

PRESS RELEASE

Fundación ONCE and Alstom will work together to improve accessibility in transport

(Madrid, 20 February 2019) - Fundación ONCE and Alstom have signed this Wednesday a collaboration agreement to improve universal accessibility in transport and achieve full inclusion of people with disabilities.

The agreement was signed by José Luis Martínez Donoso (General Manager of Fundación ONCE), José Antonio Rodríguez Pérez (Human Resources Director at Alstom in Spain) and Jaime Borrell (Business Development Director at Alstom in Spain). Signees agreed to highlight the importance that means of transport become more accessible and more comfortable for all passengers.

From this perspective, Alstom and Fundación ONCE commit to promote accessibility in design projects and create solutions “that improve usability and comfort for people with disabilities or for the senior population in transport”.

For this reason, Alstom will promote universal accessibility in all its products and services. Alstom will also participate in R&D projects that aim to provide added value for people with disabilities or with special needs.

Likewise, Fundación ONCE and Alstom shall promote *Smart Mobility*, aligned with the *Smart City concept*, which places people at the centre of the ‘smart’ developments in order to provide solutions adapting to their needs.

Last of all, the signees will collaborate in promoting education and employment. Therefore, Fundación ONCE shall connect Alstom with Inserta - an expert in the development of training, employment, and consultancy programmes focusing on the integration of people with disabilities in the workforce.

About Alstom

As a promoter of sustainable mobility, Alstom develops and markets systems, equipment and services for the transport sector. Alstom offers a complete range of solutions (from high-speed trains to metros, tramways and e-buses), passenger solutions, customised services (maintenance, modernisation), infrastructure, signalling and digital mobility solutions. Alstom is a world leader in integrated transport systems. The company recorded sales of €7.3 billion and booked €7.2 billion of orders in the 2017/18 fiscal year. Headquartered in France, Alstom is present in over 60 countries and employs 34,500 people. www.alstom.com

About Fundación Once

Fundación ONCE was created in 1988 to improve living conditions of groups with disabilities, through programs of labour inclusion and training, as well as the promotion of universal accessibility, with the creation of fully accessible environments, products and services. Since its creation, Fundación ONCE has promoted the creation of more than 103,000 jobs for people with disabilities and more than 122,000 people with disabilities have benefited from its training courses. www.fundaciononce.es

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