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Save 134 tons of CO²

The Andbus company presents the first project to be integrated into the carbon credit market

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The Andbus company has made a bet to reduce its carbon footprint and has promoted a series of actions to achieve this, which have gone through the replacement of buses and the redesign of routes, making the least polluting vehicles those who do more kilometers. Thanks to these actions, it has reduced CO₂ emissions by 12% between 2019 and 2021, and now it takes this action a step further and puts 134 carbon credits on the national emission compensation market than other companies, institutions or individuals can acquire as part of their corporate social responsibility actions. It is the first project to be integrated into this market which, as the director of the Office of Energy and Climate Change, Carles Miquel, pointed out, is going through «a sweet moment with the growth of supply and demand».

This market allows, on the one hand, that companies like Andbus offer these credits to finance projects aimed at sustainability and, on the other hand, that other companies, institutions or individuals can acquire them to offset their emissions. This is how a «virtuous circle» is formed, Miquel emphasized. The 134 tonnes of CO₂ offered by Andbus would correspond to 1,100,000 kilometers carried out by a relatively efficient classic vehicle.

The CEO of the company, Daniel Vinseiro, emphasized that beyond the fact that it is a «relatively modest» project that can bring the company 5,000 euros (a small amount considering the cost of the vehicles), the more importantly, it is «the beginning to do more important things» to achieve carbon neutrality. Thus, he emphasized that the company has considered sustainability as a «basic axis of growth» and affirmed that «if this



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▶ Carles Miquel, Dani Vinseiro and Albert Batalla, at a press conference in the administrative building.

pillar is not taken into account, we are making a mistake». Moreover, he pointed out that, despite now being complex times, if projects related to sustainability are post-

poned «we are making a mistake», since it is precisely in «complicated times that sustainability must be strategic».

He recalled that Andbus was the

first company in the sector to bet on emissions neutrality and a plan was put forward to reduce them by compensating by going to the United Nations market. When they

saw that the Government was promoting a national market, they believed that it was «a very good idea» to put their project on the platform of the national market, so that people have the opportunity to offset emissions with projects «within the country». In fact, there has already been the first purchase of credits, made by the Executive, to compensate for the emissions caused by the trip of the vice-president of the European Commission, Maros Sefcovic, and his team to Andorra. In total, the Government has bought six credits, each of which has a value of 40 euros.

For his part, the director of BMS Consultoria Estrategica, Albert Batalla, emphasized that Andbus did a preliminary job calculating the carbon footprint to become the first carbon-neutral passenger transport company in the country. For this reason, a plan was designed that consisted of renewing the fleet and redefining routes. Thus, they have removed 19 polluting vehicles from circulation and replaced them with 10 that are less polluting and, at the same time, the most efficient ones from an environmental point of view have been assigned to cover the longest routes. Between 2019 and 2021 they have achieved a 12% saving in CO₂ emissions, going from 483 grams per kilometer in 2019 to 420 in 2021. And now, in addition, it makes up for the aforementioned 134 tonnes.

The price that will have to be paid by those who want to acquire these credits is 40 euros per ton, contributing, in this way, to Andbus being able to move forward with its project. Batalla emphasized the fact that the income for the company is «testimonial», but that it is «an instrument that goes beyond economic gain, since it positions the company in the vocation to bet on sustainability from a real perspective» and, in fact, going «beyond what is marked by the legislation itself». ≡



CARLES MIQUEL
DIRECTOR OF THE OECC

«The carbon market is going through a sweet moment, with the growth of supply and demand; it's a virtuous circle»

DANI VINSEIRO
CEO OF ANDBUS

«Precisely in complicated times, sustainability must be strategic; if this pillar is not taken into account we will make a mistake»

ALBERT BATALLA
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The transport sector needs 50 drivers to face the winter

There is currently no staff available at the Employment Service

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The passenger transport sector is experiencing «complicated times», as stated by Andbus CEO Daniel Vinseiro. The two main problems they have to deal with are the increase in fuel prices and the lack of manpower. To solve this last problem, the sector is in talks with the administration to «facilitate» the arrival of skilled labor. Vinseiro emphasized that the Employment Service currently has no staff who can act as a bus driver, while the sector would need around 50 more people to face the winter season.

In this sense, the CEO of Andbus emphasized that there is an «obvious tension» between supply and de-



►► The national bus station.

mand, and more so considering the problem of housing, which makes it even more complicated to find drivers. On the other hand, the job outlook for the winter is good. Thus, he pointed out that, although it is not a

pre-pandemic situation, he is «optimistic», but he regretted that if the staff are not found to respond to this work «we will not be able to do it».

He stated that it is a «thing that is not easy to solve» and that negotiati-

ons are underway with the administration that there may be «a greater facility» so that facilities can be given within the limits of the training that are necessary for the arrival of this staff. And the fact is that the markets

where people traditionally went to look for workers, Spain and Portugal, are in the same situation and it is necessary to go to other sources, such as Eastern Europe and South America.

Vinseiro explained that after experiencing a «strange and exceptional» pandemic situation, they now suddenly have to face another complicated one due to «different factors», such as the increase in energy costs that affects in a «pronounced» way and the lack of manpower. And the fact is that the companies in the sector are facing a «training funnel», since no staff can be found to drive the vehicles. Thus, supply and demand are «very unbalanced», as evidenced by the fact that there is no one registered with the Employment Service who can respond to this need. Vinseiro stressed that the fact that companies are asking for «a greater facility» to be able to hire staff in other markets «does not mean that they push the limits», but he emphasized the fact that the administration is being asked to have ways to be able to make these contracts, and more so considering the good job prospects for the winter. The CEO of Andbus acknowledged that the administration seems to have a good «will» to provide solutions. ≡

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