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## INTERVIEW

### MIGUEL A. MOLINA

GMV'S SPACE SYSTEMS EST  
DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER



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We are with Miguel Ángel Molina Cobos, GMV's Space Systems EST Deputy General Manager. How are you doing? Welcome.

MIGUELA A. MOLINA

I'm doing fine, thank you.

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First of all, what would you say is GMV's reason for strongly supporting the SSIF?

MIGUEL

Well, GMV is basically a company that dedicates a significant part of its activity to the space world. We have more than 2,000 employees working in this field, and it is a reference at European, world and Spanish level. Of course, we have to support an event of this kind, we have to make it possible in some way and have the presence that GMV represents in this environment.

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I would like to discuss with you, at least a couple of GMV-related news items that seem important to me. For example, the fact that the UK has announced that it will fund the development of GMV's distributed virtual reality-based simulator for space refuelling.

MIGUEL

For us, the UK is a very important market, in fact we have been present there as a company for a few years now and later we set up a local company in the USA to develop storytelling activities, so these types of projects and these types of activities are particularly relevant for our development. And, as I say, it is a market that has had an important relevance, especially, curiously enough, the Brexit has allowed us to develop our activity even more locally. Because, well, let's say in a way that the money that they have not invested in the European Union is money that they are investing locally in their own developments, so for us it is an important activity and an important development, in a place where we already have around 200 people working.

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Another recent GMV development is that it seems to care about the sustainability of space exploration, right?

MIGUEL

Exactly. Of course, we have to be concerned because if it is not sustainable, it is out of business, and so are the services that can be provided from space. We have been working in this area for a long time, we have been involved in various projects since the beginning, since the 1990s.



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We already started working with the European Space Agency on this kind of things, and lately we are very active in all the initiatives coming from the European Union. And why? For obvious reasons, we have to be able to control what's going on up there, don't we? Space debris is a problem, and it is a problem that we have to control. So, we have to try to be present in any initiative that goes towards the trend of trying to control this kind of thing.

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That is for sure. Thank you very much Miguel Ángel Molina, GMV's Deputy General Manager of Space Systems. We will see you in Malaga in February, in this SSIF 2024, focused on denial, lunar and cislunar exploration.

MIGUEL

See you soon, thank you very much.