

Female role models: Meet Marta Vélez



Marta Vélez, responsible for COMSA's north-east Railway Department.

Marta Vélez joined the group in 2001 as production manager on the track renewal project between Granollers and Maçanet and then worked as site manager on various works for Adif and the Port of Barcelona. In 2017 she moved to his current position as responsible for COMSA's Railway Department in the north-east direction, which includes the regions of Catalonia, Aragon and the Balearic Islands, from where she manages a total of 130 people, both operating personnel and site managers, with an average turnover of 35 million euros per year.

From her more than 20 years at COMSA, Marta highlights the learning process in the management of people and clients and recognises the importance of a good team, with enthusiasm and involvement. She also explains that the construction sector has changed a lot since she started working, with the role of women now being completely normalised. In her early days, she admits that she learned to ignore some jokes and even to handle them with humour.

Marta Vélez encourages women to consider their professional development in the infrastructure sector: "Construction work is dynamic, varied and intense, qualities that are independent of gender".

"Although male engineers are still in the majority, women are on the rise, and there is no different treatment today because they are women," she says. Therefore, "I would encourage any woman who is motivated by the fact of managing works and people to join the production department of a construction company", she concludes.

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