

**Fernando García Sánchez  
(Granada, 1953)  
Chairman of FUNDACIÓN IBERDROLA ESPAÑA:**

Mr Fernando García Sánchez was a Fleet Admiral and Chief of the Defence Staff. In May 2018 he is appointed Chairman of the Fundación Iberdrola in Spain.

**Professional experience**

A General Staff Diploma student, he entered the Spain's Naval Academy in August 1971 before being commissioned to the rank of ensign on a ship-of-the-line in 1976. Since then he spent much of his career on board ship in various units. He commanded the Mine Action Divers' Unit, the patrol boat *Villamil*, the corvette *Infanta Elena* and the tanker *Marqués de la Ensenada*.

His participation in NATO Naval Group peace missions in the Mediterranean in 2000 and 2001 form one of the highlights of his military career. Since 2005, and now with the rank of Admiral, he held the posts of Chief of Staff of the Maritime Task Force and Assistant Chief of Staff of the Spanish Navy. During his on-shore postings he combined teaching with various roles in the Navy General Staff. On December 30, 2011 he was appointed Admiral and Chief of the Defence Staff, a post he held until March 24, 2017. During this period he also promoted various initiatives related with solidarity, the environment, the promotion of women and education in the Armed Forces.

He has a General Staff diploma. He speaks English and French. His decorations include the Royal and Military Order of Saint Hermenegild, the Cross of Naval Merit, the Cross of Military Merit and the Cross of Merit of the Civil Guard.

**Noteworthy experience with respect to the performance of his duties**

The Board of Trustees of Fundación Iberdrola España valued his career experience in the management of multidisciplinary teams in complex humanitarian projects and his wide international experience and vocation to serve society, which he will now transfer to the tertiary sector and corporate social responsibility.