

MRW joins the Executive Committee of the Global Compact Spanish Network

- After its candidacy was accepted by the members of the Global Compact Spanish Network, MRW has joined the Executive Committee of this platform, which groups companies, NGOs, trade unions, academic institutions and social organisations in the defence of human rights, labour rights, the environment and the fight against corruption.
- MRW has been a signatory of the Global Compact since 2001 and reported annually all its initiatives and investments in social responsibility, but now, by joining the Executive Committee of the Global Compact Spanish Network, it is taking a step further, reinforcing its commitment to responsibility, and will be involved in the dissemination of the Spanish Network's practices within the business sector.
- MRW, the first Spanish company of its sector to be associated with the Global Compact, is taking on a double challenge: to continue to promote the Spanish Network in the large business and more than 600 SMEs that make up its network of franchises in Spain.

15 July 2010- MRW has joined the Executive Committee of the Global Compact Spanish Network, after its candidacy was accepted by the members of this platform in their last General Assembly. The Global Compact Spanish Network includes in its Committee companies, NGOs, trade unions, academic institutions and social organisations that have signed the Global Compact, that not only ensure compliance with ethics and humanity in its organisations but also encourage the transparency and the social responsibility practices in the business sector.

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In the last General Assembly of the organisation, held at the end of June, all the members approved the incorporation of MRW in its Executive Committee. Thus MRW reinforced its commitment to responsibility and became more directly involved in the dissemination of the Spanish Network's practices within the business sector. Alongside MRW, other members of the management body of Global Compact in Spain are: Endesa, Telefonica, Agbar, Instituto de Empresa, ESADE, CCOO, Coato Soc. Cooperativa, Cofides, Contratas y Obras, S.A, Cuatrecasas, Euskaltel, Fundacion Carolina, Fundacion Rafael del Pino, Grupo BBVA, Iberdrola, Instituto de Credito Oficial, Javierre, La Caixa and Mapfre.

The members of the Executive Committee of the Global Compact Spanish Network manage the organisation and, at the same time, take part in various forums and meetings organised by different entities to express its point of view and maintain contact with other organisations in the name of the Global Compact. The objective is specifically to disseminate among the business sector the Spanish Network practices according to the 10 principles of the Global Compact, based on previous universal declarations, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (1992), the ILO's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (1998) and the Millennium Development Goals (2000), and refer to four different areas: human rights, labour rights, the environment and the fight against corruption.

The Global Compact is an initiative that was launched in 1999 by the then Secretary General of the UN, Kofi Annan, at the World Economic Forum in Davos in 2000. Annan made a call to leaders and heads of organisations to synchronise the activity and needs of companies with the principles and objectives of the UN, labour organisations and civil society itself. Many of these were the companies and entities that responded to this call and joined the Global Compact. In 2000, the Global Compact office arose from that initiative so that companies would commit to implementing 10 Principles of behaviour and action on issues of human rights, work, environment and the fight against corruption, in both their strategy and daily operations. Today there are already more than 1,000 entities that have signed the Global Compact in Spain.

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About MRW

MRW was born in 1977 and is the leading company in Spain for express transport of small packages nationally and internationally. More than 13,000 people are linked to the brand, as the group has more than 1,300 franchises and operates in Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Gibraltar and Venezuela. In addition, it delivers an average of 25 million consignments per year and in 2009 its turnover reached 585.8 million Euros. Social Responsibility is one of the mainstays of MRW and, therefore, since 1993 it has devoted over 1.5% of its gross annual turnover to social action. Similarly, to date, more than 16 million solidarity consignments have been made.

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