



## Vice Admiral Saturnino Suanzes Fernández de Cañete, Head of the Strategy Division at Joint Staff.

Vice Admiral Saturnino Suanzes joined the Spanish Navy in 1982.

Right after graduating from the Spanish Naval Academy he became a Naval Aviator within the *United States Navy Training Command*.

He then served as a *Harrier* pilot in the Spanish Navy Air Arm until July 1998.

Vice Admiral Suanzes has also commanded three ships: the Patrol Boat "*Espalmador*" in Barcelona, the Minehunter "*Segura*" in Cartagena and the tanker "*Cantabria*" in Ferrol.

He made one tour as *Staff Public Affairs Officer* on the NATO *Standing Naval Force Atlantic*, spending eight months deployed in *Operation Active Endeavour*.

In the field of Plans and Policy, Vice Admiral Suanzes has three years of experience at the Spanish Navy Headquarters where he participated in the staffing of the *Spanish Navy Maritime Security Concept*, working together with members of all European Navies.

During the period 2013-2014, he became part of the staff of the Spanish Defense Policy Director in preparation for his new assignment as the Defense Counsellor at the Spanish Permanent Representation in NATO HQ.

From July 2014 to January 2018 he was the Spanish Defense Counsellor at NATO HQ. During those years he actively participated in the negotiations of the 2014 Wales the 2016 Warsaw Summits, and Brussels 2018.

On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018, Vice Admiral Suanzes took over as Deputy Director General for Defence Policy for Plans and International Relations at the Spanish Ministry of Defence.

Since September 28, 2020, he has held the position of Head of the Strategy Division of EMACON.

### Military courses and civil studies

"Monographic" Operations M.C.M. "

General Staff of the Armed Forces.

E.C. Integrated Systems Analyst.

E.C. Naval Aircraft.

### Most relevant awards and decorations

4 Crosses to Naval Merit.

Grand Cross of the Order of San Hermenegildo.

Aeronautical Merit Cross.

Silver Medal of National Defense, France.

### Biographical data

Vice Admiral Suanzes is married and has three daughters and one son.

