

Commitment to the community

At the Cosentino Group, we actively participate in the economic, social and cultural development of the area where we carry out our activity, and we involve ourselves in the activities of education, culture, architecture, cuisine and sport, where our activity generates a greater contribution.

- **Commitment to education:** we promote various initiatives to support the personal and professional development of young people.
- **Social commitment:** we are actively involved in projects of a social nature with the aim of improving the quality of life of the people within our community.
- **Commitment to art and culture:** we have made a commitment to Andalusian culture and artists through the Ibáñez Cosentino Art Foundation, which supports several museums in the province of Almería.

Social innovation to generate a positive impact on individuals:



Eduarda Justo Foundation

Real social impact on young people in our region



Silestone Institute

Constant dialogue and support for bodies within the food preparation sector



Cosentino Design Challenge

We promote the talent of Architecture and Design students



Social Solidarity

More than one million euros allocated to social solidarity initiatives



Sport, Art & Fashion

Support for sport, art and fashion in Almería and Andalusia.

Our commitment to Almería and Andalusia

At the Cosentino Group, we acknowledge the need to work in partnership to improve quality of life by supporting the communities with which we interact, especially in Almería, where the heart of our company is located. And Cosentino's commitment to Almería goes far beyond a purely business relationship; in addition to generating wealth, we feel a responsibility to generate well-being for the citizens of the region.

A highlight of 2018, is Cosentino's role in the economic and social development of the port of Almería, with the signing of two important commercial agreements with the shipping companies Maersk and MSC (Mediterranean Shipping Company), which represents an important window of opportunity for companies in Almería and elsewhere in Andalusia. The inclusion of the port of Almería within the routes of the Danish shipping company Maersk, seeks to create new export possibilities for Spanish companies. In addition, the operations by MSC represent a significant boost to the logistical activity in the port of Almería.



MSC and Cosentino present the container line between Almería and Valencia

"This came about largely due to the commitment of Cosentino to both Almería and Andalusia. With the arrival of Maersk to the port, a horizon of opportunity opens up that a province like Almería, an export leader, should know how to take advantage of".



Susana Díaz
Former President of the
Regional Government of Andalusia



Shipping company Maersk in the port of Almería (Spain)



"Leaders of the Future" 11th seminar

Our commitment to education

At the Cosentino Group, we have always had a strong commitment to education. We invest in training the younger generations to support and promote their talent and offer them the tools to become the leaders of the future. We promote innovative initiatives that make us as a company one of the most committed to educating young people in the communities where we are based.

Eduarda Justo Foundation

Created in September 2006, the Eduarda Justo Foundation works to promote the social environment close to the Cosentino Group and, more specifically, to support the economic, social, educational and cultural development of the province of Almería, and therefore of Andalusia and Spain, with a special focus on people with limited economic resources. The Foundation's activities are aimed at identifying, training and empowering young locals with the potential to become future leaders to help them positively impact society.



The Foundation develops three main areas of activity:

Eduarda Justo Scholarships:

These were created with the aim of identifying and selecting young pre-university students from Almería who have great potential for the future and providing them with the necessary economic resources for them to undertake their International Baccalaureate studies within the United World Colleges network, for two years.

"Leaders of the Future" seminar:

Intensive specialist leadership training seminar that aims to identify, train and advise young professionals who show great potential and help them to become future social, economic and business leaders through encouraging their initiative, innovation, international vision, ambition and leadership skills.

Forums:

Forums for meeting and debating that aim to contribute to the creation of a stronger, more committed and more prepared civil society to face the challenges of the 21st century.

These include:

- Forum of the future: to analyse in detail the new technologies and trends that are shaping the world of the 21st century.
- "The value of healthy ambition" forum: aimed at high school students to guide them in their training and encourage ambition and nonconformity in their personal development.
- Education forum: meetings with experts and professionals from the world of education to analyse the major trends in education and facilitate the training of teachers and parents of students with the aim of promoting educational excellence.

Major projects carried out by the Eduarda Justo Foundation in 2018

- **Call for International Baccalaureate Scholarships at United World Colleges.**

The Foundation awarded three scholarships to young people from Almería. Similarly, the scholarship was maintained for the three scholars from the previous year to complete the second year of their baccalaureates. Additionally, three scholarships were awarded for the United World Colleges network's Action X Change (AxC) summer camp.

- **11th Edition of the Leaders of the Future Seminar.**

Held in September 2018, this became a meeting for more than 130 young people setting out on the path to leadership. The seminar encourages their initiative, innovation, international vision, ambition and leadership skills with presentations on social entrepreneurship, sports, education and business. The attendees rated the seminar at 9.73/10.

- **Sponsorship and support for the "First Lego League" robotics competition in Almería.**

It aims to promote innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship and awaken young people's interest in science and technology through the launch of a challenge based on a real-world problem. This year, the winning team was a regional team with extensive experience in this field: IES Cardenal Cisneros de Albox.

- **Education forum with Catherine L'Ecuyer: 10 keys to teaching children to pay attention.**

Educational researcher and speaker, Catherine L'Ecuyer, presented the main ideas behind teaching today's children, who are immersed in a frantic and hyper-expressive world, to pay attention.

- **Mini-companies in the marble region, with volunteers from Cosentino in partnership with the Junior Achievement Foundation.**

This pilot programme was carried out in 4 educational centres (Macaël, Cantoria, Tíjola and Albox) and included 99 students, 20 volunteers from the Cosentino Group and 15 mini-companies. Its objective is to promote education concerning values and entrepreneurial spirit to prepare and inspire young people in a global economy.

- **Technical Chats for teachers from the region.**

Delivered to 22 teachers from the region to illustrate cases of educational success and ideas for 21st century schools.

- **Social Education Forum "The value of healthy ambition".**

Attended by 250 young people from the marble region (from Macaël, Olula del Río, Tíjola and Albox) in order to encourage ambition and nonconformity in their future development.

18 scholarships

International Baccalaureate

20 scholarships

Postgraduate

14 scholarships

for Action X Change

11 years

of seminars

130

young participants in 2018

9.73

rated out of 10 by attendees

Donations made by the Foundation to social entities 2018

In addition to promoting the education and training of young people, the Eduarda Justo Foundation supports various social organisations working with children, young people, families and disadvantaged groups. Contributions made to social entities in 2018 amounted to €42,619, mainly to families and young people at risk of social exclusion.

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Other Partnerships

University of Granada

The Cosentino Group and the University of Granada have signed a partnership agreement relating to research, training and innovation. Amongst the provisions established in the partnership agreement is the commitment to set up a joint committee to analyse the opportunities for specific cooperation in areas such as: research and innovation projects, training aimed at the preparation of dissertation and master's projects, calls for proposals for research grants and the participation of Cosentino in university activities related to employment, entrepreneurship and leadership.

Other Educational Institutions

At the Cosentino Group, we maintain a constant partnership with the educational institutions around us. In 2018, we partnered with the following centres of learning:

Spain

- The universities of Almería, Jaén and Málaga, the Polytechnic University of Valencia, the Polytechnic University of Madrid and the Higher Technical School of Engineering of the University of Seville.
- ESIC Business School, in Madrid.
- The Granada School of Management.
- The Almería Chamber of Commerce.
- The Zaidín-Vergeles Institute of Secondary Education in Granada and the following in Almería: Juan Rubio Ortiz, Al Bujaira, Sol De Portocarrero, Alyanub, Alhamilla, Galileo, Acci, Politécnico Hermenegildo Lanz, Rosa Navarro, Cardenal Cisneros, Alto Almanzora, El Algar, Martín García Ramos y José Cavanilles, El Jaroso, Camponar.

United States

- Graduate Business University (Miami).
- School of Business Administration (Miami).
- University of Miami - Graduate.
- Miami Dade College.

Arab Emirates

- American University of Sharjah.

United Kingdom

- Bucks New University.

France

- l'Ecole Camondo.
- ESAM (École Supérieure des Arts Modernes) Design Paris.

Singapore

- Raffles Institution.
- Nanyang Poly.