

Spain – Mapping of National and Galicia Regional Funding Routes

This section maps national funding routes available in Spain together with regional funding instruments specific to Galicia that are relevant, or have previously been relevant, to digital cultural heritage, tourism innovation and related digital transformation activities.

The schemes presented may include permanent instruments, periodic programmes, previous calls or measures that may be renewed or replaced by successor initiatives. Their inclusion does not imply that funding is currently available or that future editions will apply the same conditions. Users should always verify the current status, eligibility criteria, budgets, deadlines and application procedures through the official sources before taking action.

National

Ministerio de Cultura

Level: National

Managing authority: Government of Spain – Ministerio de Cultura

Type of support: Grants (primarily non-repayable subsidies). In some cases, support may also take the form of public procurement for cultural and digital services.

Objective: The Ministry of Culture is responsible for the **development and implementation of national policies related to cultural heritage, cultural institutions and access to cultural content across Spain.**

Target beneficiaries: Public cultural institutions, foundations, local authorities, non-profit cultural organisations and, in certain cases, private cultural entities.

Geographical scope / Eligibility: Applicants must generally be established in Spain. Eligibility conditions depend on the specific call and programme.

Access and funding conditions: Non-repayable grants are awarded through competitive national calls published by the Ministry of Culture and in the [Official State Gazette \(BOE\)](#). Eligible applicants, activities, costs, funding rates, co-financing requirements and application procedures depend on the specific programme. Some initiatives may also be implemented through public procurement procedures for cultural or digital services

When to use it

- ✓ For digitisation of cultural heritage collections
- ✓ For digital transformation of museums, archives and libraries
- ✓ For national-level cultural infrastructure modernisation
- ✓ When projects are heritage-led rather than purely technology-driven

Official source:

<https://www.cultura.gob.es/>

Ministerio de Industria y Turismo

Level: National

Managing authority: Government of Spain – Ministerio de Industria y Turismo

Type of support: Grants (including non-repayable subsidies and strategic funding programmes such as PERTE). In some cases, support may include blended financial instruments or strategic investment programmes.

Objective: The Ministry of Industry and Tourism is responsible for national policies related to **industrial competitiveness, economic transformation and tourism development** in Spain. It designs and oversees strategic transformation programmes, including sectoral

modernisation initiatives.

The Ministry works with specialised entities such as [SEGITTUR](#) (State Society for the Management of Innovation and Tourism Technologies), which acts mainly as a technical implementation and coordination body rather than a direct funding agency.

Target beneficiaries: SMEs and large enterprises, tourism sector operators, regional and local authorities, and public-private partnerships.

Geographical scope / Eligibility: Applicants must generally be established in Spain. Some programmes may involve territorial distribution through Autonomous Communities, depending on the funding mechanism.

Access and funding conditions: Support is awarded through national calls, strategic programmes and, where applicable, financial instruments financed through the State Budget, NextGenerationEU or territorially distributed funds. Eligible applicants, project categories, funding rates and submission procedures depend on the relevant measure. Calls may address companies, tourism operators, local and regional authorities and public-private partnerships. [Portal de Ayudas del Ministerio de Industria y Turismo](#)

When to use it:

- ✓ For large-scale tourism transformation
- ✓ For sectoral industrial projects
- ✓ For smart destination development
- ✓ For strategic infrastructure

Link to official source: [Portal del Ministerio de Industria y Turismo](#)

Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación (CDTI)

Level: National

Managing authority: Government of Spain – Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación (CDTI), operating under the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities.

Type of support: Financial support for business R&D and innovation, including partially repayable soft loans, innovation grants, and international co-funded R&D instruments.

Objective: CDTI is Spain's main public agency **for financing business research, development and technological innovation**, supporting companies in developing and scaling innovative technologies and strengthening their international competitiveness.

Target beneficiaries: Spanish companies (SMEs and mid-caps), technology startups, and business-led R&D consortia.

Geographical scope / Eligibility: Applicants must generally be companies established in Spain. Some programmes also support participation in international collaborative R&D initiatives.

Access and funding conditions: programmes are funded primarily through the Spanish General State Budget, with some instruments co-financed by European Structural Funds (e.g., ERDF) or supported through the Recovery and Resilience Facility (NextGenerationEU). Support may include:

- Partially repayable soft loans for R&D projects
- Direct innovation grants, such as the NEOTEC programme for technology start-ups
- International collaborative R&D instruments, including participation in initiatives such as EUREKA or Eurostars

Companies apply directly to CDTI under open or continuously open programmes (e.g., [PID](#), [NEOTEC](#), international calls such as Eureka/Eurostars). Evaluation is technical and financial.

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When to use it?

- ✓ When developing or scaling industrial R&D projects at national level
- ✓ When seeking innovation funding for technology-based companies or start-ups
- ✓ When preparing for international collaborative R&D projects
- ✓ When moving from regional pilot initiatives to larger-scale technological development

Link to official source: [Home](#) | [CDTI](#)

Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)

Level: National

Managing authority: Government of Spain – Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI), operating under the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities.

Type of support: Grants (non-repayable funding for research and scientific collaboration)

Objective: the AEI is Spain's national competitive research funding agency responsible for implementing the State Plan for Scientific, Technical and Innovation Research. It **supports fundamental and applied research projects, research infrastructures and public-private scientific collaboration.**

Target beneficiaries: Universities, research centres, public research organisations and, in some programmes, companies as consortium partners.

Geographical scope / Eligibility: Applicants must generally be established in Spain, typically within universities, public research institutions or research-performing organisations. Participation of companies may occur in specific collaborative research programmes.

Access and funding conditions: Non-repayable research grants are awarded through competitive national calls under the State Research Plan. Eligible applicants, project duration, costs, funding amounts and consortium requirements depend on the specific programme. Applications are evaluated primarily on scientific quality, expected impact, team capacity and project feasibility. [Buscador de Convocatorias | Agencia Estatal de Investigación](#)

When to use it?

- ✓ For research-driven technological development in fields such as digital heritage or cultural technologies
- ✓ For early-stage research and innovation projects (approximately TRL 1–5)
- ✓ For projects led by universities, research institutes or scientific consortia
- ✓ For initiatives focused on scientific knowledge generation rather than commercial

Link to official source: [Agencia Estatal de Investigación](#)

Red.es

Level: National

Managing authority: Government of Spain – Red.es, a public corporate entity attached to the Ministry for Digital Transformation and Public Function.

Type of support: Non-repayable grants. Voucher schemes (e.g., Kit Digital). Public procurement for digital infrastructure and services.

Objective: Red.es is responsible for **implementing Spain's digital transformation agenda**, particularly in SME digitalisation, public sector digital services and smart territory initiatives.

Target beneficiaries: SMEs, self-employed professionals, local authorities and, indirectly, accredited technology providers.

Geographical scope / Eligibility: Applicants must generally be established in Spain. Eligibility conditions depend on the specific programme or call.

Access and funding conditions: Red.es programmes are primarily financed through

NextGenerationEU funds under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, as well as national digital transformation budgets

Public calls published on its website and electronic headquarters (e.g., Kit Digital, Smart Cities programmes). Many schemes operate under simplified procedures with predefined eligible services.

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When to use it:

- ✓ For SME digital adoption and digital transformation projects
- ✓ For development of smart tourism tools and digital platforms
- ✓ For digital infrastructure and services at municipal or regional level
- ✓ For projects focused on digitalisation rather than technological R&D

Link to official source: [Home | Red.es](#)

ENISA (Empresa Nacional de Innovación)

Level: National

Managing authority: Government of Spain – ENISA, a public entity attached to the Ministry of Industry and Tourism.

Type of support: Participative loans (quasi-equity financing for innovative companies)

Objective: ENISA **supports entrepreneurship and the growth of innovative SMEs** and start-ups by providing venture-style public financing that strengthens companies' capital structure and facilitates business scaling.

Target beneficiaries: Innovative start-ups, SMEs and scale-ups with strong growth potential and viable business models.

Geographical scope / Eligibility: Applicants must generally be companies established in Spain, typically SMEs or start-ups operating in innovative sectors.

Access and funding conditions: Participative loans are awarded through direct online applications to ENISA. Financing is repayable and normally does not require conventional guarantees, while part of the remuneration may be linked to company performance. Loan amounts, maturity, financial conditions and eligibility depend on the company's business plan, financial viability, innovation level and growth potential

When to use it?

- ✓ When a company needs growth capital without diluting ownership
- ✓ When grant funding is insufficient to scale the business
- ✓ For innovative SMEs or start-ups seeking venture-style public financing
- ✓ For companies developing scalable solutions, including heritage-tech, tourism-tech or digital innovation ventures

Link to official source: [Enisa con el emprendimiento innovador.](#)

Instituto de Crédito Oficial (ICO)

Level: National

Managing authority: Government of Spain – Instituto de Crédito Oficial (ICO), Spain's national promotional bank.

Type of support: Loans, guarantees and other financial instruments for business investment, digitalisation, innovation and growth.

Objective: ICO **improves access to finance for companies, self-employed professionals and entrepreneurs** by supporting investment, business development and digital transformation. Its financing lines may also include specific components for tourism, sustainability and university digitalisation.

Target beneficiaries: Self-employed professionals, SMEs, larger companies and entrepreneurs carrying out eligible investment or business-development projects in Spain. Certain lines may target specific sectors or applicant categories.

Geographical scope / Eligibility: National. Applicants must meet the conditions of the relevant ICO financing line and demonstrate the viability of the proposed investment.

Access and funding conditions: Financing may be provided through ICO's partner financial institutions or, for certain products, directly through ICO. Support can take the form of loans, leasing, guarantees or other financial instruments. Loan amounts, interest rates, repayment periods, grace periods, collateral requirements and eligible investments depend on the selected product and the assessment carried out by the participating financial institution or ICO.

When to use it:

- ✓ For investment-intensive digitalisation or innovation projects
- ✓ For tourism businesses modernising facilities, services or operations
- ✓ For business growth and scaling when grant funding is insufficient
- ✓ For complementing public grants with debt financing

Link to official source: [ICO – Business financing and national financing lines;](https://www.ico.es/financiacion_empresarial)
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Public grant and subsidy calls in Spain — including national, regional (Autonomous Communities) and local programmes — are officially published through the Base de Datos Nacional de Subvenciones (BDNS). This central government portal provides a single access point to search active and closed calls by sector, beneficiary type, territory or keyword, making it the most comprehensive and authoritative source for identifying funding opportunities across cultural heritage, digitalisation and tourism. Official portal: <https://www.infosubvenciones.es/bdnstrans/GE/es/convocatorias>

Regional - Galicia

Axencia Galega de Innovación (GAIN)

Level: Regional ([Xunta de Galicia](#))

Managing authority: Government of Galicia – Axencia Galega de Innovación (GAIN), the regional innovation agency responsible for implementing Galicia's research and innovation policies.

Type of support: Grants and innovation support instruments, including non-repayable R&D grants, innovation vouchers and collaborative research and innovation programmes.

Objective: GAIN is the regional innovation agency of Galicia and the main implementing body of Galicia's Smart Specialisation Strategy ([RIS3 Galicia 2021–2027](#) and the first interregional RIS, [RIS3T](#), between Galicia and North Portugal). It **coordinates and finances research and innovation policy at regional level**, acting as the key interface between EU Cohesion Policy, regional priorities and business R&D.

Target beneficiaries: SMEs, research centres, universities and innovation consortia (business-led or research-led).

Geographical scope / Eligibility: Applicants must generally be established in Galicia. Eligibility conditions depend on the specific programme and call.

Access and funding conditions: GAIN programmes are financed through the regional budget of the Xunta de Galicia, typically combined with ERDF under the [Galicia 2021–2027 Programme](#). Some calls may be linked to ESF+ (talent schemes) or Recovery & Resilience Facility (NextGenerationEU).

Competitive regional calls are published on the Xunta de Galicia and GAIN websites. Applications usually require technical project description, budget plan and innovation impact justification.

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When to use it?

- ✓ For regional innovation and pilot projects
- ✓ For collaboration between SMEs and universities or research centres
- ✓ For early-stage digital heritage or tourism technology development
- ✓ As a first step before scaling innovation nationally (e.g., CDTI) or internationally

Link to official source: [GAIN \[Agencia Gallega de Innovación\]](#)

Instituto Galego de Promoción Económica (IGAPE)

Level: Regional (Xunta de Galicia)

Managing authority: Government of Galicia – Instituto Galego de Promoción Económica (IGAPE), the regional agency responsible for promoting business competitiveness, investment and economic development.

Type of support: Grants, soft loans, guarantees and other financial instruments supporting business development, investment and internationalisation.

Objective: IGAPE promotes **economic growth and business competitiveness in Galicia** by supporting investment, SME development, industrial modernisation and access to finance.

Target beneficiaries: SMEs, industrial companies, tourism businesses and investors operating in Galicia

Geographical scope / Eligibility: Applicants must generally be companies established or investing in Galicia. Eligibility conditions depend on the specific programme or call.

Access and funding conditions: IGAPE programmes are financed through the Regional budget combined with ERDF (Galicia 2021–2027). Certain schemes have been supported through Recovery & Resilience Facility (NextGenerationEU). IGAPE additionally manages regional financial instruments, including loan and guarantee schemes.

Public regional calls or applications for financial instruments (loans or guarantees) are

published on the IGAPE website. Procedures typically focus on investment viability and business impact, rather than research excellence.

[Ayudas - Igape](#)

When to use it:

- ✓ For SME digital adoption and Industry 4.0 modernisation
- ✓ For tourism infrastructure upgrades and service innovation
- ✓ For scaling regional business activity and investment projects
- ✓ For initiatives where business investment and competitiveness, rather than R&D, are the main focus

Link to official source: [Instituto Gallego de Promoción Económica - Igape](#)

Turismo de Galicia

Level: Regional (Xunta de Galicia)

Managing authority: Government of Galicia – Turismo de Galicia, the regional authority responsible for tourism policy, destination management and tourism sector development.

Type of support: Grants and investment support programmes for tourism competitiveness, sustainability and destination development.

Objective: Turismo de Galicia promotes the competitiveness, sustainability and development of the tourism sector in Galicia, including digital transformation and visitor-experience components where supported by the relevant programme.

Target beneficiaries: Municipalities, tourism SMEs, destination management organisations and cultural-tourism operators.

Geographical scope / Eligibility: Applicants must generally be established in Galicia. Eligibility conditions depend on the specific tourism programme or call.

Access and funding conditions: Grants and investment support are awarded through sector-specific regional calls for tourism businesses, municipalities, destination organisations and other eligible operators. Funding may combine the regional tourism budget with ERDF or other European resources. Eligible activities, costs, funding rates, maximum amounts and application procedures vary by programme.

[Ayudas y subvenciones - GALICIA](#)

When to use it?

- ✓ For smart tourism destination development
- ✓ For digital heritage interpretation tools and visitor experience innovation
- ✓ For sustainable tourism infrastructure
- ✓ For local authority-led tourism initiatives and destination management projects

Link to official source: [Turismo de Galicia. - GALICIA](#)