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5G drones: a revolution in railway infrastructure inspection

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5G drones: a revolution in railway infrastructure inspection:

This use case of application of 5G technology in the railway environment, is one of the 8 winning projects in Galicia of the first call for aid for the development of 5G of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation, co-financed by Red.es with FEDER funds with a budget of more than 11 M \in (11,500,164.02 \in), for which a grant of more than 4 M \in (4,600,065.61 \in) has been requested, which will be co-financed by Red.es from the FEDER.

Its objective was to digitalize railway infrastructure inspection tasks in order to make them more efficient. Specifically, this service will allow to remotely pilot a drone equipped with high-resolution cameras and a 5G modem to collect images of Adif's railway tracks as they pass through the towns of Barra do Miño (Ourense), Os Peares (Ourense) and Filgueira (Pontevedra) and transmit them in real time thanks to the characteristics of the new 5G technology. Likewise, these images are processed with Artificial Intelligence (AI) which allows the automation of the track inspection.

In the railway sector, infrastructure inspection and maintenance work is essential. The vast majority of preventive works require an inspection phase in which information on the condition of the track has to be collected to assess its condition and detect defects that may affect traffic in the future.



The performance is considered good practice for the following reasons:

1. The role of the FEDER in the action has been adequately disseminated among beneficiaries, potential beneficiaries and the general public.

Both the website of Red.es and that of the successful bidder have included detailed information on the project, with its objectives and highlighting the co-financing.

https://www.red.es/es/iniciativas/proyectos/proyecto-piloto-en-galicia

https://www.telefonica.es/es/servicios/casos-de-uso-5g/inspeccion-de-vias-ferroviarias-con-5g-ydrones/





Publications have been published in the official media:



On September 10, 2019 at the Museum of Contemporary Art of Vigo took place the presentation ceremony of the 5G Pilot project in Galicia of the Ministry of Economy and Business.





In addition, the local press and industry specialists echoed the importance of these pilot projects for digitization in Spain.

https://www.telefonica.es/es/servicios/casos-de-uso-5g/inspeccion-de-vias-ferroviarias-con-5g-ydrones/

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https://www.economiaengalicia.com/articulo/economia/drones-5g-inspeccionar-remoto-vias-ferrocarril/20201126151603015877.html

https://www.eleconomista.es/empresas-finanzas/noticias/10908964/11/20/Telefonica-y-Adifcomienzan-a-vigilar-con-drones-las-vias-de-los-trenes.html

https://www.smarttravel.news/red-pone-marcha-proyecto-piloto-5g-galicia/

https://www.elmundo.es/tecnologia/innovacion/2019/09/10/5d77cf7cfdddffcb768b464f.html

Inspección remota de las vías ferroviarias con 5G y drones reveceus Telefonica, en colaboración con ineco, Adif y Huawel, implanta en Galicia esta aclución de control de

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<u>Telefónica</u>ha implantado en **Ourense y Pontevedra (Galicia)** una solución de inspección en remoto de las vias ferroviarias con 50 y drones que se convierte en la primera experiencia de vuelto más allá de la línea de vista del piloto del dron (3VLOS - Beyond Visual. Line Of Sight) con tacnología 5G para resoncienivento de infraestructuras.

Este caso de uso, desarrollado en colaboración con Ineco, Adlf y Huawel, es uno de los proyectos ganadores de la primera convocatoria de ayudaa al dearrollo del 50 del Ministerio de Asuratos Económicos y Transformación Digital, colimanciado por <u>Backar</u> con fondos FEDER y tiene como ebjetivo digitalizar las tareas de inspección de infraestructuras ferroviarias para hacertalas de forma más aficientes. Se pone en marcha el proyecto piloto 5G en Galicia impulsado por Red.es

El provecto será liderado por Telefónica







Drones y tecnología 5G para inspec ferroviarias en Galicia



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un total de 36 empresas e instituciones participarán en el programa en Galexa, la Comunidad Valenciana, Madrid, Andalucia, el País Vasca, Castillaria Mandha, Cataluña y Estemadura.

La primera Convesatoria de Pilotos 5G se tió a concer el 30 de abril, cuando se seleccionaren de proyectas en la comunidade Auxólemena de Antalecia y Calicia, el presupuesto de ambas acciones auperó les 35 millones de cures, de las cuales 10 millones de cures an esfinanciados o bavás del Pando Buropeo de Desarrollo Regional (FODE).

Se trate de das silates que contemplan 32 casos de uso en Andalucia y 8 en Galicia,

It has also been disseminated through social networks (Facebook and Twitter).



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Los proyectos seleccionados se ubicarán en Andalucía y Galicia, y serán cofinanciados por @redpuntoes a través de #FEDER.

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Francisco Polo / 💗 🥏 @fran... · 10/9/19 Hoy hemos presentado en Vigo el proyecto "Piloto 5G en Galicia", impulsado por el Gobierno a través de @re untoes, Este proyecto será clave para el desarrollo del 5G en Éspaña. Para crear un país más competitivo, avanzado y próspero



Presentacion Piloto 5G @almazormjesus. @Telefonica Compromiso con Galicia y la Tecnología.





10 sep. 2019 Finaliza la presentación del "Piloto 5G en Galicia", uno de los dos Pilotos 5G que red es pone en marcha con un presupuesto de más de 36 M€ para el desarrollo de la tecnología 5G . Para más información: https://bit.ly/

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2. The performance incorporates innovative elements.

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5G technology, together with edge computing (a type of Information Technology (IT) architecture), artificial intelligence and the use of drones, offers an innovative solution to a traditional business model. It will enable more efficient and safer inspections by remotely piloting a drone that transmits images of roads and other infrastructure in real time.

On the other hand, the project has made it possible to promote the development of innovative ecosystems through the participation of telecommunications operators, equipment and service providers, application developers, universities and research centers, sectorial companies involved in digital transformation projects and other agents interested in experiencing the advantages of 5G technology, thus supporting the creation and consolidation of innovative companies. Telefónica, Ericsson, Nokia, Cinfo, Idronia, Telnet Redes Inteligentes and Centro Internacional de Oftalmología Avanzada joined forces to develop this project. In addition to the UTE, Huawei, INECO, Colegio Oficial de Ingenieros de Telecomunicación, Grupo PSA, Universidade de Vigo, Gradiant and CTAG (Centro Tecnológico de Automoción de Galicia) participated as collaborating agents in the project. The Ministry of Public Works, Navantia, ADIF, RC Deportivo de La Coruña, Movistar and Clínica Cadarso are also clients of the use cases, together with the institutional support of the Xunta de Galicia, the provincial councils of A Coruña, Lugo and Orense, and in the province of Pontevedra, the City Council of Vigo.

3. Adequacy of the results obtained to the established objectives.

This project was born with the aim of digitalizing railway infrastructure inspection tasks in order to make them more efficient and improve the management and safety of railway infrastructure maintenance.

Precisely, among the results obtained by this initiative, it is worth highlighting the fact that it has provided new capabilities in the supervision of infrastructures through remote piloting and the transmission of images in real time, processed with artificial intelligence. These advances have brought about an exponential change for track technicians, who in the not too distant future will be able to replace what were once their most precious tools - their hands - with drones, which will become their incisive eyes on the tracks.

4. Contribution to the resolution of a problem or weakness detected in the territorial scope of execution.

To put the finding in perspective, it is important to consider the task of a track technician. The work of these people consists of walking through the layout to inspect that every millimeter is correct. It is a meticulous and hard job, but it is essential for safety on board the trains.

A technician of this type in Galicia is responsible for the maintenance of up to 250 km of track, which they check once or twice a year. This means total dedication to scrutinizing track across plains and mountains, whether it is hot or snowy. In addition, this has to be done at night, when there is no traffic, but no light either.

This remote system allows simpler and more frequent inspections on the roads, surveillance in inaccessible places, increased safety, reducing technical visits, obtaining additional information to that of a visual inspection, automating the detection of the elements of the road through artificial intelligence and increasing the speed of action in case of unforeseen events.

In this way, the inspection through 5G drones allows:

- \checkmark Perform simpler and more frequent inspections on the tracks.
- ✓ Surveillance in inaccessible places
- \checkmark Reduce technical visits
- ✓ Obtain additional information to that of a visual inspection,
- ✓ Automate the detection of track elements using artificial intelligence
- ✓ Increase speed of action in case of unforeseen events
- ✓ Reduce error levels
- ✓ Increase safety

5. High degree of coverage over the target population.

The project has deployed 5G coverage on two railway routes of about 10 km each in Galicia (Monforte de Lemos-Ourense and Ourense-Guillarei route) to collect images of the tracks and transmit them in real time thanks to the characteristics of the new 5G technology. This will make it possible to improve the safety of travelers on these routes and, more interestingly, the subsequent application of this technology to new network routes.

Indeed, this project is expected to be replicable and scalable to new network routes, extending the benefits of this technology nationwide, thus ensuring a more efficient, accurate and secure railway control system.

6. Consideration of the horizontal criteria of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, as well as social responsibility and environmental sustainability.

The 5G use cases carried out in recent months in Spain show that the use of 5G technology is not only profitable but also allows economic development and, at the same time, environmental sustainability (according to the DigitalES Report). With the use of drones, in this particular initiative, a more complete and cheaper inspection is achieved without danger to operators. In addition, it offers unprecedented speed and volume of data achieving social benefits: such as connectivity in places that are difficult to access (rural areas) and reduced travel giving people and organizations more freedom and flexibility in carrying out tasks that are essential in today's lifestyle.

From an environmental perspective, the project is accredited with the Eco Smart seal, which translates into showing the environmental benefits generated by its services and products.



7. Synergies with other policies or public intervention instruments.

5G technology has an impact that goes far beyond the installation of this specific infrastructure, having a transversal effect on the economy and society as a whole: digital transformation of production, intelligent transportation, multimedia applications, smart territories and cities, smart and precision agriculture and livestock, and public services, among others. Its role is therefore key in the development of the main enabling solutions for this digital transformation, such as the Internet of Things and big data, robotics, virtual reality and ultra-high definition, all of which will be supported by 5G networks and services.

These projects have therefore a great synergy with the instruments that are framed within the National Artificial Intelligence Strategy (ENIA), one of the measures of the Digital Spain 2025 Agenda, as well as the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan.

On the other hand, as far as this project is concerned, after the success of the first call and thanks to the availability of European Funds, Red.es was authorized to grant a second grant of 45 million euros to promote the development of eleven 5G pilot projects by the private sector within the framework of the National 5G Plan.





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