











INSTITUTE FOR BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS OF CASTILLA Y LEÓN

Brief Presentation of Castilla y León - Main Features



Land:

Castilla y León, with **94,227 km² (Spain 505,370 km²) of surface** (18.6% of the Spanish territory), is the third largest Region in Europe; larger than 16 MS.

Local administration:

It is structured in 9 provinces and 2,249 city and town councils (almost 30% of the existing ones in Spain). It shares border with 9 of the 17 Spanish Regions.

Population

Castilla y León has **2,454,858 inhabitants** (2016), The average density in Castilla y León is aprox. **26 inhabitants** / **km²** 5, aprox. 92 inh/km² in Spain. In Castilla y León 24.33% of the population is over 65 years old.

GDP per capita

24.330 € (2015) Castilla y León is considered a "more developed" and "moderate innovator" region at EU.

1.- European Innovation
Partnership (<u>EIP</u>) Smart Cities
and Communities (SCC).

TSSP Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms

Leadership and participation in the Committments, Action Clusters and Platforms

2.- Regional Innovation: Smart Specialization Strategy (RIS3)

Regional Operational
Programme (OP), support
to R&i projects, energy
efficiency, mobility,
sustainability, ICT

3.- Castilla y León Strategy for Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment -> Business Innovation Network)
& Digital Innovation Hubs

Integration of thematics (energy, ICT, mobility, intercooperation,...)

4.- <u>European Projects</u> (FP7, H2020, Interreg, Life,...)

Promotioning the participation of Regional entities / municipalities / companies / stakeholders in European projects (SCC integrated approach and individual thematics)



→ EIP COMMITMENTS participation, ex.







53.286 Inhabitants Tourism, Services GDP per cápita: 21.770 €



155.581 Inhabitants University, Tourism, Services GDP per cápita: 21.879 €

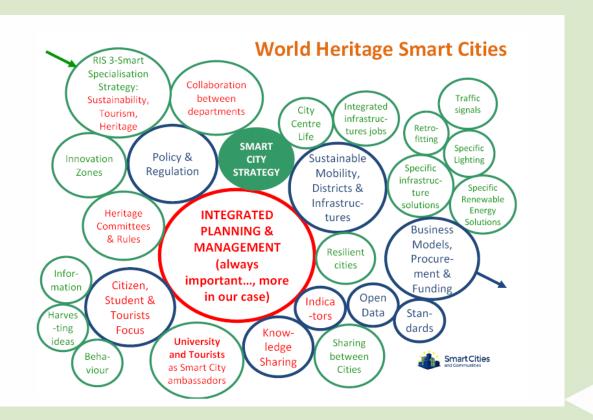


Tourism, Services GDP per cápita: 18.742€









→ ACTION CLUSTER participation: Integrated Planning Policy and Regulations

European Innovation
Partnership (EIP) SCC
TSSP Platforms

→ EIP COMMITMENTS participation, ex.

SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS

NSPA ((Northern Sparsely Populated Areas) commitment (Finnish, Swedish and Norwegian regions) with partners from two sparsely populated regions of Spain (one of them Castilla y León).

Concept: small cities and towns as well as sparsely populated regions can contribute to the European Smart Cities and Communities Initiative.

For example:

Specific know-how related to cold urban environments, for instance in the field of heating and insulation of buildings.

Sustainable transport inside and between cities of sparsely populated areas is a common challenge.

Small cities in sparsely populated regions can provide excellent testing environments for smart urban solutions also for other European partners









→ EIP COMMITMENTS participation, ex.

SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS

CASTILLAY LEÓN own initiative opinion on the EU RESPONSE TO THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE COMMITTEE OF REGIONS

Finding solutions to Europe's demographic challenge is one of the CoR's political priorities and one of the main concerns in the Europe 2020 strategy.

CoR approved in its Plenary Session an own-initiative opinion presented by the President of the regional government of Castilla y León on the EU response to the demographic challenge.

The opinion, which was adopted unanimously by the representative members of the CoR, includes four sections:

- 1.- Demographic challenges faced by the European Union.
- 2.- Measures promoted by European regions and cities to address these challenges.
- 3.- Current response of the EU to this demographic change.
- 4.- Terms in which this answer could be more extensive and efficient to reach the priorities.

European Innovation Partnership (EIP) SCC **TSSP Platforms**

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Partnership description SME integration to Industry 4.0





Mission Statement

"Increasing Industrial Competitiveness in EU regions by raising awareness of Companies (SMEs) for -and demonstrating them the benefits of- Industry 4.0 solutions / technologies"

Rationale for public intervention

- The benefits of Industry 4.0 are still largely unknown to many companies (in particular SMEs)
- Technology uncertainty, missing competences and assets (e.g. skills) and high costs hamper the absorption of Industry 4.0 solutions by companies, and this is especially true for SMEs
- Very few regions have all Industry 4.0 competences / facilities on their ground

Key Modus of Public Intervention

BY&FORCITIZENS Need for cross-regional coordinated action for "Combining complementary capabilities & competences from different regions to demonstrate and validate Industry 4.0 solutions in relevant industrial environments (via cross-regional projects)"

Strategic Objectives Programs RIS3 Thematic Priorities Agri-food and Natural Resources ICT, Energy and Sustainability RIS3 Castilla y Sectors of Transport such as Automotive and Aeronautics León 2014 - 2020 Health and Social Care, Demographic Change and Wellbeing Natural Heritage, Cultural Heritage and Spanish Language P1. Business innovation and more I/ Reinforce a more competitive and sustainable economic model competitive economy II/ Advancing towards scientific and P2. Excellent science and technological technological leadership in certain fields leadership III/ Improve internationalisation and outward P3. Internacionalisation vision IV/ Promote multidisciplinary collaboration P4. Collaboration between agents V/ Promote a culture of innovation and P5. Innovative society creativity VI/ Getting ICT to become facilitator of P6. Digital agenda for Castilla y León change



Flagship Initiatives

Seven emblematic initiatives have been proposed for Castilla y León in the period 2018-2020

Circular Bioeconomy





Connected Schools















Cybersecurity



Staircase of Excellence

- Selected based on **installed capacities** or with **high growth potential** in the region, which also respond to European challenges.
- The objective is the concentration of resources and instruments around initiatives with high visibility.
- With the participation of several Regional Ministries and managing bodies

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION and SELF-EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY of CASTILLA y LEÓN

EUROPEAN PROJECTS

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
AND FREELANCERS

Innovative

Inclusive and selfemployment

Social

Rural

Consolidation of new companies and selfemployment

INNOVATION

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Business

Technological Leadership

Technology Transfer

Spaces for innovation

SECTORIAL SPECIALIZATION

Clusters

Industry plan 4.0

Bioeconomy

RURAL COMPETITIVENESS

Action plans in rural areas

Advice in rural areas

Innovation and rural competitiveness

Growth and diversification of rural enterprises

Special plan "Mining Areas"

PUBLIC SECTOR

Regional Government, Provincial councils, Local Administration, Public Entities.

COMPANIES:

Leading Companies SMEs, Entrepreneurs and Freelancers

OTHER FACILITATING AGENTS:

Economic and social agents, Business Associations, Foundations

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION:

Universities, clusters, Technology and Research Centers FINANCIAL SHUTTLE





ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION NETWORK

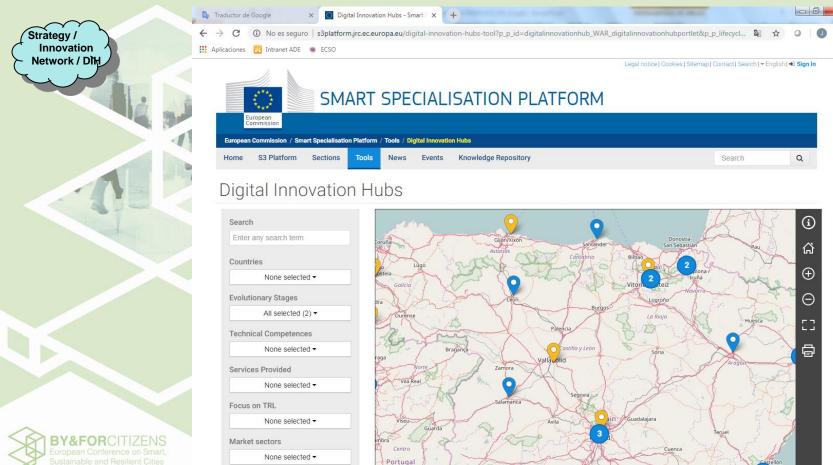


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- The Network seeks to generate a community open to entrepreneurship, talent and innovation through public-private partnerships, the strengthening of inter-sectoral relations, the interconnection of its partners to generate new value projects and the inclusion of innovation as a driver for any kind of entrepreneurship.
- More than 100 members







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Regional Support - Grants



- **Business creation**
- Investment projects in SMEs
- Regional Incentives
- **Business projects im Mining Areas**
- → TO THE R&D&i
- Promotion of innovation in SMEs
- R+D projects
- Transfer of knowledge to SMEs
- Incorporation of ICT solutions in SMEs
- R&D Projects in ICT sector
- Strategic R&D Plans
- BY&FORCITIZENApplied R&D projects done by Technology Centers
 - European R&D ERANET projects (Susfood, M-**ERAnet, Manunet y ERAMIN)**



International Expansion of SMEs



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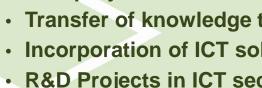
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Other Regional Programs



R&D&i support to companies in collaboration with the Technology Centers of Castilla y León.

WORKING AREAS:

- 1. Internationalization of R&D&i: transfer of technology and support to the presentation of European proposals.
- 2. Innovation in processes and product design.
- 3. Incorporation of ICT solutions in regional SMEs.
- 4. Industry 4.0: digital transformation.

5. Support to technology-based entrepreneurs.

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European Funds

ICE - Junta de Castilla y León -> FACILITATOR ROLE

Promotion of the participation of regional companies and stakeholders in European and International R&i programs and initiatives.

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF LEADERS

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REGIONAL ACTORS PARTICIPATING FOR THE FIRST TIME

BY&FORCITIZEN/ European Conference on Sma Sustainable and Resilient Citie

AWARENESS OF REGIONAL ACTORS WITH POTENTIAL TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION and SELF-EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY of CASTILLA y LEÓN









H2020 REGIONAL WGs

Agri-food Health
Raw Materials Transport
Energy Smart Cities
Aviation Materials

WaterEnvironment
Advanced Manufacturing
ICT
SME Instrument



Smart Cities and Communities Working Group

Castilla y León has extensive experience in projects related to Smart Cities: Energy Efficiency projects, Sustainable Mobility, Innovation or Electronic Administration, and Strategies for Sustainable and Integrated Urban Development.

* Important regional SMEs and big companies from Castilla y León are immersed in the development of the SCC concept, being involved in the development of products, processes or services and participating on its implementation.

* Cities such as Valladolid, Palencia, Salamanca, Soria, León and Ávila participate in European projects in these fields.









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