Spain for ICT Industry
Why Spain for the ICT Industry?

Information & Communications Technology propels economic development and modern knowledge-based societies. The digital economy is at the core of the Spanish Government economic growth and sustainability strategy, in line with the European Union. Spain’s RRP (Recovery and Resilience Plan) is one of the largest and most ambitious on digital, devoting 28.2% of the total allocation to digital (€19.6 billion).

A mature market:
- With over 38,209 (+0.4%) domestic and international ICT companies.
- Directly employing 636,326 people (+10%).
- €122 billion in revenue in 2022 (22.6% of GDP).
- Technology and business activities related to ICT industry extend beyond its borders through services exports (4% of the domestic total).

A growing industry, Spain ranks first among large European economies in very high-capacity network coverage: 93% of individuals have access to very high-capacity fixed networks (more than 100 Mbps), 20 points higher than the EU average, according to the DESI Indicators 2023 (EU Report on the state of the Digital Decade).
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**Facts & Figures**

**Market size and maturity**
Over 48 million consumers and over 45 million Internet users (mobile penetration rate of 122.7%).

**Leader in ICT infrastructure**
Spain boasts:
- The largest FTTH network in the European Union (3rd in OECD).
- 93% of high-speed internet connections of 100 Mbps (1st in Europe) and 82.3% 5G technology coverage.
- Over 58 million mobile lines.
- 172,000 mobile telecommunications stations.
- The Spanish Supercomputer Network hosts supercomputer MareNostrum 4, the 3rd more powerful in Europe and 13th worldwide.
- A strategic node for undersea cables, an extensive network connects Spain to Europe, Africa and the American continent.
- RedIRIS: a high-capacity optics network that connects research centres in Spain with international academic networks.

**Institutional support and innovation**
The ICT industry is a core priority for European and Spanish institutions: EU’s Digital Strategy and Digital Spain 2026 place digitalization at the centre of economy development.

PERTE CHIP is the Strategic Project launched by the Spanish Government with a budget of €12.25 billion. It aims to boost the value chain of the Spanish microelectronics and semiconductor industry.

Support for the deployment of infrastructure: next-generation broadband and 5G technology (National 5G Observatory).
43 technology centres and 51 science parks take part in the management of public/private funds to finance R&D&I projects and promote collaboration with business.
A very attractive tax incentives framework for R&D&I investment.

**Launchpad**
Spain’s geostrategic location and cultural ties make it an ideal springboard to a market of 1.5 billion consumers:
- European Union (448 million).
- MENA countries (463 million).
- LATAM countries (660 million).

**Investment opportunities**
Clear bet of the Spanish Government for the enabling technologies: Semiconductors, AI, ML, big data, 3D printing, cybersecurity, IoT, quantic computing, etc. applied to all driving sectors of economy, thus fostering projects in Industry 4.0, Green Tech, Health Tech, Connected Vehicle or Smart Tourism.
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