Spain for Life Sciences
Why Spain for Life Sciences?

✔ Solid basic science.

✔ Integrated healthcare system.

✔ Consolidation of biotechnology sector and an established pharmaceutical industry.

✔ Excellent infrastructure for innovation.

✔ Government support.

✔ Highly qualified workforce.
Facts & Figures

An integrated and protective healthcare system

800 hospitals (40% public and 60% private) and 300,000 professionals.

Public healthcare represents 6.3% of Spain’s GDP and private healthcare represents 2.7% of Spain’s GDP.

Substantial collaboration between public and private sector.

Pharmaceutical industry leads R&D spending in Spain

The sector accounts for 20% of all private R&D spending in Spain.

€1.21 billion in R&D.

12% of all R&D employment in Spanish industry.

Top country in Europe in clinical testing

Spain collaborates in nearly 20% of international clinical trials.

1,000 clinical trials performed at Spanish hospitals.

Clinical trials represent 45% of pharma investment in Spain.

Healthcare technology market, a key player in exports

1,000 companies and an €8 billion turnover.

Exports worth €3.5 billion. Europe takes 54% of exports.

Participation in the international scientific arena

12th scientific power in the world and 5th in terms of scientific production in the EU15.

A good standing in the EU pharma industry

5th in sales, 5th in job creation, 6th in pharma production.

425 pharma companies established in Spain, 60% of them are foreign.

Pharma exports represent 23% of the total in high technology products in Spain.

Favourable legal framework for R&D activities

Company tax rate deductions of up to 42% for R&D investment and up to 12% for innovation.

40% deduction in social security contributions for R&D workers.

Private investment is increasingly interested in Life Sciences

14.3% accounted for by Life Sciences companies.

The Healthcare sector ranks 2nd and the Biotech sector ranks 5th in the number of venture capital transactions.

Growing number of biotech companies

2,800 companies involved in biotech activities and more than 751 strictly companies.

105,000 employees, 10,000 activities exclusively dedicated to R&D.
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Identifying business opportunities

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