

GALICIA, THE BEST WAY IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

The Bioregion in numbers



The ecosystem

The strength of the biotechnology ecosystem is based on the high caliber of its researchers, the promotion of technology transfer, innovation, and strong ties to business networks that are firmly committed to biotechnology.

- 8 Clusters**
- 10 REDE CIGUS Centers**
- 8 Technology centers**
- 1 Digital Innovation Hub**
- 4 CSIC Associations**
- 3 Universities**
- 5 Healthcare foundations**

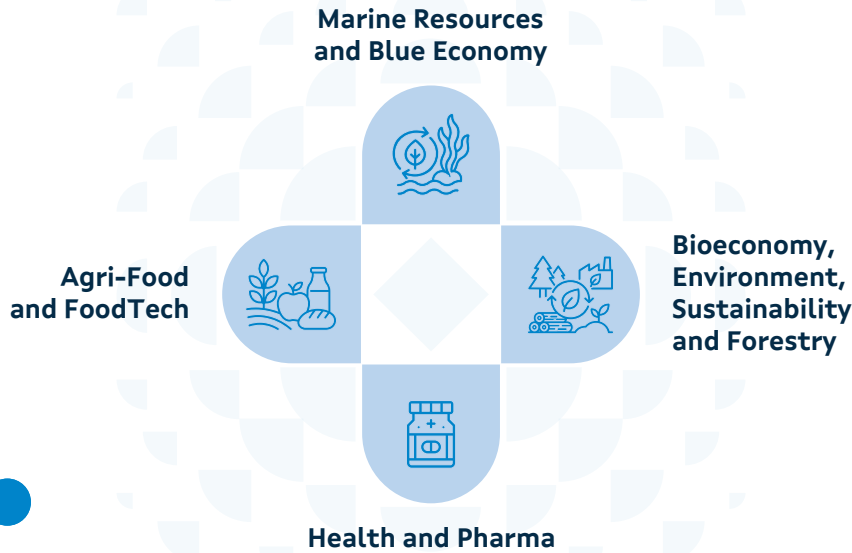
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Galicia

Discover Spain's fastest-growing bioregion.

A vibrant ecosystem where science, talent, and business move forward together toward a sustainable and innovative future.

Priority Subsectors



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Organizations in the GaliciaBio delegation



The Galician Regional Government is committed to the biotechnology sector as part of the Galician Biotechnology Strategy 2026–2030, With this new strategy, its goal is not only to continue growing but to do so with international ambition, with the capacity to scale up companies, mobilize private investment, and turn scientific knowledge into global solutions, thereby strengthening its economy and contributing to the sustainable development of the Bioregion.

The main organizations involved are:



Galician Agency for Innovation (GAIN)

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

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Galician Agency for Health Knowledge (ACIS)

A Galician public entity under the Regional Ministry of Health and the Galician Health Service, a key player in Galicia's health research and innovation ecosystem, responsible for managing the knowledge generated within the Galician Public Health System across four strategic areas: professional training, research, innovation, and technology assessment.

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Galician Public Foundation, Santiago de Compostela Health Research Institute

The Galician Public Foundation—Health Research Institute of Santiago de Compostela is the entity that manages IDIS, a translational biomedical research center that brings together professionals with a single goal: to improve the health of the public. This research work results in findings that are made available to stakeholders in the biomedical and healthcare sectors, with the aim of securing co-development agreements or licensing contracts for their commercial exploitation.

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Galician Public Foundation for Biomedical Research (INIBIC)

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. It is responsible for managing R&D&I in the A Coruña and Ferrol Health Regions, and its objectives include fostering technology transfer and collaborating with public and private entities to improve healthcare and promote scientific development in Galicia.

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Galician Public Foundation for Biomedical Research- Southern Galicia

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

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Xesgalicia

A venture capital and private equity fund management company of the Xunta de Galicia. It invests in equity and convertible loans through four specialized vehicles, with more than 200 million euros, two of which focus on innovative startups from the seed stage through Series A.

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clusters



Bioga

The Galician Life Sciences Business and Technology Cluster (Bioga) is a nonprofit business association that represents and supports the value chain of the biotechnology sector operating in Galicia, bringing together companies, startups, technology centers, universities, government agencies, and entrepreneurs. It works to enhance the sector's competitiveness and generate business by promoting initiatives and services aimed at members of the ecosystem.

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Viratec

The Galician Cluster leading the green transition. The Viratec cluster is the economic interest association (AEI) that brings together the leading Galician players in the environmental value chain and the circular economy. We connect industrial capabilities, knowledge, and innovation to drive projects, investment, and technology transfer, leading initiatives such as BFClimattech. We are an active partner in developing strategic collaborations with national and international reach.

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Galicia Health Cluster

The Galicia Health Cluster (CSG) is a sector-specific organization that promotes excellence in health through collaboration among companies, knowledge centers, public administrations, and civil society. With a particular focus on digital health and technology applied to health, longevity, biomedicine, and the circular economy, it fosters innovation, talent, and public-private cooperation to position Galicia as a leading player and benchmark in the global health ecosystem.

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CETGA (Aquaculture Cluster)

The Aquaculture Cluster is a nonprofit business association that brings together organizations from the aquaculture sector around the world. We promote the competitiveness of companies through R&D&I, applying biotechnology in strategic areas such as animal health, nutrition, and welfare. Through our Technology Center, CETGA, we provide the production sector with more than two decades of experience in R&D&I, along with state-of-the-art experimental facilities.

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University of Santiago de Compostela (USC)

With an annual R&D budget of more than 100 million €, the USC is committed to specialization in biotechnology and biomedicine through its "Campus Vida" International Campus of Excellence, which includes centers specializing in molecular medicine and chronic diseases (CIMUS), biological chemistry and molecular materials (CIQUS), smart technologies (CITIUS), and a center for experimental biomedicine (CEBEGA), in addition to being part of IDIS.

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ANFACO CYTMA

It promotes biotechnology as a driver of transformation in the blue economy, connecting science, business, and innovation to create solutions with industrial impact. Based in Galicia, it develops innovations in food and health, marine resources, sustainability, and the circular economy, supported by advanced technologies and digitalization. In this way, it generates value and new opportunities for the sector and promotes a more innovative, competitive, and internationally oriented maritime and fisheries bioeconomy.

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University of Vigo (UVigo)

The University of Vigo positions itself as a key strategic partner for innovation and technological development in the biotech sector. Through its specialized research groups and centers, advanced scientific infrastructure, and close partnerships with the broader socioeconomic community, UVigo promotes biotechnology focused on innovation, technology transfer, and social impact.

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University of A Coruña (UDC)

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 fields of the environment, biotechnology, health, and the life sciences, from a One Health perspective, addressing the challenges faced by society and the business community.

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