

# GMV R+D+i Collaboration Agreement

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Madrid, 25 October 2006 .- GMV has signed an R+D+i collaboration agreement with the Spanish Association of Road Operation and Maintenance Companies (Asociación de Empresas para la Conservación y Explotación de Infraestructuras: ACEX) for the definition of an information system based on a single positioning system to streamline the operations of the road maintenance fleet.

The project aims to come up with solutions in three specific areas:

- Firstly, to determine which new technologies may be of interest for the future of road maintenance from the point of view of information and geolocalization systems.
- Secondly, to define the requisites for a single positioning-system architecture that might be set up in the road maintenance and upkeep fleet.
- Thirdly, to analyze the systems currently existing in Spain and define a plan for converting them to the abovementioned single positioning system.

This ambitious project is part and parcel of Acex's ongoing endeavor to make its associates leaders in the maintenance sector, a sector often overlooked in the past but with prospects of far-reaching changes in the near future. The project as a whole will involve an outlay of over €600,000, which, without any external financing whatsoever, will be invested throughout the 24-month term of the agreement.

The R+D+i project hopes to steal a march on the new, severer tendering terms. It also chimes in with the line laid down in the Strategic Transport Infrastructure Plan, urging companies and the government to invest in R+D+i.

Enrique Revilla, Board Secretary of GMV signed the collaboration agreement in a ceremony held on 6 October in the Hotel Palace de Madrid, attended by all the following: the president of ACEX, Andrés Costa Hernández, the research vice rector of the Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Francisco José Quiles Flor; the Board Manager of the Fundación Agustín de Betancourt and Director of the Higher School of Civil Engineers (Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros de Caminos Canales y Puertos) of the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Juan Santamera Sánchez.

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