

Funding Opportunities at national level

The European Union realise the need to offer financial assistance even at national level.

More informations, for each European country:

<http://europa.eu.int/youreurope/nav/en/business/content/eu/fundingopportunities/en.html>

Funding in Spain

- The Dirección General de Política de la Pequeña y Mediana Empresa (Directorate-General for SME Policy) is responsible for planning, coordinating and monitoring state policy on incentives, support and the promotion of competitiveness for SMEs.
<http://www.ipyme.org/IPYME/es-ES>
- The **Instituto de Crédito Oficial** (ICO) (State Credit Institute) is a public enterprise under the aegis of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance which works to promote an economic growth compatible with greater social and territorial cohesion.
<http://www.ico.es/web/pages/principal>
- The **Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial** (CDTI) (Industrial Technology Development Centre) is a public enterprise under the aegis of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism which promotes innovation and technological development among Spanish businesses. Its aim is to help to raise the technological level of Spanish companies.
<http://www.cdti.es/webCDTI/esp/index.html>
- The **Instituto para la Diversificación y Ahorro de la Energía** (IDAE) (Institute for Energy Saving and Diversification) is a public enterprise attached to the Secretariat-General for Energy of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism which promotes energy efficiency and the rational use of energy in Spain, as well as the diversification of energy sources and the promotion of renewable energies.
<http://www.idae.es/index.asp?i=es>

Other organisations offering businesses cooperation and support:

- **AXIS** (Axis Participaciones Empresariales – a VC firm belonging to ICO) - <http://www.axispart.com/>
- **ASCRI** (Asociación Española de Capital Inversión – Spanish Venture Capital Association), <http://www.ascricapital.com/>
- **ENISA** (Empresa Nacional de Innovación – National Innovation Enterprise), <http://www.enisa.es/ficha01.asp>
- **COFIDES** (Compañía Española de Financiación del Desarrollo – Spanish Development Funding Company), <http://www.cofides.es/present.asp?idesec=1>
- **Chamber of Commerce of MADRID** www.Camaramadrid.es
- **Foundation for knowledge** www.madrimasd.org