



*Press Release*

**The investment in the new fresh produce facilities amounts to EUR20m**

## **THE WORKS OF THE FIRST CONSTRUCTION STAGE OF EROSKI'S NEW LOGISTICS PLATFORM IN VITORIA-GASTEIZ ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS**

- The engineering firm Krean and the construction company Zikotz are carrying out this development
- The new platform will supply over 300 stores in Alava, Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa
- The new facilities are expected to start operating in the first quarter of 2021
- Their design responds to the sustainability criteria established to achieve the LEED GOLD environmental certification

**Vitoria-Gasteiz, 25 May 2020.-** The works of [EROSKI](#)'s new fresh produce logistics platform in Alava are making good progress in the first stage. The new logistics block which is being built by the construction company [Zikotz](#) and the engineering firm [Krean](#) is situated on the over 27,400 square metre plot where the old municipal slaughterhouse used to stand in the industrial estate of Jundiz, in Vitoria-Gasteiz. It is a fully-refrigerated building of over 17,600 m<sup>2</sup> with thirty docks for heavy vehicles which will enable the performance of daily operations involving over 400 tonnes of fresh produce.

The new distribution centre in Jundiz will supply over 300 EROSKI stores in Alava, Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa. Likewise, the facilities will comprise 2,000 square metres for offices, changing rooms, etc. The investment in the new fresh produce platform amounts to 20 million Euros and it will employ around 150 people. It is expected to start operating in the first quarter of next year.

Moreover, the investment fund BellGreenOak has concluded the acquisition of the development once it is finished.

### **New logistics map in the north**

The new platform will replace two smaller fresh produce facilities which are currently managed by EROSKI in the Basque Country – Bekolarra and Jundiz, both in Vitoria-Gasteiz – which will progressively be moved into the new logistics block. This way, EROSKI will restructure their map of facilities in the northern area, so as

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to considerably improve the efficiency of their processes and be prepared to deal with potential future demands from clients (openings, product range increases, e-commerce, more local produce, etc.). *"The new facilities will not only be more modern and efficient but will also enable us to simplify the map of fresh produce platforms and better process the products which reach our stores. Thus, we are consolidating EROSKI's specialization and commitment so as to offer fresh produce of the highest quality together with the widest range of local produce in our stores",* EROSKI's operations director, Alberto Madariaga, has explained.

### **A modern, efficient and sustainable platform**

In addition to modernizing the logistics for perishable products, this will result in more environmentally-friendly facilities, updating technology with more efficient cold storage rooms and increasing the comfort and occupational safety of the staff who work in the platform. The new facilities have been designed in compliance with the rules and requirements of the prestigious international environmental certification LEED GOLD, which this project seeks to achieve and which attests that the building has been constructed under strict eco-efficiency and sustainability standards.

### **EROSKI logistics**

To provide coverage and service to the over 1,600 stores in the group, EROSKI owns a logistics network comprising 23 platforms. More than 360,000 square metres of storage area from which up to a million boxes are distributed every day. Thanks to their advanced platforms, EROSKI has managed to automate a large part of the distribution, such as food products in Elorrio (Bizkaia), or the processes to prepare fruit and vegetable orders in Madrid, Zaragoza and Mallorca.

This logistics map will be increased next June with Caprabo's new logistics platform in El Prat de Llobregat (Barcelona). With an area of 24,600m<sup>2</sup>, the new facilities will house the distribution centre for all fresh produce, as well as the company's headquarters and the online supermarket Caprabocasa.

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