

BENTELER has made great progress with the modernization of its Valladares plant

- **Transformation into a highly sustainable, connected plant.**
- **Francisco Conde López visits BENTELER plant in Valladares.**
- **This initiative is supported by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) within the framework of the operational program FEDER of the Xunta de Galicia and the Galician Innovation Agency (GAIN).**

Vigo, March 10, 2023. BENTELER has made great progress in its project to modernize its Valladares plant in Vigo, Spain, as the Vice President of the Xunta de Galicia, Francisco Conde López, personally witnessed during his visit to the plant on March 10, 2023. The ultimate goal of this project is the design and development of a connected, versatile, sustainable and agile production plant.

BENTELER in Valladares is digitizing the entire plant: Big Data and artificial intelligence techniques ensure automation and standardization along the entire value chain to deliver first-class products to customers. At the same time, the plant is turning towards sustainability. For example, with the installation of solar thermal panels, the BENTELER plant will significantly reduce its productive carbon emissions. In addition, a "zero water" project is being considered to reduce water consumption.

Ricardo García, Executive Vice President Southern Europe at BENTELER Automotive: "This transformation of our Vigo plant into a state-of-the-art smart and sustainable factory is an important milestone for BENTELER in Spain. We would like to thank the European Community, the Xunta de Galicia and GAIN for their support through FEDER funds, support that is making this project possible and is enabling us to achieve lighter, safer and more sustainable mobility."

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