

Catalonian Generalitat and Alstom sign an agreement to promote industrialization and employability in Catalonia

- **Ministry of Business and Employment of Catalonia will provide information and advice on aids for reindustrialization, promote relocation of employees affected by the closure of companies and support Alstom in training activities for these workers.**
- **Alstom will communicate about industrial projects planned in Catalonia, as well as the recruitment needs.**

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - Ministry of Business and Employment of Catalonia and Alstom have signed an agreement to promote actions for industrialization and employability in Catalonia. Catalan *Conseller* of Business and Employment, Roger Torrent, and Santa Perpètua Managing Director, Cristina Andériz, have signed the agreement at Alstom site located in Vallés Occidental.

Conseller Torrent visited Alstom this morning, accompanied by the Secretary General of the Ministry, Oriol Sagrera; the Secretary of Business and Competitiveness, Albert Castellanos; the Secretary of Labour, Enric Vinaixa; the Industry General Director and *Acció* CEO, Natàlia Mas; the director of the Public Employment Service of Catalonia (SOC), Juan José Torres, in order to learn about the activities of one of the most important industrial companies based in Catalonia.

This signature reaffirms the Ministry's commitment to strengthening the weight of industry in the Catalan production system and reinforce professional skills for employees. In this sense, Torrent highlighted the importance of this agreement, which seeks to **"adapt the training to the profiles required by Alstom"** and aims to **"facilitate the relocation of workers affected by company closures in Catalonia."**

Torrent underlined that **"the railway industry, and Alstom Group in particular, will play a key role in the country's mobility, a fact that we want to turn into new quality employment opportunities in Catalonia."**

Cristina Andériz, Santa Perpètua industrial site Managing Director, highlighted "Alstom's industrial and technological commitment in Catalonia, with a long-term sustainable growth and investment strategy, including an important job creation plan. Our facilities in Catalonia are and will continue to be an industrial and

innovative reference within the Alstom Group and from where we will continue manufacturing trains for the whole world.”

The agreement includes Alstom’s commitment to report on industrial projects planned in Catalonia, and a continuous collaboration between the Department and Alstom in relation to the definition of the professional profiles and training needs required by the company.