Spain for Chemical Industry
Why Spain for the Chemical Industry?

- Broad industrial base and diversified production. The Spanish chemical industry accounts for 13.4% of industrial GDP and comprises 3,300 companies.

- Skilled and competitive human resources. Highest added value per employee and largest investor in R&D&I among Spanish industries.

- 2nd largest exporter of the Spanish economy. Privileged access to European, Mediterranean, North Africa and Latin American markets.

- Investment locations for new projects in Chemical hubs, offering services, transport infrastructures and logistics direct to market for new projects.
Facts & Figures

Strategic industry for the Spanish economy
The industry comprises 3,280 companies with a turnover of over €65 billion, generating 670,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs.
With a cumulative growth of 32% in turnover between 2007-2018, the industry represents 13.4% of Spanish gross industrial output, 6% of the GDP, and supplies products to 98% of productive industries.

Internationalized sector
The chemical industry is the 2nd largest exporter of the Spanish economy. 57.5% of chemical production is exported to over 200 countries with an export value of €37.7 billion, (15% 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 thorough 2030, at an estimated average of 4.5%/year to meet the new global demand.
This potential is attracting new investments and projects.
The Spanish industry invests over 2 billion in assets and €2.5 billion in R&D&I.
Spain is the second most-preferred destination for new Chemical projects in the EU by 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, as part of the European network of Technology Platforms aims to enhance cooperation among industry, universities, Technology and research centers, in an effort to promote sustainable innovation.

Human capital and talent
The industry creates 196,800 direct jobs, and over 472,000 indirect and induced jobs. It is one of the industries with lower rotation rate and highest productivity per employee. Research staff working in chemical sectors represent 22.5% of total industry recruitment.
In Spain there are 35 specialized universities and faculties devoted to chemical and chemical engineer training. Technology and research centers of excellence around the main chemical hubs work with the industry.
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