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# SACYR LAUNCHES 7<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF OPEN INNOVATION PROGRAM SACYR ICHALLENGES

- This program targets innovation agents worldwide: startups, scaleups, tech hubs, universities, innovation centers, and large corporations.
- Open call for proposals from June 5 to August 1, 2024.
- Selected projects will collaborate with Sacyr experts to develop pilot tests in real-world conditions.
- Sacyr presented Sacyr iChallenges 7 today on the first day of South Summit, the leading innovation event in Spain.

**Madrid, June 5, 2024.**- Sacyr has launched the 7th edition of its open innovation program, **Sacyr iChallenges**. Sacyr iChallenges is an initiative for innovation, technology, and cooperation to converge to address two business challenges issued by Sacyr in partnership with the global innovation community.

The program **calls on innovation agents worldwide** to provide disruptive and value-generating solutions. As customary, Sacyr welcomes proposals from startups, scaleups, tech hubs, universities, innovation centers, and large corporations worldwide.

**Interested participants must submit their proposals** by August 1 on <https://www.sacyrichallenges.com>.

"This program is one of our most effective means to combine external talent with the company's internal skillset, enabling us to advance our sustainable performance", said **Marta Gil**, Chief Innovation, Strategy and Sustainability Officer.

"The adoption of new solutions and technologies allows us to tackle project-specific technical challenges and continue to make a positive impact. In this new edition, we aim to keep exploring new horizons, driving new solutions, and proposing new ways to design, build, and manage our large infrastructures, as well as providing our services in collaboration with the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Sustainability and innovation remain at the heart of everything we do", Gil added.

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### **Sustainability, at the core of Sacyr iChallenges**

As previous editions, the focus of Sacyr iChallenges 7 is to promote sustainability. The two challenges in this edition call for solutions addressing the following business needs:

- **Technology innovations driving circular management in water treatment:** How can we minimize, reuse, or recover substances and waste present in our treatment and water distribution systems?
- **Climate-resilient infrastructure:** How can we prepare our infrastructure to face adverse climate conditions and our capability to anticipate, resist and respond to damages?

### **Key dates and selection criteria**

Sacyr **presented Sacyr iChallenges 7 today at South Summit Madrid**, the leading innovation event in Spain, starting today through Friday.

**The call for proposals for the 7th edition of Sacyr iChallenges is open on the program's website <https://www.sacyrichallenges.com> until August 1.**

After the deadline is up, a committee of Sacyr professionals and experts and the Innovation team will review and **assess all submitted proposals.**

Next stop is **Focus Week, where the pre-selected innovation agents and business experts will gather to discuss viable solutions.**

Sacyr will then **announce the selected proposals that will participate in working groups comprising Sacyr experts** and external agents to continue developing their solutions.

The process culminates in late 2024 at **Sacyr Innovation Summit**. An event where the selected proposals will participate in in-person sessions with Sacyr experts to define pilot projects and will present their projects to the company's top management.

### **Sacyr iChallenges, a benchmark in the innovation ecosystem**

Over the course of its previous six editions, **Sacyr iChallenges has received a total of 1,500 proposals to address several challenges.** Solutions from over 30 countries have helped position Sacyr iChallenges as an international benchmark innovation program.

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Since the program launched in 2018, Sacyr has **brought over 20 pilot projects to fruition.**

### **About Sacyr**

Sacyr is a global P3 company listed in the Ibex 35. Operating in more than 20 countries, the company has over 15,000 employees. Its purpose is to advance society towards a sustainable future through innovative projects with positive social, economic, and environmental impact.

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