



# Spain for **Chemical Industry**

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## Why Spain for the *Chemical Industry?*

- ✓ Broad industrial base and diversified production. The Spanish chemical industry comprises over 3,000 companies with a turnover of €64.5 billion in 2020.
- ✓ Skilled and competitive human resources. 209,000 direct jobs, highest added value per employee and largest investor in research staff among Spanish industries.
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> largest exporter in the Spanish economy, €36.6 billion in export value. Privileged access to European, Mediterranean, North Africa and Latin American markets.
- ✓ Investment locations for new projects in Chemical hubs, offering services, transport infrastructure and logistics direct to market for new projects.



## Facts & Figures



### Strategic industry for the Spanish economy

The industry comprises **3,088 companies** with a turnover of **€64.5 billion** in 2020, generating **711,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs**.

With a cumulative growth of 30% in turnover between 2007-2020, the industry represents 13.4% of Spanish gross industrial output, 5.5% of GDP, and supplies products to 98% of productive industries.



### Internationalized sector

**The chemical industry is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest exporter in the Spanish economy.** 56.7% of chemical production was exported to over 200 countries in 2020, with an export value of €36.6 billion, (15.8% of total Spanish goods exports). The industry is increasing exports to non-EU markets.



### Investment and innovation

The chemical industry will remain the **fastest growing industrial sector in the world** through to 2030, at an estimated average of 4.5% year to meet the new global demand.

This potential is attracting new investments and projects.

**The industry in Spain invests over €2.2 billion** in assets and €1 billion in internal R&D&I. Spain is the second most-preferred destination for new Chemical projects in the EU in terms of capital invested, after Germany (fDi markets).



### Sustainable chemistry

The chemical **industry offers solutions to global challenges** and helps achieve UN Sustainable development goals. The Spanish Technology Platform for Sustainable Chemistry (SusChem Spain), part of the European network of Technology Platforms, aims to enhance cooperation among industry, universities, Technology and research centres, in an effort to promote sustainable innovation.



### Human capital and talent

**The industry creates 209,300 highly qualified direct jobs**, and over 500,000 indirect and induced jobs. It is one of the industries with the lowest rotation rates and highest productivity per employee. Research staff working in chemical sectors represent 18.6% of total industrial research recruitment.

**There are 35 specialized universities and faculties** in Spain devoted to chemicals and chemical engineering training. Technology and research centres of excellence based around the main chemical hubs work with the industry.

## OUR SERVICES



Advice on business **start-ups**



**Locations** search



**Focal point** between central and regional authorities



Tailored industry **know-how**



Identifying **business opportunities**



Organising **agendas**



**Immigration** advice



Identifying **strategic partners** and technology partners



**Institutional** support



**Funding** and incentives **search**



Connectivity with **investors**



**After-care** service

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