Spain Business Opportunities in ICT



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1. DYNAMIC, ATTRACTIVE AND MODERN ECONOMY

- Spain is the world's 12th largest economy and the 5th largest economy in the European Union
- 10th largest investor in the world and 2nd in Latin America
- 7th largest FDI recipient worldwide and 3rd in the EU
- More than **10,300 foreign companies** already located in the country, including **75 of the Forbes Top100**
- The 7th largest exporter and 9th importer of commercial services worldwide
- The world's 3rd tourist destination, and 5th destination in meetings, conferences and exhibitions
- Low inflation, low interest rates
- Double taxation treaties and Reciprocal Protection Agreements with more than 60 countries
- Low corruption rating



2. GEOSTRATEGIC LOCATION

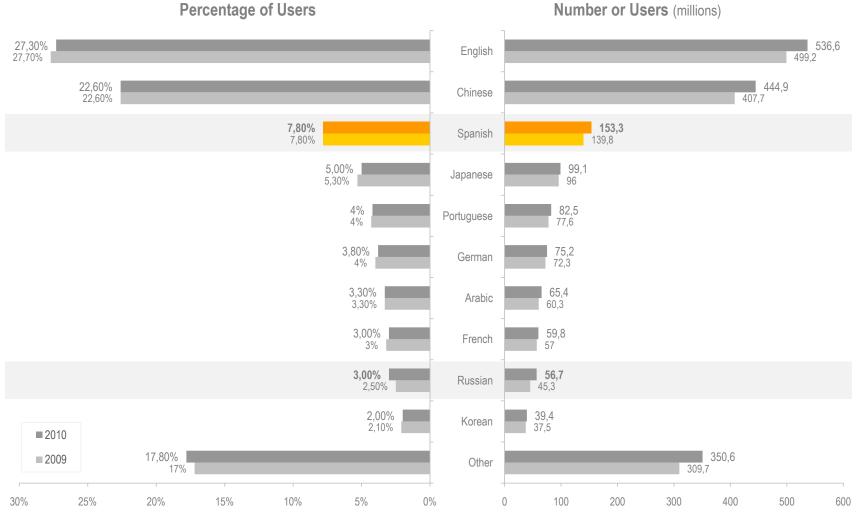
Spain offers a privileged position for accessing southern Europe's key markets, Latin America and North Africa:





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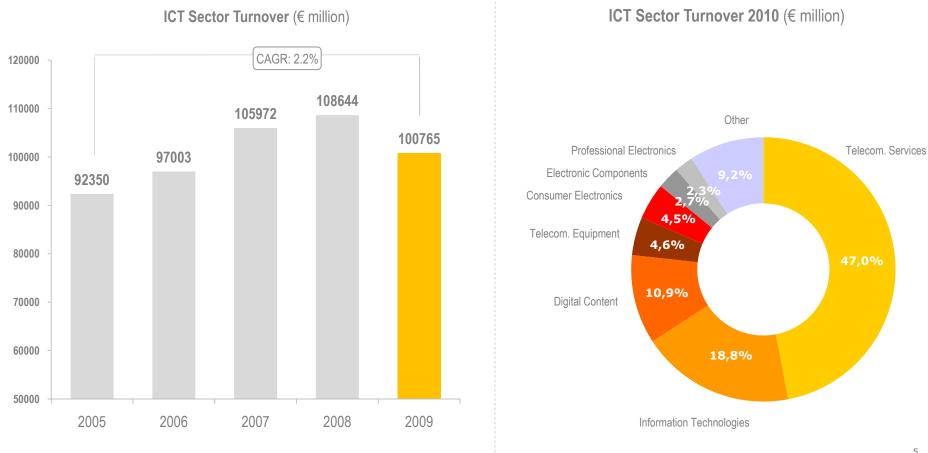


Source: Internet World Stats 2010



3. MATURE ICT MARKET, WITH A HIGH GROWTH EXPECTANCY

- According to the EITO, Spain is the fifth ICT market by volume in Europe. The ICT market in Spain has grown over the last 7 years by **31.9%**.
- **Innovation investment** (R&D&I)* in the ICT sector has almost doubled (x1.9) over the period 2003-2009. It accounts 40% of the total amount invested by the private sector.

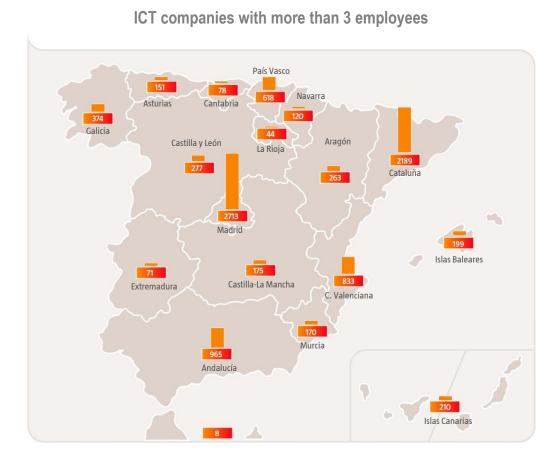


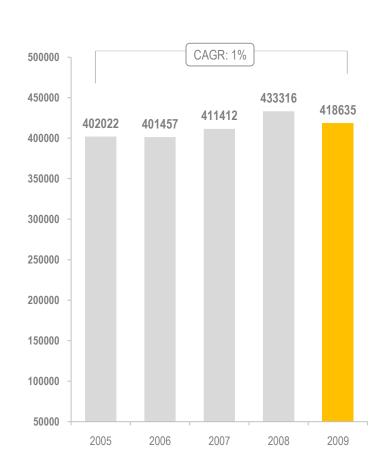
Source: ONTSI, Observatorio Nacional de Tecnologías de la Información y SI



3. MATURE ICT MARKET, WITH A HIGH GROWTH EXPECTANCY

There are more than **20,600 ICT** companies already operating in Spain, employing over **418,600 workers**.





Direct employment in the ICT Sector in Spain

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Softtek[®]



BearingPoint Management & Technology Consultants

3. MATURE ICT MARKET, WITH A HIGH GROWTH EXPECTANCY

Leading **ICT multinationals** are already successfully located in Spain, taking advantage of Spain's benefits:



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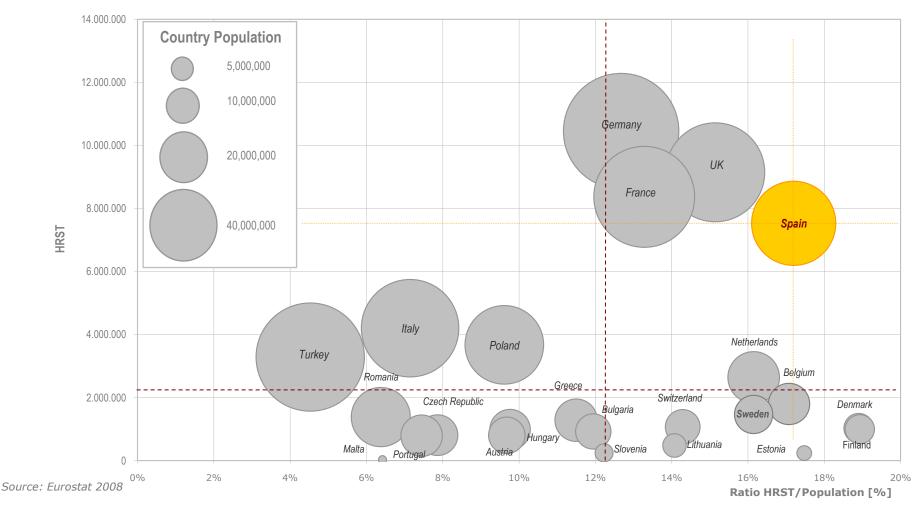




4. AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED HUMAN RESOURCES

 Highly educated, Spain holds the 12th position among OECD countries in percentage of university graduates in the 25-34 years range, and ranks fourth in Europe in terms of number of persons with a scientific or technical tertiary education

Human Resources in Science and Technology aged 25-64 with tertiary education

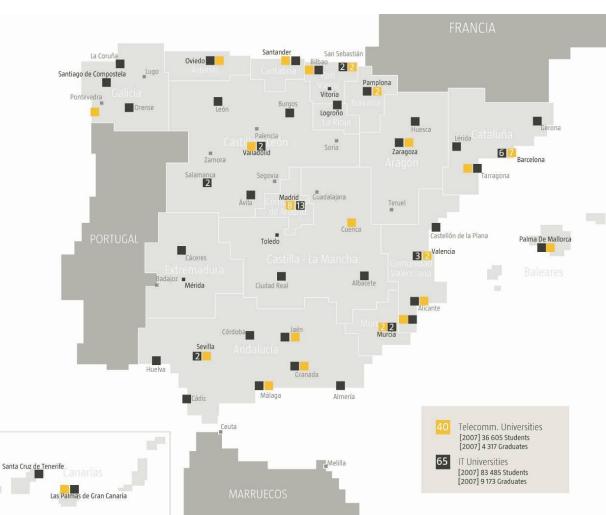




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- Spain has a network of **74 Universities**, most of them offering IT and Telecom engineering studies
- More than 33 900 engineers graduate in Spain every year.

Students undertaking engineering studies 2008-2009	
Degree	Students
IT Engineering	22 224
Telecom. Engineering	15 247
Industrial Engineering	32 263
Other Engineering studies	40 288
Engineering Students (5 yrs)	110 022
IT Technical Engineering	46 992
Telecom. Technical Engineering	15 387
Industrial Technical Engineering	58 348
Other Technical Engineering St.	43 072
Tech. Eng. Students (3 yrs)	163 799
Total Engineers	285 532



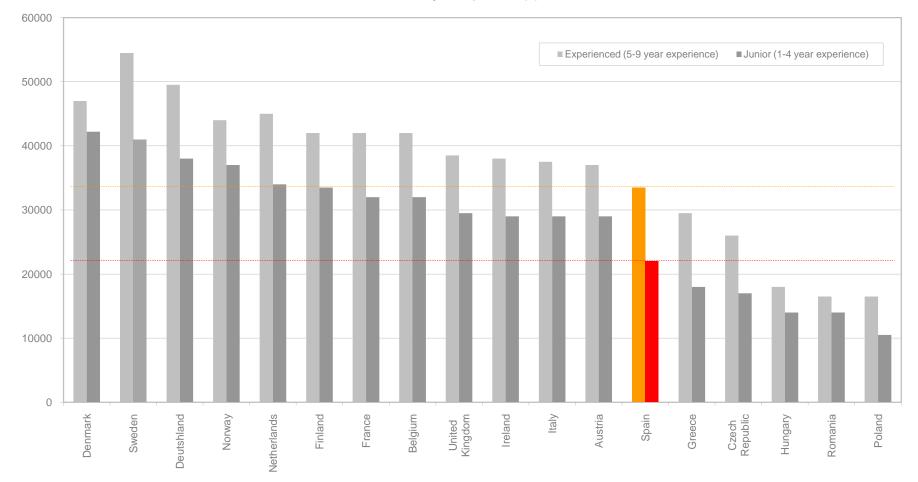
Source: INE – Spanish Statistics Institute 2010 Technical Engineering Studies (3 yrs) ~ Bachelors Degree Engineering Studies (5 yrs) ~ Masters Degree



5. COMPETITIVE & PREDICTIBLE LABOR COSTS

Labor costs in the ICT sector are **far below the average for EU Countries** and still competitive with those of the new players:

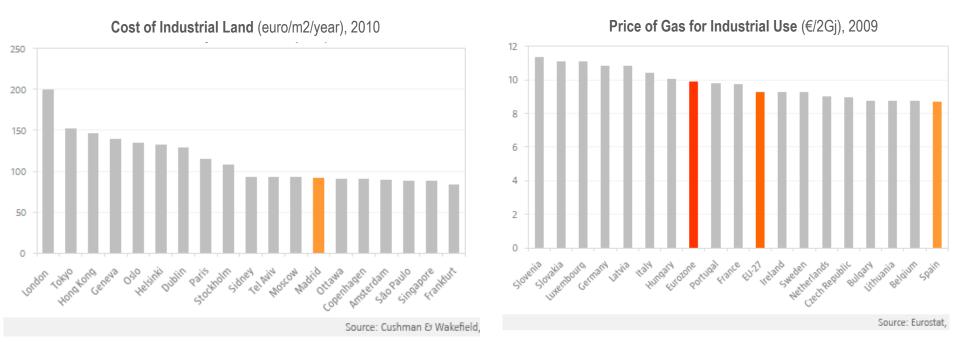
IT Salary Comparison (€)





6. GOOD BALANCE BETWEEN OPERATIONAL COSTS AND DEGREE OF DEVELOPMENT

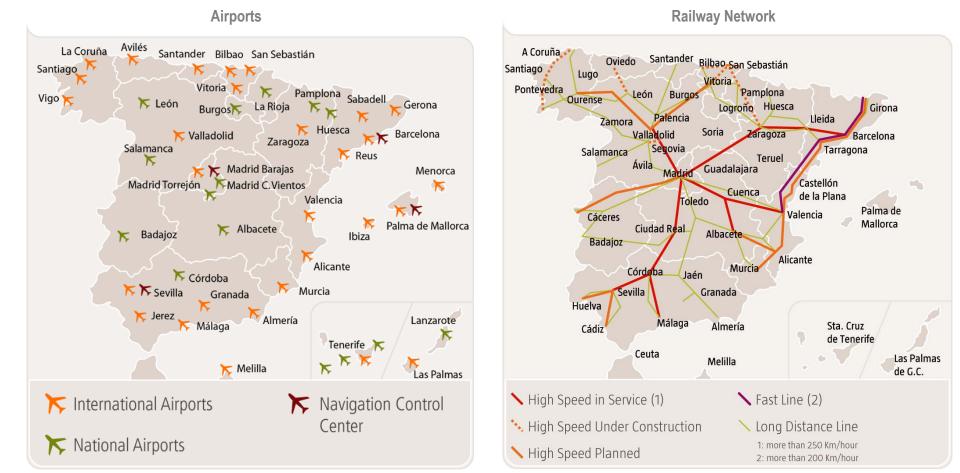
Operational costs in Spain follow the same pattern as labour costs, offering important savings against other Western European countries:





7. MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE AND INNOVATION NETWORKS

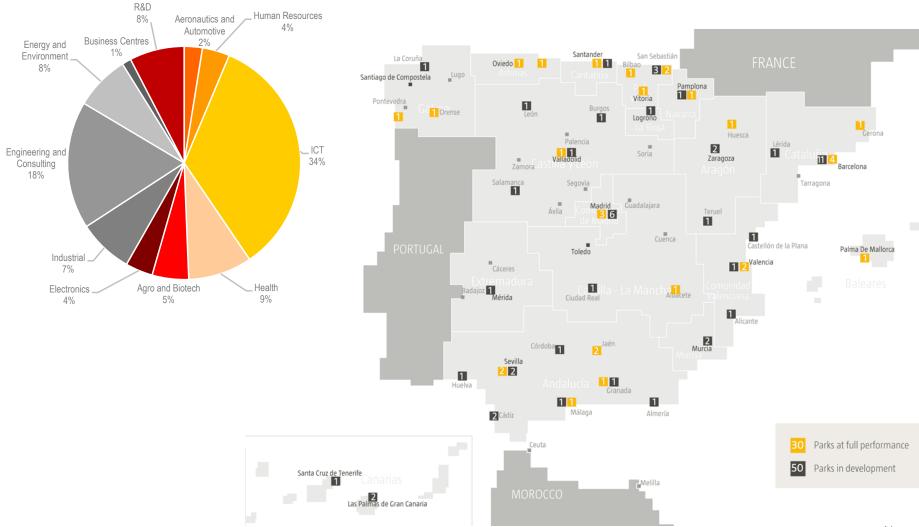
- 250 airlines have scheduled flights, operating out of the country's 47 airports
- Largest high-speed rail network in Europe, reaching 2,600 kilometers in late 2010
- Largest EU highway network
- 46 Atlantic and Mediterranean ports, making Spain 3rd in maritime transport of goods





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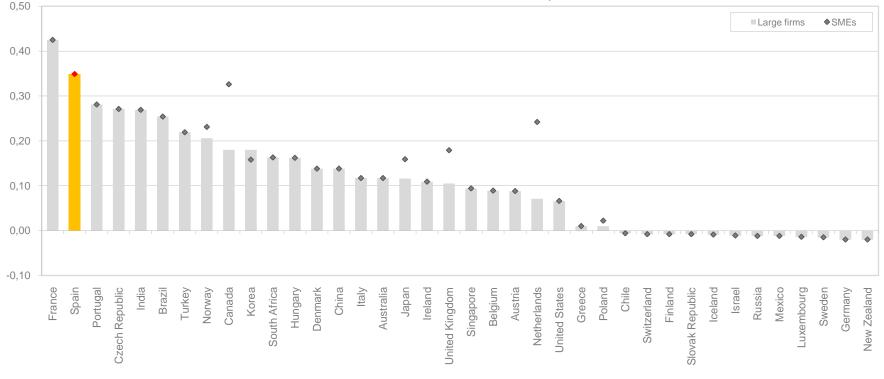
80 Technology Parks, hosting over 5,115 companies:





8. GENEROUS GRANTS & INCENTIVES SCHEME

- Investors can benefit from a wide range of aid instruments & incentives at European, national and regional levels: incentives for hiring & training of workers, R&D&I, financial and tax incentives to encourage innovation and technological improvement, etc.
- Spain offers one of the most favorable fiscal frameworks for R&D among OECD countries for large companies and SMEs
- **Invest in Spain** manages a European Technology Fund aimed at promoting R&D investments from foreign capital companies



Rate of Tax Subsidies for R&D, 2008

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9. EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY OF LIFE

- The Economist ranks the quality of life in Spain third in the world in terms of a set of social, political, cultural and economic parameters
- Largest number of International Schools in Europe
- Outstanding & modern health system with very high standards
- Favorable fiscal regime for *expatriates* (flat rate of 24% on the personal income tax for the first 6 years in the country)
- High employee retention
- Law enforcement: Assurance & stability in business and social life
- Excellent climate, first-class gastronomy, wide range of cultural and leisure activities
- Spain was chosen in 2007 as the best place to live and to work in by European CEOs



10. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES



Spain offers interesting opportunities in

- ✓ Auxiliary services to mobile phones
- ✓ **e-Government**, Services for the Electronic ID
- ✓ Open Source Software
- ✓ Nearshore
- ✓ e-Health
- ✓ e-Security
- Digital Content and Videogames
- Intelligent Transport Systems
- M2M Communications and Traceability Technologies
- eCommerce and Internet

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