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Which moment prompted you to enter the field of mobility and infrastructure?

I always had difficulties moving long distances every day since my universities and school. I needed to find a solution first for me and then that I discovered that it's not just me it's an issue for everyone, a challenge for everyone and that's discriminating since if you can't move freely outside you can't be included in the society, that's how HawKar came the name. We are now making products like an electric car for people with disability that is directly accessible in wheelchair.

What would you tell a woman in the transport sector to start doing differently from today?

Don't let things block you because you are a woman. Of course, environment is important that people support you to go forward and just do it.

What advice would you give your younger self?

If you want to start anything in your life that is important: I learned to don't take myself too seriously when I worked on something because if you take yourself too seriously you are afraid to fail and it's very important to fail if you want to learn and go forward. So you need to fail a lot so you don't be afraid to go ahead.

She chose the name HawKar to reflect the freedom of mobility symbolized by the hawk, a bird that can fly freely wherever it wants. By combining "Hawk" and "Car", she created the name "HawKar", representing the company's vision of giving people greater freedom, independence, and mobility.

What is your ultimate goal?

My vision for HawKar goes beyond simply creating a car for people with disabilities. My goal is to improve the lives of people with reduced mobility and make mobility accessible to everyone. The idea is that people can have the vehicle they need and customize it according to their individual requirements.

Rather than taking an ordinary car and adapting it for people with disabilities, HawKar wants to do the opposite: start with a vehicle designed for people with disabilities and make it possible to transform it into different types of vehicles. I also hope to make the standard chassis open source so that people can build the car they want, while HawKar can provide assistance with customization or production.

"It's important to really tackle the disability subject in a global way. I hope to inspire everyone in the audience to take actions and involve everyone to find the right solutions for everyone."