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your European partner"*



*Business Support on Your Doorstep*

Idepa offers the following **European services** to companies:

- Advice on European law and policies
- Promotion of business co-operation
- Support for the participation of Asturian partners in European projects

IDEPA joined the Enterprise Europe Network in 2008. Set up by the European Commission, this network brings together 600 organisations. To this end we have joined forces with entities from Asturias, Galicia, Cantabria and Castilla León to set up the north-eastern Spain consortium called Galactea Plus.

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*"IDEPA, a reliable partner for my project".*

**What's it?** IDEPA is the economic development agency of the Principality of Asturias, a public body attached to the Regional Industry and Employment Ministry.

**What does it do?** It enhances the regional economic growth, promotes innovation and technology as a basis for new productive activities and processes with high added value.

IDEPA has wide experience as a partner in EU funded projects, it counts on a multidisciplinary skilled team and an office based in Brussels.

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*"We the businessmen know that there's strength in numbers. The Clusters allow us to be more competitive".*

**Strategy.** IDEPA promotes the networking of Asturian companies by their organization into clusters and innovative enterprise groupings. It's a priority strategy.

**How does it act?** IDEPA supports the Technology Platform **Manufaturi@s**, a regional initiative aligned with the European platform MANUFUTURE. Moreover, it's implementing other seven clusters in the following sectors: energy, maritime sector, agro-food industry, wood and furniture, automotive and sustainable chemical industries and knowledge.

TECHNOLOGICAL OFFER Network of Technological Centres of Asturias:
<b>ITMA Foundation</b> Non-Metallic Materials Technological Centre and Technological Centre for Steel and Metallic Materials.
<b>PRODINTEC Foundation</b> Industrial design, manufacturing, management of R+D+I, international projects.
<b>CTIC Foundation</b> Promoting ICTs and the development of Information Society.
<b>Barredo Foundation</b> Technological Centre for Underground Experimentation and Centre for FIRE Testing and Tunnel Ventilation.

SCIENTIFIC OFFER
<b>Gijón Oceanographic Centre</b>
<b>National Coal Institute, INCAR</b>
<b>Nanomaterial and Nanotechnology Research Centre</b>
<b>Dairy Products Institute, IPLA</b>
<b>Regional Service for Agricultural Food Production, Research and Development in Asturias, SERIDA</b>
<b>European Centre for Soft Computing</b>
<b>University of Oviedo*</b>

OTHER TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS
<b>Experimental Fishing Centre</b>
<b>Interprofessional Dairy and Agro-food Laboratory of Asturias</b>
<b>Meat Industry Association Laboratory</b>

INNOVATION SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURES
<b>Technology Park of Asturias</b>
<b>Science and Technology Park of Gijón</b>
<b>European Business and Innovation Centre</b>
<b>Technology Transfer Offices</b>

*"Innovation allows you to advance: in this respect, ASTURIAS puts within your reach the widest offer".*

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*"Asturias is a region that looks at Europe. Nowadays, it is a suitable place for the innovative projects to go ahead".*

#### Innovating from Asturias

**TIC.** Since 2003, the CTIC Foundation is the home of the **W3C Spanish Office**, research forum on the subject made up of specialists from all around the world // Lofti Zadeh, father of the Fuzzy Logic, chairs the Scientific Committee of the **European Centre for Soft Computing** established in Mieres since 2006.

**Research.** The National Coal Institute led the project **6FP IP NANOKER** on the nanomaterials area with a consortium composed by 24 partners located in 10 European countries // Asturias takes part in the project **CETICA** researching and developing new construction systems based on steel.

**Industry.** The Principality of Asturias and **ArcelorMittal**, the world's number one steel company, support together the Avilés Technological Development Centre. It will be the international reference in steel research // **ThyssenKrupp Elevator** has started up its International RTDI Centre in Gijón. The Research and Development Centre of **Saint Gobain Cristalería** in Avilés, the only centre of the group in Spain, is specialized in new glasses as well as glass for the electronic sector.

**Creation.** The **LABoral Art and Industrial Creation Centre** is already set about in Gijón devoted to the exhibition, research, training and production of new art and industrial creation forms.

**Health.** The **University Institute of Oncology of Asturias** is in the second place in Spain with regard to the number of cancer Scientifics, 150 people work on the Institute.

**Energy and Natural Resources.** Asturias has a long energy tradition; nowadays the regional power generation means more than **7% of total produced in Spain**. Asturias is also water-surplus and has the 10% of the Country's water resources.

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*"Asturias, the future begins here"*

*"Asturias, space to grow"*

*"Asturias, starting point"*

\*The Study Programmes of the University of Oviedo comprise a large offer of knowledge. In the University of Oviedo there are about 300 Research Groups and counts with more than ten Institutes specialized on scientific areas. 27,841 students were registered at the academic year 2007/2008, 29.6% of which on technical studies.