



HISPASAT activates satellite Internet connection in Magaña, a locality in the province of Soria, winner of the #enREDatupueblo contest

- The antennas providing satellite connection have been installed and the residents of Magaña can enjoy connectivity as of today.
- HISPASAT, with the collaboration of Quantis, will provide the locality free access to satellite Internet for one year at 30 Mbps.

Madrid, 3 August 2017. – As of today, the municipality of Magaña will be able to connect to the digital world after having won Hispasat's #enREDatupueblo contest. The locality will be awarded satellite connection enabling them free access to the Internet for one year at 30 Mbps.

Over the last few weeks the Spanish satellite communications operator, in collaboration with Quantis, a satellite subsidiary of the Eureka Group, has installed 43 antennas in the towns Magaña, Pobar and Villarraso, which form part of the municipality, in order to provide satellite Internet services to residents and public institutions, such as the Town Hall, the health centre, as well as some of the businesses established in the municipality.

As a complement to these terminals for private use, HISPASAT and Quantis have installed three open access Wi-Fi points: one in Magaña, one in Pobar and one in Villarraso, thus covering all the population centres that make up the municipality. Furthermore, a second Wi-Fi point will be established in Magaña over the next few days in a location that has yet to be decided by the Town Hall.

Carlos Espinós, CEO at HISPASAT, stated: *"We are very happy to be able to provide Magaña with connectivity, ensuring access to all the benefits shared by the information society. We believe that Internet connection will provide the town numerous opportunities and allow them to grow and develop"*.

Magaña, a small municipality of 79 inhabitants located in the Tierras Altas region in the north-east of the province of Soria, won the contest thanks to the votes of social network users and the people who

visited the Conéctate project website. They obtained a total of 1,835 votes as compared to the two other finalists, Valle de Manzanedo and Aracena, which both received fewer than 900 votes.

The Mayor, Fernando Marín, stated: *"The inauguration of satellite connectivity is a very important milestone for us. Having the Internet as of today will come as a big change in the lives of the inhabitants of Magaña, both for individuals and businesses, where Internet connection will mark a before and an after and open an endless amount of possibilities for the municipality."*

The Town Council of Magaña entered the contest with a video explaining the improvements satellite connectivity would bring to different aspects of their lives and future activities in the municipality, if they won the prize. See "Un año después en Magaña" ("A year later in Magaña") at: <http://hispasatconectate.es/maganaparticipacionenredatupueblo/>.

Twenty-five towns in Spain entered the contest, the aim of which was making known the solution satellite connectivity offers to the problem of digital disconnection in remote or sparsely populated regions. Thanks to its high capacity, universal coverage and rapid deployment, satellite technology is an optimal complement to terrestrial networks in order to provide broadband connectivity to areas that lack other alternatives under comparable quality and price conditions.

For further information on the contest and the winning entry, please visit the website at: www.hispasatconectate.es.

Conéctate Project

With the aim of bridging the digital divide and meeting the objectives set forth by the European Digital Agency, HISPASAT has launched Conéctate, a digital inclusion project aimed at improving the quality of life and the economic and social development of remote or sparsely populated areas in Spain that do not have access to broadband Internet or have very poor quality access.

To this end, it is essential to inform residents of the possibilities that satellites offer as technology for universal access to quality broadband connection, enabling the affected communities to avoid risk of digital exclusion.

Knowing that satellites can provide solutions and equal opportunities in terms of digital access to 100% of the population because of their universal coverage and high capacity, HISPASAT remains firmly committed to present and future generations, opening doors to the information society for all citizens through this project.



About Quantis

Quantis is the satellite services subsidiary of the Eureka telecommunications group. It is currently the leading operator providing satellite telecommunications, Internet, voice, data and television services, as well as maritime services for the public administration, companies and private individuals, both in the Spanish and Moroccan markets through its NORTIS brand, which is a licensed VSAT operator in the country. The company operates in Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America and has subsidiaries in Morocco, the Ivory Coast and the Dominican Republic.

About HISPASAT

HISPASAT is comprised of companies that have a presence in Spain as well as in Latin America, where its Brazilian affiliate HISPAMAR is based. HISPASAT is a world leader in the distribution and broadcasting of Spanish and Portuguese content, and its satellite fleet is used by important direct-to-home television (DTH) and high-definition television (HDTV) digital platforms. HISPASAT also provides satellite broadband services and other added value solutions to governments, corporations and telecommunication operators in America, Europe and North Africa. HISPASAT is one of the world's largest companies in its sector in terms of revenue, and the main communications bridge between Europe and the Americas.

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