large Company category of Mutua Universal's 11th Innovation and Health Awards.



Sonia Arauzo, third from right, receiving the award

Ercros has received a special mention in the Large Company category of the Mutua Universal Innovation and Health Awards, now in their 11th edition, for the "Desafío Ercros: transforming health through movement", a wellbeing initiative launched by the company for its entire workforce of more than 1,300 people.

Sonia Arauzo, a physician with the Occupational Health Service at the Aranjuez plant, collected the accolade on the company's behalf, held at the Real Casino de Madrid. Every year, the awards recognise innovative projects by businesses and institutions that improve the health and wellbeing of working people.

The challenge forms part of the Ercros Saludable (Healthy Ercros) programme, which centres on rolling out a healthy organisation management system across the company's sites. Backed by Aenor's Sigos certification, the programme strengthens the prevention of health risks and promotes healthy habits and all-round wellbeing.

The initiative took the form of a 12-week collective challenge in which employees were encouraged to walk 10,000 steps a day, with the aim of building exercise into their routine in a simple, accessible way. Set up as a friendly competition between sites, the scheme achieved

a participation rate of 33.5%, well above initial expectations, and an adherence rate of 93.9%. Altogether, participants clocked up nearly 396 million steps – the equivalent of walking seven and a half times around the Earth.

The outcomes were significant: the proportion of employees leading a sedentary lifestyle fell from 34.6% to 25.5%, while the prevalence of high blood pressure dropped from 29.7% to 19%. Beyond the physical indicators, the challenge also helped to strengthen team cohesion and colleagues' sense of pride in being a part of the company.

About Ercros

Ercros is a leading chemical company in Spain, operating in the chlorine derivatives, intermediate chemicals, and pharmaceutical sectors.

Bondalti holds an 85.85% stake in Ercros's share capital. Together, the group has a workforce of over 2,100 employees and produces more than 2 million tonnes of chemical products across 11 production facilities located in Estarreja (Portugal), Torrelavega, Monzón, Tarragona, Sabiñánigo, Vila-seca, Almussafes, Cerdanyola, Tortosa, and Aranjuez (Spain).

With a diversified portfolio, the group produces a wide range of organic and inorganic chemicals, chlorine derivatives, resins, and active pharmaceutical ingredients. These products are essential raw materials that supply companies worldwide operating in industries vital to society, such as pharmaceuticals, automotive, construction, food and beverage, and water treatment, among others.

Ercros is committed to contributing to a better world through responsible chemistry, guided by the safety of its facilities and people's health, respect for the environment, the quality of its products, and dialogue and transparency with society. Ercros has been awarded the EcoVadis Gold Medal, a recognition that places it among the top 5% of the highest-rated companies on this international sustainability management assessment platform.

Ercros is part of Bondalti, a member of the José de Mello Group, one of the leading Portuguese business organisations, with over 125 years of history marked by the ability to build, develop, and transform companies across several generations. The José de Mello Group employs more than 22,000 people and generates a turnover of nearly €2.2 billion.

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