

Aquila Clean Energy receives authorisation to build five solar PV plants with more than 700 MWp of capacity

- **Aquila Clean Energy has more than 3 GW of projects under development in Spain.**
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Madrid, 29 August 2024 - Aquila Clean Energy, a developer and operator of renewable energy projects with a focus on solar, wind and battery energy storage, has received Administrative Authorisation for Construction for five solar photovoltaic plants with a total capacity of more than 700 MWp.

These projects, located in Palencia, Cordoba, Granada, Leon and Toledo will produce enough renewable energy to supply around 345,000 homes annually and avoid the emission of 340,000 tonnes of CO2 per year. In addition, during their construction, Aquila Clean Energy expects to create more than 2,400 jobs in these regions.

"Obtaining the authorisations for these plants is great news for our company and for the provinces where these projects are located. They represent a major step forward in our strategy in Spain and underline our commitment to a just energy transition. These projects will have a dynamic effect on the local economies and societies in these regions", said Jorge de Miguel, Head of Development and Construction for Aquila Clean Energy in Spain.

Social and environmental measures

Aquila Clean Energy has carried out social and environmental actions to increase the positive impact of its projects in these localities.

In this sense, the most significant environmental measures are those for birds, such as the burial of the power line and the installation of nesting boxes for birds of prey inside the

plant. Native plants will also be planted under the photovoltaic panels, and a fence will be installed to allow animals to pass through.

In addition, a steppe bird conservation project and a landscape integration plan have been implemented in some of the solar PV plants by planting a perimeter vegetation screen and vegetation tiles inside the plants, as well as measures for the conservation of the Imperial Eagle.

On the other hand, in terms of social measures, an employability plan will be implemented with the aim of promoting economic growth and creating employable profiles in the communities. This measure will be promoted through the dissemination of recruitment opportunities by local administrations and the holding of training courses organised by Aquila Clean Energy.