

# Galicia

## THE BEST WAY IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Discover Spain's fastest-growing bioregion. A vibrant ecosystem where science, talent and business move together toward a sustainable and innovative future.



### Priority Subsectors



Management and use of marine and fishing resources



Agricultural, livestock and forestry production and use



Functional foods and nutraceuticals for health and active aging



New technologies for personalized medicine



Drug and vaccine development and production



Environment, circular economy and bioenergy

### The Galician Bioregion in figures // Data for the period 2021-2023

**160**

Companies

**24**

New companies  
2021-2023

**17%**

Total R&D spending  
in Galicia

**+6%**

Employment  
growth rate

### Ecosystem

- 6 Clusters
- 6 CIGUS Network Research Centers
- 2 Technological Centers
- 1 Digital Innovation Hub
- 4 CSIC-affiliated centers
- 3 Universities
- 5 Health Research Foundations



### Useful links:



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Galicia Bio Website



Strategy for the Consolidation of  
the Biotechnology Sector in Galicia

# Galician Delegation Entities at BIOSPAIN 2025



The Government of Galicia is committed to the biotechnology sector under the Biotechnology Consolidation Strategy 2021 - 2025, aiming to position Galicia as an international benchmark. It also seeks to attract investment, talent and new companies - strengthening the economy and contributing to the region's sustainable development.

The main organizations involved are:



## Galician Innovation Agency (GAIN)

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The Galician Innovation Agency (GAIN) is a Galician public entity, attached to the Ministry of Education, Science, Universities, and Vocational Training, which promotes policies and initiatives that foster scientific excellence, knowledge transfer, talent, and innovation as levers for economic and social transformation, through the generation of knowledge and technology in strategic areas with a high socioeconomic impact for Galicia, such as biotechnology.



## Galician Health Knowledge Agency (ACIS)

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A Galician public entity attached to the Ministry of Health and the Galician Health Service, it is a key player in the Galician health research and innovation ecosystem. It is responsible for managing the knowledge generated within the Galician Public Health System in four strategic areas: professional training, research, innovation, and technology assessment.



## IDIS Galician Health Research Foundation

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FIDIS, the managing entity of IDIS, the Santiago de Compostela Health Research Institute, is a translational biomedical research center that integrates professionals with the goal of improving public health. This research work translates into the generation of results, which are available to stakeholders in the biomedical and healthcare sectors, seeking co-development agreements or licensing contracts for commercial exploitation.



## Galician Biomedical Research Foundation Galicia Sur

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The Galician Public Foundation for Biomedical Research in Southern Galicia (FPGIBGS) is the entity responsible for managing research in the Health Areas of Vigo, Pontevedra, and O Salnés, as well as Ourense, Verín, and O Barco de Valdeorras, and the Southern Galicia Health Research Institute (IISGS). Based at the Álvaro Cunqueiro Hospital, it is responsible for providing comprehensive support for research, development, and technological innovation projects carried out in these areas.



## Galician Foundation for Biomedical Research INIBIC

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The Galician Public Foundation for Biomedical Research (FINIBIC) is a Galician healthcare institution dedicated to promoting research, teaching, and innovation in the field of health. Based in A Coruña, it manages R&D&I projects, promotes technology transfer, and collaborates with public and private entities to improve healthcare and promote scientific development in Galicia.



## Xesgalicia

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Venture Capital and Private Equity Unit of the Galician Government. It invests in capital and convertible loans through four specialized vehicles, with more than €200 million, two of which focus on innovative start-ups from seed to Series A stages.



## Clusters



The Clúster Tecnolóxico Empresarial das Ciencias da Vida (BIOGA) is a non-profit association that represents and supports companies, startups, technology centers, universities, public administrations, and entrepreneurs operating in Galicia. It connects and energizes the biotechnology sector through services and strategic initiatives that promote collaboration, innovation, and business growth.

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The Cluster Saúde de Galicia (CSG) is a sectoral organization that drives excellence in health through collaboration among companies, knowledge centers, public administrations, and society. With a focus on technology, longevity, circular economy, and biomedicine, it promotes innovation to position Galicia as a key player in the global health ecosystem.

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Viratec, the Galician Cluster of Environmental Solutions and Circular Economy, is a group of over eighty Galician entities from the environmental sector. We promote solutions related to the environment and circular economy. Our mission is to contribute to value creation in the region by fostering innovation, technological capacity, and business competitiveness, acting as a driving force for social and environmental well-being and economic progress.

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## Universities



With an annual R&D budget of over €100 million, the University of Santiago de Compostela (USC) is committed to specialization in biotechnology and biomedicine through its International Campus of Excellence, "Campus Vida." This campus includes specialized centers in molecular medicine and chronic diseases (CIMUS), biological chemistry and molecular materials (CIQUS), intelligent technologies (CITIUS), and experimental biomedicine (CEBEGA), and is also part of the Health Research Institute of Santiago (IDIS).

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Universidade de Vigo

The University of Vigo is a public institution of higher education and research that has established itself as a university committed to innovation, technological development, and collaboration with its socioeconomic environment. Through its specialized research groups and centers, advanced scientific infrastructures, and strong partnerships with the productive sector, UVigo drives a biotechnology focused on innovation, knowledge transfer, and social impact.

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The University of A Coruña promotes applied research, innovation, and university-industry collaboration to generate knowledge with socioeconomic impact. Through its research groups and centers, such as CICA – the Interdisciplinary Center for Chemistry and Biology – it develops solutions in the environmental, biotechnological, health, and life sciences fields, addressing the challenges faced by society and the productive sector.

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