

Press release

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Emalsa joins Leading Utilities of The World: a milestone for public-private excellence and sustainable innovation

Emalsa, a flagship public-private partnership between the City of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and the Saur Group, has officially joined the Leading Utilities of the World (LUOW) network, a prestigious circle uniting the world's most forward-thinking and high-performing water utilities.

This distinction was announced at the Global Water Summit in Paris on May 13th, 2025, one of the sector's most influential international gatherings. As part of its induction, Emalsa was awarded the Golden Tap, a rare accolade recognizing long-standing operational excellence, innovation, and sustainability. It becomes only the second Spanish utility in history to receive this honor.

For over 40 years, Emalsa has exemplified how a well-structured public-private model can bring concrete and lasting benefits to urban water management. By combining the strategic vision of the City of Las Palmas with the technical expertise and international capabilities of the Saur Group, Emalsa has ensured the daily supply of 77,000 cubic meters of drinking water to more than 400,000 residents, achieving nearly 95% customer satisfaction.

This successful collaboration has positioned Emalsa as a resilience leader in Spain and the Mediterranean, with over 85% of water needs met through innovative seawater desalination, including four registered patents that have improved efficiency and quality.

Through LUOW, Emalsa will share these pioneering innovations — such as large-scale digitalization and smart infrastructure management — while gaining valuable insights from fellow global leaders in water services.

Luis de Lope, CEO of Saur International: *"Emalsa perfectly embodies our belief in the power of local-global cooperation. By combining municipal leadership with Saur's cutting-edge water expertise, we've created a resilient, innovative utility that others can look to as a model".*

Angel Fernandez Lopez, CEO of Gestagua: *"This international recognition is the fruit of a shared vision between Emalsa and the City of Las Palmas. It reflects our deep local roots and our unwavering commitment to providing a reliable, sustainable and forward-looking water service to the people of our city."*



About Saur:

As the first water company to issue blue bonds in 2024, Saur is pioneering the integration of environmental responsibility and financial innovation, offering high-quality services and smart water solutions to all, from small towns to large cities and industrial clients, while protecting the environment.

Guided by our purpose "to advocate that everyone gives water the value it deserves," Saur serves 20 million consumers and partners with 9,200 local authorities and industrial clients. In 2024, the Group achieved over €2.3 billion in revenue and employed 12,000 people worldwide, operating in over 25 countries, including Cyprus, Finland, France, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Spain, United-Kingdom, United States of America. We provide essential water distribution, wastewater treatment, and smart water solutions to communities and industries.

www.saur.com

About Emalsa

The Empresa Mixta de Aguas de Las Palmas, S.A. provides comprehensive urban water cycle services with a strong commitment to excellence, efficiency, corporate social responsibility, and environmental sustainability. Every day, it supplies approximately 77,000 cubic meters of drinking water to a total population of 400,000 residents in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and Santa Brígida, as well as to the Port of La Luz.

www.emalsa.es

About LUOW

Leading Utilities of the World (LUOW) is an international network of top-performing water and sanitation utilities. Its members are selected based on their high standards of performance, innovation capacity, and leadership in driving transformation within the global water sector.

<https://www.leadingutilities.org/>