

The Provincial Council and several companies in Ayala study a railway logistics hub with ADIF

The Deputy for Economic Development and Innovation, accompanied by economic agents, visited Bayonne today to learn about one of the most successful examples.

Vitoria-Gasteiz, May 30, 2024. The Provincial Council of Álava, in collaboration with the companies that are part of the Aiara Industrial Lab working group and the Álava Chamber of Commerce, is studying the possibility of installing a railway logistics hub in the Ayala region together with the Railway Infrastructure Administrator (ADIF).

Two weeks ago, representatives from the Department of Economic Development and Innovation and the main industries of the Cuadrilla held a meeting with members of ADIF to learn about the development of various projects that the state public entity is executing in the freight transport area. At the same meeting, the companies conveyed their needs and concerns regarding this sector, emphasizing the importance of working on freight transport by rail to remain competitive.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to gather the transport needs of the companies, organize meetings with different railway operators, and study the available industrial space for a potential future Aiaraldea Logistics Hub.

Visit to Bayonne

The meeting also served to organize a visit to the Mouguerre Intermodal European Logistics Center (CEF) in Bayonne. This visit took place today, with the participation of the Deputy for Economic Development and Innovation, Saray Zárate, and Jon de Lapatza, President of Aiara Industrial Lab, representing the companies.

During the meeting, both parties expressed interest in establishing commercial relations and working on a cross-border cooperation project that would reach Ayala and the rest of the Álava territory.

"The CEF is a great example of the possibilities that rail transport offers for goods and a benchmark in logistics, so we must take note of the path that has led them here and the next steps they will take," explained the deputy, highlighting the French government's commitment to this infrastructure with 19 million euros for the construction of a multimodal freight terminal from which a rail highway will run between Cherbourg and the Basque Country.

"I am convinced that this is a model that can be very beneficial for the companies in the Ayala region, improving their performance and way of working. Therefore, we should not miss the opportunity to analyze the possibility of promoting it in the short term," added Zárate. "It is a solution that would also allow companies to reduce emissions due to the impact of road freight transport, making them more sustainable and competitive."

Additionally, the regional representative recalled that this line of work is fully aligned with the strategy that the regional government is promoting throughout Álava, "taking advantage of our strategic location in the European Atlantic Corridor and with a significant commitment to the strategic node of Jundiz."