

SPAIN, A LEADING COUNTRY IN NANOTECHNOLOGY

Over the 2004-2013 period several Spanish Ministries have promoted several nanotechnology initiatives ranging from large scale coordinated projects led by companies to the establishment of joint research international centers as the International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory. Those initiatives were launched under the framework of the Nanotechnology Strategic Action (2004-2007 and 2008-2011).

The current Estate Plan for Science, Technology and Innovation 2013-2016 also includes several actions in key enabling technologies, nanotechnology among them, following the EU Industrial Leadership strategies.

Nowadays the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO) provides several coordination and funding schemes to promote nanotechnology in Spain towards national and international calls.

As a result of these initiatives together those promoted by regional governments and private companies Spain is within the top ten countries in publications and citations.

Current and future efforts include the rationalization of nanotechnology infrastructures, the transference of nanotechnology to spin-offs and consolidated companies, and dissemination activities to engage society in the nanotechnology development.

MINECO booth (Spanish Pavilion-East Hall 5/Booth 5Q-17) provides an opportunity to nanotech 2014 attendees who wish to know the capacities of the Spain R&D system in nanotechnology for further collaboration.

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