NAIDER TO SUPPORT SODENA IN DECARBONISING NAVARRE'S AGRI-FOOD AND AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES

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Navarre's development agency SODENA has entrusted NAIDER with a technical assistance assignment to **identify, analyse and transfer decarbonisation solutions** to two of the most important sectors in Navarre's industry: agri-food and automotive.

Both sectors are highly exposed to volatile energy prices, rely heavily on thermal and electrical energy, and face growing regulatory pressure and new requirements from customers and value chains. In this context, decarbonisation is far more than an environmental commitment: it is a lever for competitiveness, a way to cut costs and a factor that helps attract and retain industrial investment in Navarre.

The work will be carried out together with the automotive cluster ACAN, the agri-food cluster NAGRIFOOD and their member companies. We will start by understanding each sector's energy use, processes and challenges, and gather reference business experiences, both national and international, that can be applied in Navarre. The analysis will cover technologies and their maturity, energy procurement and management strategies, the barriers holding projects back, and the role of public funding and Energy Savings Certificates (CAE).

Sharing what is learned is a key part of the assignment. Working and training sessions will be held with the clusters, companies, the Government of Navarre and SODENA, and the results will be gathered in reference materials and a digital catalogue of solutions, designed to help each company take its first steps with clear information on investment, savings and payback.

This project builds on NAIDER's accreditation by SODENA to support the development of strategic sectors and value chains, and draws on our experience helping industrial SMEs in their transition, such as the ADVANCED CICLO project and our support for circular economy projects in Oarsoaldea's industrial SMEs.