Spain for Aerospace Industry
Why Spain for Aerospace?

- Spain’s aerospace and defence industry is highly developed.
- Spain ranks 5th in Europe in sales (€12.35 billion in turnover in 2022) and people employed (more than 53,500).
- It is a fast-growing industry that invests heavily in R&D (12% of its total turnover).

Productive Centers

- Basque Country: 126
- Catalonia: 35
- Castile-La Mancha: 39
- Andalusia: 188
- Galicia: 17
- Castile and Leon: 18
- Madrid: 219
- Rest of Spain: 72

Source: TEDAE
Facts & Figures

Design & manufacturing
Spain is one of the few countries that can manage all of an aircraft’s design and manufacturing processes (development, assembly, certification, support and maintenance), due to a major OEM (Airbus); top Tier-1 companies such as Aernnova, Aciturri, Héroux-Devtek and ITP; and an extensive supply chain.

International
Spain participates in many international programmes. For example, around 10% of Airbus programmes are developed here.

Growth in activity
Spain is the 3rd country in the EU with the most number of flights (1,980,990 flights in year 2022). Spain has recovered in 2022 92.2% of the number of flights before the pandemic. These facts make the country very attractive to the aeronautical services sub-sector (airport facilities and services, MRO, etc.).

Aids and incentives
As a strategic industry it enjoys a great deal of government aid and incentives.

Leading companies
Businesses in Spain are amongst the leading companies worldwide in several key areas of the industry: aerospace structure composites, air traffic management (ATM), military transport aircraft and, in the space industry, companies in Spain have proprietary technology in all areas of activity.

ESA’s membership
Spain is a founding member of ESA (the European Space Agency) and takes part in its main programmes. Companies are also involved in other national, European and multilateral space industry programmes.

Spanish Space Agency
The city of Seville will host the headquarters of the new Spanish Space Agency, which started operations in the first quarter of 2023, with a budget of about €700 million. The Agency will promote space research and technology developments, facilitate the dual use of space capabilities and strengthen the national space industry sector. It will also act as an intermediary between national and international public and private entities, such as the European Space Agency (ESA).

Sector cluster
The Spanish aerospace industry boasts major clusters, including many major infrastructures, research centres, science parks and highly qualified and experienced human resources.

In total Spain is home to 714 production centres.
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