



La Rinconada Joins Red Innpulso

La Rinconada has earned the title of *Science and Innovation City*, which was granted on 3 March 2025 by a resolution from Diana Morant, Minister of Science, Innovation and Universities, upon reviewing the application presented by our town in 2024.

This title, created by said Ministry back in 2010, is given to cities that stand out for their commitment to promoting R&D&I by promoting local policies and supporting companies that invest in science, technology and innovation. It also serves as a reward for La Rinconada's efforts, vision and commitment to innovation, and as an invitation to cooperate closely in collective projects and challenges. This means La Rinconada is now officially a member of *Red Innpulso*.

Red Innpulso is the Spanish Network of Science and Innovation Cities, a forum for town halls and city councils that have the title of Science and Innovation City, and whose aim is to advance in the definition and application of innovative local policies. Currently, this network is made up of 112 cities and towns of all sizes. La Rinconada is in the *Population of 20,001-100,000 Inhabitants* category.

This network seeks to strengthen collaboration among town halls and city councils, allowing them to share their best management practices and public communication initiatives. Furthermore, it promotes policies such as support for SMEs and innovative entrepreneurs, defining criteria for innovation, participation in projects within the *Horizon Europe* framework, and public procurement of innovation. *Public procurement of innovation or innovative solutions* (PPI) allows public authorities to use their purchasing power to adopt innovative and competitive solutions. It utilizes demand for products, services, and functionalities as a way to incentivize the development of public policies that meet the procurers' needs. This allows governments to foster new technologies and services for the benefit of all citizens.

As for the award itself, it will be presented by the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities in a ceremony that will take place on 5 May 2025, at *firaReus Events* (Reus, Tarragona, Catalonia). This event is a unique opportunity to bring visibility to our town and reinforce La Rinconada's commitment to the future of technology and science.

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