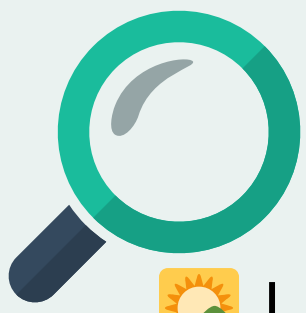




**Do you want to
learn more about
Aragon??**





Aragon at a glance



Located in northeastern Spain, Aragon is home to 1.3 million people and spans from the Pyrenees to the Ebro Valley and Iberian Mountains.



It borders France, Cataluña, Valencia, Castilla–La Mancha, Castilla y León, La Rioja, and Navarra.



✓ Divided into Huesca, Zaragoza, and Teruel.



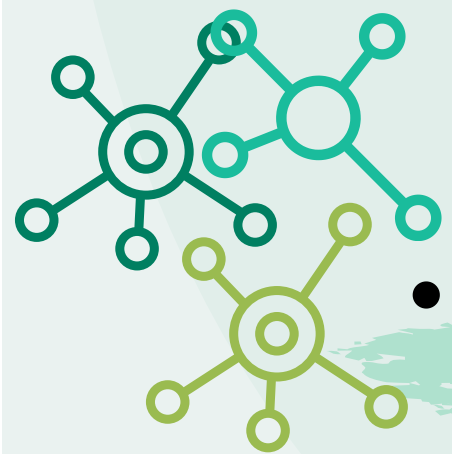
Its capital Zaragoza is Spain's 4th largest city and a key economic and cultural hub.

Industry key players...



Aragon combines a strong industrial base with a growing services sector.

- Zaragoza is a strategic logistics hub in southern Europe.
- Key industries: automotive, machinery, renewables, agri-food.
- Technology parks, the PLAZA logistics platform, and academic institutions that support innovation and sustainability.
- Above-average GDP per capita and high business density.



- The southern areas have lower population density, impacting economic growth.

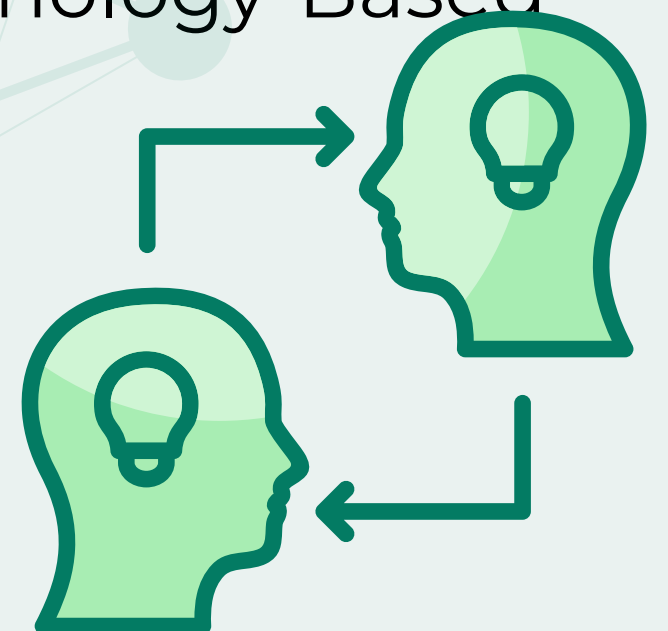
- Economic activity is unevenly distributed, which poses challenges for inclusive growth across the region.





Priorities of the regional RIS3 strategy

1. Industrial Modernisation.
2. Support for the Creation and Strengthening of R&D&I Ecosystems in Smart Specialisation Areas
3. Promotion of Cluster Policy.
4. Enhancing Efficiency and Coordination among Technology Centres
5. Incentives for Creating and Strengthening the R&D&I Ecosystem in Smart Specialisation Areas
6. Bringing Public R&D&I Capabilities Closer to the Territory
7. Smart Specialisation Networks and Platforms
8. Support for a Knowledge and Technology Transfer-Based Economy
9. Promotion of Innovative Educational Programmes
10. Support for Innovative and Technology-Based Entrepreneurship





Main RTOs / R&D Centres in Aragon

- University of Zaragoza
- Technological Institute of Aragón (ITAINNOVA)
- Agri-Food Research and Technology Centre of Aragón (CITA)
- Institute of Nanoscience and Materials of Aragon (INMA)
- Institute for Biocomputation and Physics of Complex Systems (BIFI)
- Aragon Institute of Engineering Research (I3A)
- Aragon Institute of Health Research (IIS Aragon)
- Aragonese Agency for Research and Development Foundation (ARAID)
- Hydrogen Foundation Aragon

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contributions

- New channels for Aragon to cooperate with other European regions.
- Structured peer learning from regions leading
- Enhanced international visibility.
- Stimulate investment and modernization across Aragón's industrial sectors.

Innovation interests

Priority Technological and Scientific Areas

- Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Internet of Things (IoT) and supercomputing
- Robotics, industrial automation and advanced manufacturing
- New materials, nanotechnology and quantum technologies
- Renewable energy, green hydrogen, energy storage and energy efficiency
- Biotechnology, bioeconomy and digital health
- Sustainability technologies: circular economy, water, waste and ecological transition
- Technologies applied to cultural industries, smart tourism and heritage

Strategic Economic Sectors

- Agri-food and biotechnology
- Automotive and sustainable mobility
- Renewable energy and hydrogen
- Health and wellbeing
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Advanced logistics
- Cultural and creative industries
- Sustainable and smart tourism



Track record

Digital Infrastructure: A strategic European hub with major investments in data centers and cloud computing.

Industrial Innovation: Strong growth in advanced manufacturing, especially in automotive and agri-food sectors.

Modern Logistics: Strategic investments position Aragón as a logistics powerhouse.

Green Energy & Decarbonization: Pioneering renewable initiatives, with a focus on green H₂ and energy independence.

Sustainable Water Management: Leadership in water technology and infrastructure for efficient resource use



