



Laying the “First Stone” of CETEDEX

R&D&I in Jaén has a name: CETEDEX

03.12.2024. – Yesterday afternoon, December 2, the Spanish Secretary of State for Defense (SEDEF in Spanish) presided over the symbolic groundbreaking ceremony for what will be the main campus of **the Technological Center for Development and Experimentation (CETEDEX)**, attached to the General Subdirectorate of Terrestrial Systems of INTA. The event was attended by the Mayor of Jaén, the President of the Provincial Council, the Director General of INTA, as well as other civil and military authorities, business personalities and prominent figures from Jaén society.

During her speech, the Spanish Secretary of State for Defense highlighted the Spanish Ministry of Defense's strong commitment to the city of Jaén and the remarkable efficiency of INTA, which has managed to start construction of the centre in record time (just two years after announcing its establishment in the city).

CETEDEX is a cutting-edge R&D&I center specializing in dual-use technologies for development, testing and certification in areas such as anti-drone warfare, autonomous and connected vehicles and artificial intelligence. Located in Jaén, **CETEDEX** aims to become a value driver for the province, attracting talent and fostering academic and business activity. Additionally, it is expected to contribute to the creation of an innovation ecosystem that stimulates investment and socioeconomic development, benefiting both the region and the province.



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