

CDR. Pedro CARDONA ESP N

Commander Pedro Cardona ESP N is the Commanding Officer of the frigate ESPS Reina Sofía. In this capacity, and in the framework of NATO Operation Sea Guardian, he also commands the NATO surface ships Task Group in charge of the current Focused Operations in the Mediterranean Sea.



Commander Cardona, a warfare officer by trade, has spent most of his career on surface ships, more specifically frigates, such as ESPS Asturias, ESPS Reina Sofía or ESPS Juan de Borbón (as part of the first ship's company), where he ticked a broad range of appointments, ranging from Chief Engineer, Air Warfare Officer or Head of the Operations Department. Throughout these years he took part in a number of operations, as Sharp Guard, Active Endeavour or Op. Tellic and sailed in numerous national, NATO and WEO standing groups (i.e. SNMG1, SNMG2, etc). Moreover, he has previously experienced command as CO of ESP OPV Atalaya.

Between 2006 and 2008 he was appointed to the Armada – Royal Navy Officers Exchange Programme, sailing on HMS Manchester and HMS Illustrious as PWO. He was subsequently appointed to the Spanish FOST (CEVACO).

And as for staff jobs, CDR Cardona has profited from appointments at the Political-Military Strategic level (NATO HQ –Brussels at the Spanish Military Representation to the NATO and EU Military Committees) and Strategic level (Spanish Navy General Staff in Madrid Plans Division – Strategic Planning branch). His last staff job was at the Fleet HQ in Rota.

CDR Cardona attended the Advanced Command and Staff Course at the Joint Services Command and Staff College in the UK. Moreover, he earned a Master's Degree in Defence Studies at King's College London. Furthermore, he graduated both in Engineering and Electronics. He speaks English and butchers French. He has been awarded with several medals, including the Naval Meritorious Service Medal, WEO Medal and the NATO AEO Medal.

He is married to Marta and they have three children.