

Gigas supplies all of its datacenters with 100% renewable energy

Gigas has signed an agreement with Acciona Energía in Portugal to begin certifying every kW used in its datacenters

Madrid, 2 November, 2021 - Gigas, a multinational company specialized in providing converged telecommunications, cybersecurity and cloud services to companies, has taken another step in its commitment to green energy and to reducing its carbon footprint thanks to an agreement that its Portuguese subsidiary ONI signed with Acciona Energía to provide 100% renewable energy for its datacenters.

This five-year partnership guarantees not only the supply of 100% sustainable energy but will also allow every kW used in its datacenters to be certified via blockchain technology. Hence, and via ONI – a leading telecommunications provider for companies in Portugal that Gigas acquired a year ago – the group has reinforced its commitment to sustainability and to zero emissions. Gigas' datacenters in Spain and Portugal are already powered by green energy.

As the volume of data and the digitalization of most economic sectors soar, the datacenters hosting their infrastructures require enormous amounts of energy in order to operate. Furthermore, on the one hand there is a need for water to cool the servers, and on the other it is essential for producing electricity. Due to this, at the beginning of 2021, the European cloud and datacenter industry signed an important pact to contribute to sustainability by having climate-neutral centers.

The agreement, which Gigas also endorsed, sets out a commitment to make datacenters in Europe climate-neutral by 2030. The pact is part of the European Green Pact, which aims to make Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050.

According to Diego Cabezudo, CEO and a Gigas co-founder, *“Caring for the environment is one of our company's priorities. The announcement that our datacenters in Spain and Portugal are now powered by green energy is another step towards our goal of reducing our carbon footprint as much as possible. It is a responsibility that we must be mindful of as we are a major player in one of the most energy-intensive industries, IT.”*

Blockchain technology to ensure energy sources

As part of the framework of the agreement between ONI and Acciona Energía – and hand in hand with regulatory requirements to reduce CO₂ levels – sources of renewable energy will be ensured via blockchain technology. Acciona Energía will use GREENCHAIN to provide this service. This project is based on blockchain technology, which is optimal for offering this service in a transparent way and in real time, allowing clients to trace the renewable origin of the electricity used by their infrastructures that are hosted in ONI's datacenters.

About Gigas

Gigas is a Spanish multinational specialized in converged telecommunications, cybersecurity and cloud services for companies, and is listed on the BME Growth market (GIGA.MAB). Set up in 2011, the Gigas group today provides services to over 10,000 clients all over the world helping them in their digital transformation and offering Peace of mind as a Service based on four values; advanced innovative technology, security, flexibility and proximity. It has offices in 8 countries and 11 datacenters in Europe, the USA and Latin America.

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