



# Dialogues with our stakeholders

Isdefe is committed to all our stakeholders, and a fundamental part of our business strategy is to actively listen to all of them, with whom we have different channels of communication to respond to any issues raised. We also include them in the strategic and operational development of the company.

MECHANISMS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH STAKEHOLDERS	Society	Shareholder/ Board of Directors	Employees	Auditors
Corporate website and social media (YouTube, LinkedIn. Flickr)	•	~		
Transparency portal				
Non-Financial Information Statement (NFII)				
Isdefe Annual Report				
Marketing website: catalogue of products and services				
Generic mail accounts of the corporate website				
Media				
Best practices platforms of CSR leaders				
Social projects				
Partnership agreements and chairs with academia				
Alliances with associations/forums				
Monthly report to the Board				
Periodic meetings of the Board				
Shareholder meetings				
Corporate network				
Generic mail accounts				
Bulletin and Argos classroom				
Internal memos				
Regular internal meetings				
Employee representation				
Tele-innovation initiative				
R&D recruitment programme				
Committees				
Calendar of events				
Web/mobile apps				
TV screens in BDB3				
Social projects				
Employee portal				
Audit programmes  Audit reports				

MECHANISMS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH STAKEHOLDERS	Receiving Clients/ Agencies	Vendors	Partners	Regulatory Bodies
Corporate website and social media (YouTube, LinkedIn. Flickr)				
Transparency portal				
Non-Financial Information Statement (NFII)				
Isdefe Annual Report				
Marketing website: catalogue of products and services				
Partnership agreements and chairs with academia				
Periodic meetings of the Board				
Generic mail accounts				
Annual satisfaction survey				
Personal meetings of Isdefe directors with agencies				
that receive our services				
Regular meetings of Isdefe staff with agencies				
that receive our services				
Follow-up reports				
Conferences, Technical workshops, Courses				
Contracting profile on the State platform				
Opening of tenders				
Tactics Programme (Fundae)				





## Commitment to clients

## **Quality, excellence and innovation**

Isdefe is committed to excellence by continuously improving the quality of its products and services to meet the expectations and needs of clients, and be a benchmark in innovation.

All Directorates, Departments and Areas are responsible for providing quality services and products in every phase of their execution, in keeping with the established plan. The quality of the services and products generated by Isdefe is thus the responsibility of all company personnel.

Isdefe has had a certified Quality Management System (QMS) since 1998. It currently has the following certificates:

- EQA certification of the Quality Management System as per the UNE-EN ISO 9001:2015 standard for the provision of consultancy and technical assistance services in the sectors of Defence and Security, Aerospace, Transport, Public Administrations, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and Energy.
- Certification of the Ministry of Defence of the Quality Management System, as per the PECAL/ AQAP 2110 standard (File No. 0077/03/01/01) for consultancy and technical assistance services in systems engineering to the Ministry of Defence. Certified since 08/11/2002. Valid until 23 June 2022.

One of the general goals of the company is the General Satisfaction Index (GSI), with a target for 2021 of equal to or greater than 8.5.





#### **Client satisfaction**

Isdefe continuously conducts surveys to determine the importance and satisfaction of various aspects of its service: understand needs, technical capacity, compliance with technical objectives, compliance with project timelines, ability to innovate, documentation, integration and communication, team management, procurement/subcontracting management and flexibility and speed.

In 2021, a survey was sent to every client that received Isdefe services (374), with 73% of the clients surveyed responding.

This thus satisfies and exceeds the company's control threshold in terms of participation, set at 55% for the vear 2021.

Surveys	2019	2020	2021
Sent	317	324	374
Replies received	236	242	274
Response rate	74.4%	74.7%	73.3%

# Commitment to our employees

## Our staff by the numbers

**On 31 December 2021, Isdefe had a staff of 1,748 employees**, 91.1% (1,592) in Operating Units and 8.9% (156) in Corporate Services.

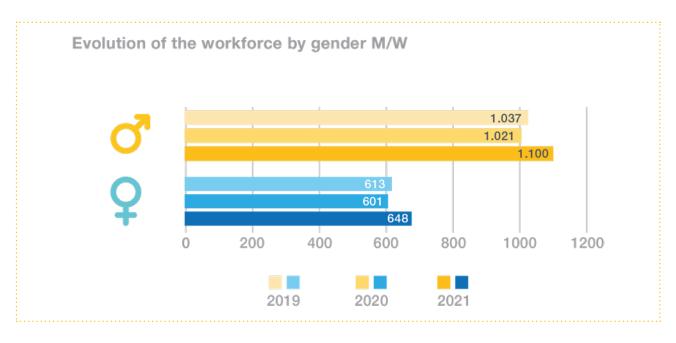
88.2% of the workforce have secondary or higher degrees and of the latter, 91.6% are in engineering and other technical fields.

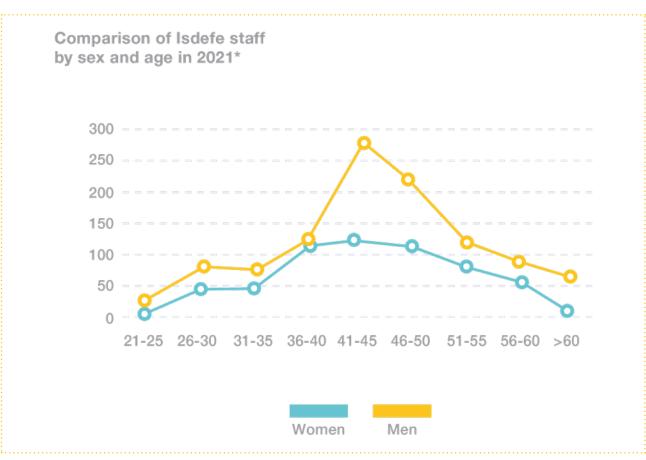
Total number and distribution of employees by age in 2019, 2020 and 2021:

Age	2019	2020	2021
21-25	26	23	36
26-30	90	92	128
31-35	138	114	128
36-40	306	280	247
41-45	445	406	417
46-50	266	323	367
51-55	177	185	202
56-60	124	130	141
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Total	1,650	1,622	1,748

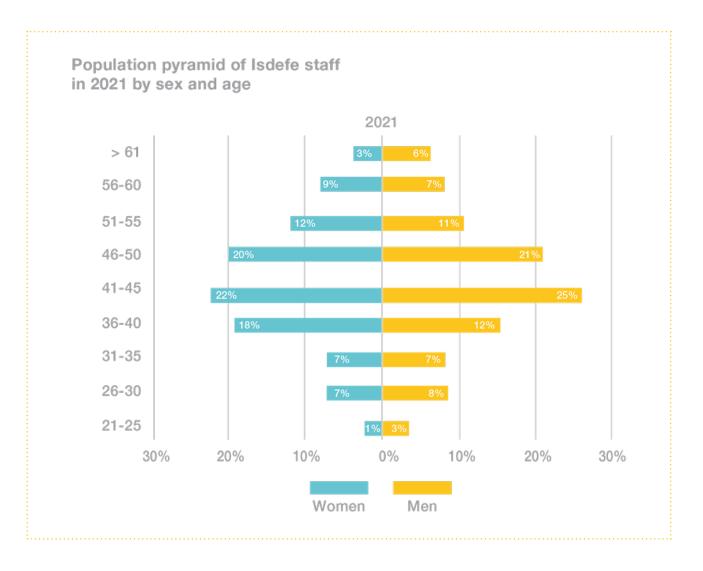












Total number and distribution of staff by professional classification:

Classification	2020	2021
Engineers and graduates	1,155	1,271
Technical engineers, experts and qualified assistants	225	242
Administrative and workshop chiefs	33	33
Non-titled assistants	89	83
Administrative officers	94	93
Entry-Level technicians	8	8
Administrative assistants	12	12
First and second officers	6	6
Total	1,622	1,748



#### Seniority of the Isdefe workforce by gender and age group (2020, 2021).

		2020			2021	
	Permanent	Temporary	Part-time	Permanent	Temporary	Part-time
Women	495	100	6	503	140	5
Men	860	161	-	848	221	31
Total	1,355	261	6	1,351	361	36

Ann		2020			2021	
Age	Permanent	Temporary	Part-time	Permanent	Temporary	Part-time
21-25	2	21		1	14	21
26-30	29	63		28	86	14
31-35	64	50		54	73	1
36-40	226	53	1	191	56	
41-45	364	42	1	345	72	
46-50	301	21		325	42	
51-55	177	7	1	190	12	
56-60	127	1	2	138	3	
<60	65	3	1	79	3	
Total	1,355	261	6	1,351	361	36

#### COVID-19

Efforts continued in 2021 to manage the situation resulting from the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Isdefe continued to apply action protocols to address this contingency and undertake the necessary measures to mitigate its impact, most notably by:

- » Adopting teleworking and promoting flexible working hours (work-life balance, etc.)
- » Adjusting measures in the Isdefe Return Plan involving travel, meetings and essential in-person work that could be delayed.
- » Adoption of measures (individual and collective) appropriate to the situation, and provision of PPE for in-person work deemed essential.



### **People**

#### **Talent Identification and Development**

As part of the 2030 Agenda, Isdefe helps to generate talent through tools such as scholarships for recent graduates (CITIUS programme) and external extracurricular internships in undergraduate and master's programmes, in addition to awarding prizes to the best research works.

The CITIUS scholarship programme is aimed at specific internships in companies participating in the programme. It is supervised by professionals from the business and academic fields and aims to round out the training of university graduates and facilitate their initiation in the professional world.



#### **Training**

Isdefe promotes the professional and personal development of the entire workforce, ensuring equal opportunities and the promotion of a corporate culture based on merit.

The training reflects the objectives of the organisation and is channelled through training delegates. There is one training delegate in each directorate, with the rank of Department Manager or Director, who catalogues and analyses needs in order to subsequently prepare the training plans.

The training plan is for three years, with annual reviews and updates.

The 2021-2023 training plan resumes in-person training, consolidates virtual and online formats as powerful drivers for training, and relies on self-training by incorporating new resources available to the staff.



#### **Training activities in 2021**

The main training activities in 2021 focused on information and communication technologies, cybersecurity, strategic digital skills, obtaining and maintaining certifications, and training aimed at supporting public management and corporate policies. The highlights of our Training Plan are the actions related to new emerging technologies involving Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Digital Twin.

In 2021, the Training Plan incorporated the development of digital skills as a key pillar to position Isdefe competitively, as well as the Action Plan for the digital transformation, in which people, knowledge and technology play a prominent role.

In 2021, a new training platform was added with a wide catalogue of technology courses, especially in advanced technologies, which enhances self-training and allows team leaders to manage their resources.

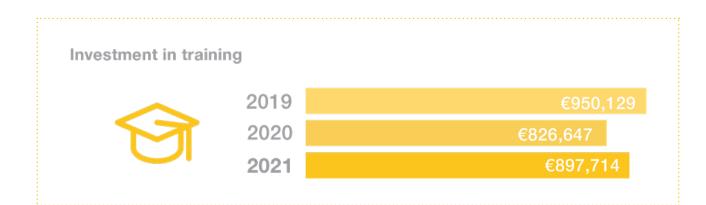
As part of adapting Isdefe to the National Security Scheme (ENS), the initial online course on information security was taught in 2021 and completed by 89% of the staff.

Starting in September, as the health situation improved, in-person training resumed at Isdefe facilities, with the training spaces being outfitted with the preventive measures needed to guarantee safety.



#### **Training and investment**

The training actions are applicable to the entire workforce and to managers. Training in the Code of Ethics and Criminal Risks is provided periodically to new employees and to those who have yet to take the course.





## Safety, Health and Welfare

Isdefe has a Medical Service at its headquarters that tracks employee health with a programme of compulsory and voluntary medical exams in order to guarantee and protect the health of all workers, as well as vaccinations and campaigns to improve health.

#### **Prevention plan 2021**

Isdefe, through its Prevention Plan, informs the entire workforce the organisation and participation of different company agents, together with the Internal Safety Service, External Safety Service, Health and Safety Committees, Safety Delegates, designated workers and safety resources, to achieve the prevention objectives.

This Plan is updated periodically as changes occur in the Preventive Management System, and it is published through the Isdefe WEBSITE for the information of the entire workforce.

#### **2021 Prevention Planning**

The Technical Area of ISDEFE's Internal Safety Service promotes initiatives aimed at improving the safety and health of Isdefe workers:

- » Review of the procedures for managing the Isdefe Safety System.
- » Visits to workplaces to review the pertinent risk assessments.
- Information and training on work-related risks.
- Coordination with the External Safety Service to conduct specific risk assessments within the industrial hygiene specialty.
- Monitoring and control of preventive measures derived from risk assessments in Isdefe centres.
- Specific training and basic courses such as: training on forced postures and handling loads, specific training for personnel who work with VDU risks or ride motorcycles, among others.
- Coordination and conduct of the Legal Audit of the system as per Royal Decree 39/1997 of 17 January, which approves the Regulations on Safety Services.
- Processing and monitoring of non-conformities and observations derived from the legal audit.
- Technical assistance to the company's Health and Safety Committees in BdB3, CSS INTA Torrejón, CSS Villafranca and Cebreros and CSS Robledo.
- In the field of workplace psychosociology, specific studies on chrono ergonomics were conducted for satellite operators at the Space Centre of the Canary Islands, and a psychosocial study was coordinated for the entire workforce of the Deep Space Communications complex in Robledo



Likewise, with a focus on **prevention against the COVID pandemic**, the measures needed to help stop the spread of this diseases were maintained and updated:

- » Follow-up visits to client centres to review COVID conditions.
- » Update of the measures needed to stop the spread.
- » Coordination with clients on the measures in their facilities.
- » Case tracing at the company.

The Medical Service, in an effort to control the pandemic, adapted its activity and focused fundamentally on treating, reporting, tracing and monitoring cases, which continued in 2021, carrying out the following specific activities:

- » Update and application of the internal procedure in response to Covid-19 (234 cases monitored).
- » Adaptation of the procedure for handling cases of Covid-19 and tracing work contacts.
- » Administered back-to-work Covid-19 testing (28 tests performed)
- » Processing and administration of Active Infection Diagnostic Test (AIDT) as required by national and international procedures to coordinate business activities and air navigation (with 48 ATC tests and 144 PCR).
- » Conduct and internal adaptation of the procedure to assess personnel who are particularly sensitive/ vulnerable to SARS-COV2 (with 50 cases evaluated by the medical service).

Alongside this, the main activity of monitoring the health of workers was continued by way of:

- » 738 medical check-ups at BdB3
- » 284 medical check-ups through the external health monitoring service in peripheral centres
- » 434 vaccinations (against influenza and those specific to areas of risk, such as tetanus, hepatitis, cholera and typhoid), 403 administered in the medical service at headquarters and 31 through the external safety service.

#### **Completed goals**

One the goals for 2021 was to conduct the Safety Legal Audit, which was done with a satisfactory result, with the management of the system described as effective by the certifying company, AENOR. The observations and improvements noted in the audit were worked on over the course of the year.

Another important goal in 2021 was to retrain people whose work entails specific risks, and to review the risk assessments of every workplace, as well as to carry out assessments involving industrial hygiene factors.



## **Health & Safety**

There were no occupational diseases in the period between 2020 and 2021.

		2020			2021	
	Total	Lost time	No lost time	Total	Lost time	No lost time
Women	2	0	2	2	0	2
Men	8	5	3	5	4	1
Total	10	5	5		4	3

Accidents

#### Workers' representatives on the Health and Safety Committees

Centres	Committees	Delegates
Madrid	1	5
Torrejón	1	3
Robledo	1	2
Villafranca/Cebreros	0	1
Maspalomas	0	1

## **Equality plans**

The Equality Plans are important tools that are intended to remove any obstacle that may hinder the achievement of real and effective equality between women and men. They are a priority commitment for Isdefe.

Following the publication in the last quarter of 2020 of Royal Decree 901/2020 of 13 October, which regulates equality plans and their registration, and Royal Decree 902/2020 of 13 October, on equal remuneration between women and men, Isdefe began in January 2021 the process of preparing its equality plan and created the Negotiating Commission of the Equality Plan (CNPI), composed equally of workers' representatives and company management. Its objective is to design, approve and register an Equal Opportunities Plan between women and men at Isdefe, with objectives and measures that are applicable to workers at the company and that result from identifying the real situation at the company.

To this end, it has two important tools: a situation diagnosis, which will be part of the Equality Plan and which consists of gathering and analysing quantitative and qualitative data in order to ascertain the degree of integration of equality between women and men at the company; and the remuneration audit, which will also be part of the Plan and shows any wage gaps that may exist between women and men in jobs of equal value, in order to focus the measures.

The year 2021 concluded with important progress being made in diagnosing and initiating the work related to the remuneration audit. Once it is approved, the fundamental part of analysing and negotiating the measures to be included in the Isdefe Equality Plan will begin.



#### DIE 2010 badge

Royal Decree 1615/2009 of 26 October regulates the granting and use of the "Equality in Business" (Distintivo Igualdad en la Empresa - DIE in Spanish) seal, described in Article 50 of the Law for the effective equality of women and men.

Isdefe received this recognition in 2010, which has since been revalidated, for the 3rd time in 2020.

## **Equality**

#### **Recruitment, Selection and Promotion**

Based on skills and job performance, and on the criteria of equality, openness, competition and capacity required by the position.

In Recruitment Processes.



#### **Recruitment Processes**

In 2021, Isdefe carried out 340 selection processes for new hires. In the selection processes, there were more male candidates per position (men 6.33, women 2.45); however, in relative terms the number of women selected was higher (women 10.89%, men 8.01%).

#### Protocols against sexual and gender-based harassment

Isdefe has a protocol governed by the Rules of Action against Harassment and Discrimination, which includes moral harassment, sexual harassment and discriminatory treatment at work.

Based on this protocol, 1 complaint was received in 2021.

#### **Non-discrimination**

Isdefe treats all its staff and people with whom it interacts with absolute impartiality.

It does not accept - either among its employees or in its relations with clients, potential clients or vendors - any type of workplace or professional discrimination on the basis of birth, age, race, sex, religion, ideology, social origin or disability, or for any other reason, nor any manifestation of physical, psychological, moral harassment or abuse of authority, nor any other conduct that may create an environment that threatens or undermines the rights of people.



#### Work-life balance

We have established a series of measures aimed at striking a balance between the personal, family and work life of our workforce:

- Flexible working hours.
- Continuous workday:
  - Parents with children under 12.
  - Dependents with disabilities.
- Accrued Breastfeeding Time.

In 2021, the option was maintained to benefit from the measures contained in the Mecuida Plan (approved by Royal Decree-Law 8/2020 of 17 March) due to the exceptional circumstances related to the actions needed to avoid the community transmission of Covid-19.

- · Workday reduction.
- Workday adjustment:
  - Shift change.
  - Schedule change.
  - Flexible schedule.
  - Split or continuous workday.
  - Change of work centre.
  - Reassignment.
- Change in work methods, including telework.
  - Dependents with disabilities.
- Accrued Breastfeeding Time.
- And any other change in conditions that was available in the company or that could be reasonably and proportionately implemented, taking into account the temporary and exceptional nature of the measures in question, which are limited to the duration of COVID-19.

#### **CONCILIA PROJECT**

Isdefe's work-life balance policy aims to help employees find a balance between personal or family life and professional life. With this in mind, the project to help employees and their families was created in 2020, and continued in 2021.

With this project, Isdefe wanted to aid and promote the integration into the working world of people with functional, sensory or intellectual diversity, which is why it has specified that only Special Employment Centres (CEE) can bid to provide support and



assistance services to balance the family and work life of the Isdefe workforce.



#### Universal accessibility for people with disabilities

Isdefe is aware of the need to promote the integration of people with disabilities into the labour market, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Legislative Decree 1/2013 of 29 November, which approves the Consolidated Text of the General Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and their Social Inclusion.

Isdefe promotes the right to equal opportunity and treatment, as well as the real and effective exercise of rights by people with disabilities on equal terms with other citizens, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Legislative Decree 1/2013 of 29 November, which approves the Consolidated Text of the General Law on the rights of persons with disabilities and their social inclusion.

Isdefe establishes in its tender specifications a tiebreaker clause that benefits companies that have the highest percentage of permanent workers with disabilities in their workforce.

The Isdefe building is adapted with the accessibility measures needed for staff with mobility difficulties, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Legislative Decree 1/2013 of 29 November, which approves the Consolidated Text of the General Law on the rights of persons with disabilities and their social inclusion.





#### **Social Relations**

Social dialogue at Isdefe is conducted through its five works councils and personnel delegates, as well as the six union groups. Isdefe interacts with worker and union representatives through the information, consultation and negotiation processes provided for in the Workers' Statute and Collective Bargaining Agreement of the Engineering sector and technical offices.

Work centre	Legal representation of workers	Members of the Works Council
Headquarters Madrid	Works Council	23
Torrejón de Ardoz	Works Council	9
Robledo de Chavela	Works Council	5
Canary Islands	Employee representatives	3
Villafranca del Castillo	Employee representative	1
Cebreros	Employee representative	1 (*)
Total		42



Trade union sections					
UGT-FeSP	CSIF	USO			
CCOO - COMFIA	CGT	SOMOS			

#### **Negotiations**

- » Agreement on the remuneration increase contained in the General State Budget Law 2020, as well as on the additional 0.30% increase also considered in the same law for 2020.
- » Agreement on the general increase of 0.9% included in the General State Budget Law 2021.
- » Changes in the structure of operations shifts at MDSCC Robledo de Chavela Station.
- » Consultation and publication of work schedules.

<sup>\*.</sup> At 31/12/2021, awaiting the election of the Delegate



#### **Informational processes**

Every quarter, Isdefe issues information of interest to workers' and trade union representatives, as specified by the Workers' Statute:



#### Other non-periodic information

- Establishment and follow-up of general goals.
- Basic copies of work contracts. Notification of extensions.
- Overtime hours.
- Application of the right to equal treatment and opportunities between women and men in the company: workday reductions and changes to care for children or relatives.
- Subsidised training.
- Penalties imposed for very serious misconduct.
- Company decisions that could cause significant changes in how work is organised and in the employment contracts at the company.
- Information and consultation on the adoption of possible preventive measures, especially in case of risk to employment.
- Time registration.
- Remuneration record.

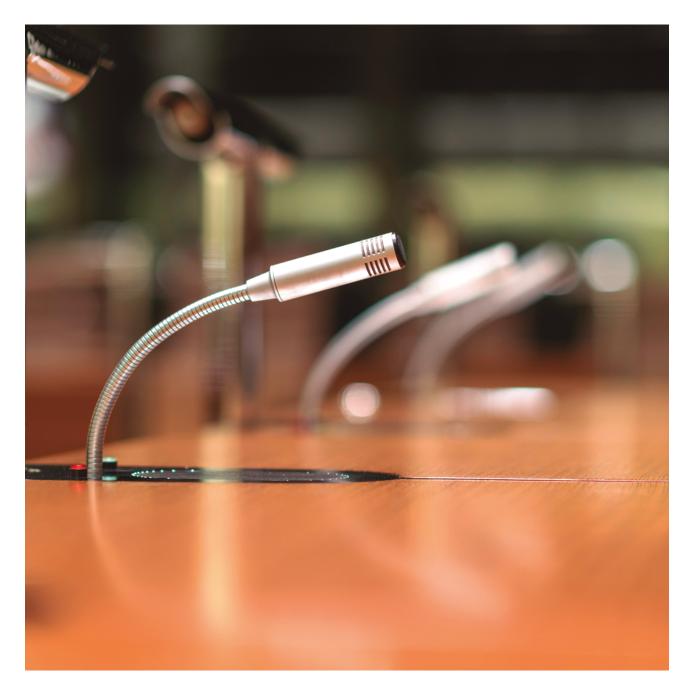




#### **Collective agreements**

"Article 21 of the 19th Collective Agreement for the engineering companies sector on the Prevention of occupational risks refers to the Workplace Health and Safety Committee, and the Safety Delegates.

- 1.[...] the importance of preserving the life and the right to physical integrity of all those who work in a production process of this sector [...].
- 2.[...] focuses on the beneficiaries of this Agreement, to have them comply with and enforce the rules for preventing occupational risks laid out by the applicable law on the matter [...].
- 3.[...] Election of safety delegates when there are no legal representatives of the staff [...].
- 4.[...] Establishment of a Sector Commission on Workplace Health and Safety, which consists of four representatives from each of the two parties to this Convention [...]".





## Commitments to society

## **Key initiatives in 2021**

- » Congress of Systems Engineering Applied to Defence.
- » European Defence Fund Workshop: Priorities of the Ministry.
- » NFP Framework Agreement of the NATO Communications and Information Agency - NCIA. Isdefe is the first signatory.
- » Peru-Spain Joint Seminar: Strategic Activities in the Space Sector.

- » Dubai World Central Airshow.
- » Institutional visit to the headquarters by Ms Margarita Robles, Minister of Defence.
- » International Defence and Security Fair, FEIN-DEF21.
- » 8th Conference on Security and Cyber Defence, University of Alcalá de Henares - CIBERSEG21.



Systems Engineering Congress



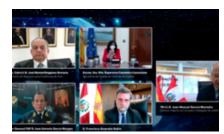
Visit by the Minister of Defence to Isdefe



Dubai Airshow



FEINDEF21



Peru-Spain Joint Seminar



NFP agreement of the NCIA



European Defence Fund



CIBERSEG21



## Dissemination of Isdefe's know-how

## Acknowledgment ceremony 7th edition of the Isdefe programme to gather and manage innovation ideas



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSqI9NUp1sQ

## **Christmas campaign**

The Isdefe management committee wishes a Merry Christmas to all employees at a virtual event due to COVID-19, but streamed, and which featured the President of Isdefe, the Secretary of State for Defence, Ms Esperanza Casteleiro Llamazares, who addressed everyone.





## Social action programme

Isdefe has a **social action programme** whose goal is to contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by **participating** in and undertaking social initiatives in collaboration with foundations and NGOs.

### 11 February Initiative: Day of Women and Girls in Science

In 2021, Isdefe again took part in the "Feb 11 Initiative", a platform that shines a light on the role of women in science and encourages scientific vocations among girls.

The goal of this initiative is to break down the barriers that women and girls face in the fields of science and technology and to inspire them to get into scientific and technological careers, using the experience of our professionals to encourage girls from an early age to study the field of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

On this occasion, seven engineers from Isdefe participated and gave 20 talks in 9 schools, reaching more than 600 children who, thanks to the generosity and drive of these volunteers, now have a role model in this area.

SDG 4 "Quality Education", SDG 5 "Gender Equality" and SDG 9 "Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure".

## "Supportive Company, Extraordinary Company" Campaign

In 2021, Isdefe joined the "Supportive Company, Extraordinary Company" Campaign, launched by the Ministry of Finance in 2019 and coordinated by the Third Sector Platform, by checking the "X for Solidarity" in its corporate tax statement.

A free and voluntary gesture that allocates 0.7% of this tax to social causes. The X for Solidarity contributes to a more just, egalitarian and inclusive society.

As a result, Isdefe becomes an Extraordinary Company that, through its taxes, is giving back to society in order to improve the quality of life of people and fight poverty.

SDG 1 "No poverty" and SDG 10 "Reduced inequalities".

#### **Food Drive**

Access to adequate food is a universal human right recognised by international law. It is also included among the goals set by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Isdefe, as a state-owned consultancy and engineering company whose mission is to support the Ministry of Defence and the Administration, is highly committed to the challenges of the 2030 Agenda and wishes to



contribute to solving this social problem. As a result, for the second consecutive year it joined "The Great Food Drive", organised annually by the Food Bank Foundation of Madrid in the third week of November.

The solidarity of Isdefe employees, with 116 donors, plus the company's contribution yielded a final tally of €7,482, which was contributed to "Operation Kilo" and will be used to purchase food

Since the start of the Covid-19 crisis, the number of beneficiaries served by the Foundation has risen by more than 46% and stands at 186,000, who receive food through 565 charities.

SDG 1 "No poverty" and SDG 2 "Zero hunger".

## **Christmas Charity Campaign**

In December, the 14th Isdefe Christmas Charity Campaign was held, in which several initiatives were launched with the aim of bringing Christmas to the most vulnerable groups. Through the "Fundación Madrina" and the "Asociación Reyes Magos de Verdad", the staff had the opportunity to collaborate with the aim of ensuring that every child gets a toy on such an important holiday.

## **Estela de Ayo Association**

Taking advantage of the 2021 Christmas Campaign, we collaborated by contributing non-perishable children's products such as milk powder and formula for babies, donated by Isdefe staff.

This association aims to continue the legacy of solidarity and commitment that Commander Eduardo Garvalena "Ayo", who died in a military aviation accident while on duty, brought to the places he visited in his missions.

SDG 1 "No poverty" and SDG 2 "Zero hunger".

## **Collecting caps for charity**

Isdefe continued to collaborate with the "Seur Foundation" in the project "Caps for a new life", which began in 2012.

Bo collecting plastic caps, which employees deposit at the company's headquarters, funds are raised to provide children with medical and orthopaedic treatments that are not covered by the public health system. The project also has component of environmental sustainability by recycling caps.

SDG 10 "Reduced inequalities" and SDG 13 "Climate action".



## Commitments to our vendors

Isdefe has the status of a Contracting Authority, as per the provisions of Law 9/2017 of November 8 on public sector contracts, which transposes into the Spanish legal system the directives of the European Parliament and of the Council 2014/23/EU and 2014/24/EU, meaning all of its procurement processes are subject to the principles of freedom of access to tenders, advertising, transparency, non-discrimination and equal treatment between bidders, implementing the principle of integrity in all its tenders.

## **Subcontracting and vendors**

The general principles of public procurement are contained in the specifications of each of the tenders that are published in the profile of the contracting party of Isdefe, housed in the **Public Sector Contracting Platform** (https://contrataciondelestado.es), where all the information related to the contracting of vendors by Isdefe is published.

Isdefe imposes on potential economic operators the same capacity and solvency requirements as the Administration, and requires proof that they are not subject to any prohibitions or ineligibilities under the terms laid out in Law 9/2017.

With the entry into force of Law 9/2017, Isdefe has reinforced its commitments in social and environmental matters, establishing the following measures across all its tenders:

- » Extension and enforcement of its environmental policy on vendors by including an environmental clause in all its contracting conditions. https://www.isdefe.es/gesti-n-ambiental.
- » Requirement for all its vendors to observe the applicable laws involving labour, social security, the social integration of people with disabilities and prevention of occupational risks, as well as respect for the applicable Collective Agreements, by including in all its contract specifications a clause on labour and social obligations.
- » Termination clause in all its contracts for breach of obligations involving environmental, social or labour matters.
- » Tie-breaking clause that benefits companies that have the highest percentage of permanent workers with disabilities in their workforce, a lower percentage of temporary employees, or a higher percentage of female employees in the case of bids that have obtained the same score.

Depending on the contract, Isdefe ensures that the design of the awarding criteria makes it possible to receive high-quality work, products and services, in particular by including qualitative, environmental, social and innovative aspects related to the purpose of the contract.

For the electricity contracts that we have tendered, bidders that offer energy from renewable sources or highefficiency cogeneration have been scored more highly.



#### Relationships with vendors and subcontractors

Isdefe ensures that the design of the awarding criteria makes it possible to receive high-quality work, products and services by including qualitative, environmental, social and innovative aspects related to the purpose of the contract. The most significant criteria are as follows:

- » The tender for the food and drink vending machine service at Bdb3 includes the requirement to supply biodegradable or compostable stirrers and teaspoons. And as award criteria, the installation of machines with an energy rating of A++, the option of healthy, organic, sugar-free and gluten-free products, as well as "Fair Trade Coffee".
- » The tender for the supply of office supplies specifies the use of TCF (Totally chlorine free) paper
- » The tender for the supply of electricity specifies that the electricity be from 100% renewable sources.
- » The tender for the beverage and food vending machine services at the Robledo work centre has established as an award criterion the choice of healthy, organic, sugar-free and gluten-free and fair trade products, and the means for reusing and/or recycling containers, the use of 100% compostable cups and teaspoons, as well as a higher energy rating for the machines.
- » The tender for the purchase of six new vehicles (vans) has established as an award criterion the option of supplying electric or hybrid vehicles.
- » Tender for the removal of hazardous waste has established as award criteria the supply of information signs or other auxiliary graphic documentation adapted for the centre on the proper management of hazardous waste, the supply of stickers for labelling the different waste types, and the inclusion of a bar or QR code on the identification labels.
- » The tender to supply servers requires higher performance and/or lower consumption processors, and other hardware tenders limit the maximum electricity consumption of the servers.
- » In order to bid on services that support and aid the family-work balance of Isdefe's staff, bidders must be a certified Special Employment Centre.
- » The tender to supply laptops requires all the computers offered to comply with the energy criteria established in the corresponding energy STAR label.
- » The tender to supply work clothing, technical clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) requires compliance with various UNE standards, based on the product type and batch, and CE marking on the products that require it.

Finally, it should be noted that in 2021, the use of electronic contracting was generalised to all open tenders at Isdefe, including the electronic processing of all the certificates and contracts, and the receipt of bids through the Public Sector Contracting Platform (PLCSP).

This has completely done away with the use of paper by both Isdefe and the bidders, resulting in considerable savings in toner, electricity, paper and storage devices (such as USB, CD and DVD drives), which were required to physically submit the bids and process them internally.



#### Supervision and audits and their results

Isdefe is subject to any controls that the Administration wishes to exercise over it through its supervisory bodies. As a result, Isdefe complies with all the principles of transparency and scrupulously complies with the obligation to send all its contracts to the Court of Auditors.

Isdefe's contracts with third parties are generally regulated in the Assignments it receives, and in any case the partial services that Isdefe may outsource to third parties cannot exceed 50% of the amount of the Assignment.

It should be noted that Isdefe received a score of 77.6 points in the Contracting Area in the International Transparency Index of state-owned companies for 2018, making it the second highest rated company in this field. In 2021, the good practices that led to this result were continued and reinforced.

Isdefe has implemented an internal oversight and control system for the work performed by its vendors that assesses the quality of the services, supplies and works provided or performed during the year. This control is part of our quality indicators, with the satisfaction index in 2021 being 99.6%, surpassing the established target of 95%.



It is Isdefe's policy that all personnel acting pursuant to its contracting procedures be required to take appropriate measures to combat fraud, favouritism and corruption, as well as to prevent, identify and effectively resolve any conflicts of interest that may arise in tender procedures in order to avoid any distortion of competition and to ensure transparency in the process and equal treatment of all candidates and tenderers.



Specifically, Isdefe informs its staff that the concept of conflict of interest shall at least cover any situation in which staff members of the contracting authority, who are involved in the conduct of the procurement procedure or who may influence the outcome of that procedure, have a direct or indirect financial, economic or other personal interest that might be perceived to compromise their impartiality and independence in the context of the procurement procedure.

Any person participating in the contracting process who identifies any situation in any of the bidding companies that may be affected by the Code of Ethics, or that may be classified as one of the practices listed above, must inform the Contracting Department in writing.

All tender specifications include a contractual obligation to know and observe the Isdefe Code of Ethics, as well as the Gifts and Hospitality Policy, during all phases of the process.



Isdefe makes available to anyone interested in the procurement procedures communication channels where they can submit any question or comment through the public sector contracting platform or by email **(unidadcontratacion@isdefe.es)**.

In 2021, 100% of the questions posed through the Public Sector Contracting Platform were answered by the Isdefe Contracts Department.