

Press release

Best Manager in Castilla y León

- **Ricardo García, Executive Vice President Southern Europe, BENTELER Automotive, is awarded by the magazine "Castilla y León Económica".**
- **García has been running an exemplary international career at BENTELER for 28 years.**
- **With his commitment, García contributes significantly to the development of BENTELER and the Castilla y León region.**
- **BENTELER Automotive considers employee development a crucial factor for future success.**

Burgos, June 4th 2018: From more than 280 nominees, the magazine Castilla y León Económica awarded the "best manager in Castilla y León". The winner: Ricardo García, Executive Vice President Southern Europe at BENTELER Automotive. The publication thus honors the exemplary career of the 58-year-old.

"Ricardo García makes a decisive contribution to the development of BENTELER Automotive in general, but above all in Burgos. That's why Castilla y León is recognized as one of the most important regions in the automotive industry," the magazine explains.

Ricardo García started his BENTELER career in 1990 as Director of Production and Maintenance at the Burgos plant. He then worked for BENTELER in nine different countries, both in managerial and operational positions. He was plant manager in Brazil, Argentina, South Africa and Mexico. Under the leadership of García, the regional headquarter for Southern Europe was relocated from Barcelona to Burgos in 2013. This created synergies with the plant there, the largest BENTELER plant in Spain.

García, born in Burgos, has been Executive Vice President for Southern Europe at BENTELER Automotive since 2011. In this function, he is responsible for more than 3,200 employees and twelve plants in Spain, France, Portugal and Turkey.

"It is an honor for me to be awarded this prize as a citizen of Burgos. I have spent almost all of my professional life at BENTELER. BENTELER gives its employees the opportunity to grow professionally and make a difference. Employees are the key to success here. Their

skills, motivation and ambition drive us every day to more than 70 locations in 25 countries worldwide, "explains Ricardo García, who got the award in Valladolid on 31 May.

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Ricardo García with Pilar del Olmo, Minister of Economy and Finance of the Autonomous Government of Castilla y León at the award ceremony.

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