

IGNICIA: CONNECTING SCIENCE AND BUSINESS FROM GALICIA





The **Ignicia Knowledge Transfer Programme** is a unique and pioneering initiative in Spain, recognised as a best practice by the **OECD***. Promoted since 2016 by the **Galician Innovation Agency (Axencia Galega de Innovación)** of the **Regional Government of Galicia (Xunta de Galicia)**, its goal is to transfer the results of research carried out in Galician knowledge centres to the productive sector, thereby enhancing the value of investment in science and generating societal impact. Ignicia contributes to making public investment in research economically and socially profitable.

This programme acts as a bridge between excellent science and the business environment, enabling the transformation of research into market solutions while also strengthening all dimensions of the transfer process. Ignicia is implemented through various action lines, including funding and support for valorisation processes, training and professionalisation, strengthening of structures, interaction and promotion of the Galician R&D&I System, and monitoring of the knowledge transfer system.

*OECD (2021), "Improving Knowledge Transfer and Collaboration Between Science and Business in Spain", OECD, No. 122, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/106beefc-en>.

LINES OF ACTION

1. Funding and Support for Valorisation Processes

Proof of Concept Call

Supports and finances the development of commercial applications of research results from Galician knowledge centres, through spin-offs or licensing agreements.

Methodologies to Improve Transfer Processes

Ignicia provides knowledge centres with procedures to assess the commercial viability of R&D results.

PUBLISHED METHODOLOGIES



Preliminary assessment of R&D results by agents of the Galician Innovation System



Preliminary assessment of material-related R&D results within the system



Assessment of the commercial potential of patent-protected technologies





2. Training and Professionalization

Training and Certification for Transfer Management Personnel

Ignicia trains and advises technology transfer professionals aiming to obtain the internationally recognised RTTP (Registered Technology Transfer Professional) certification. Additional activities are organised to meet the training needs of professionals involved in knowledge valorisation and transfer.

Training for Researchers

Through tailored training activities, Ignicia equips researchers with the knowledge and skills to lead transfer processes within their research groups and to improve collaboration with transfer managers.

3. Strengthening of Structures

Ignicia reinforces the network of transfer units within the Galician R&D&I System by promoting actions focused on exploring innovative transfer management models and developing pilot initiatives to improve their efficiency and capabilities.



4. Interaction, Visibility and Promotion of the Galician R&D&I System

Ignicia Forum

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The Ignicia Forum is a flagship annual event that convenes technology transfer professionals, researchers, spin-offs, and all relevant stakeholders to highlight achievements and foster discussion on the challenges of knowledge transfer in Galicia.

Transfer events

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Physical and virtual spaces that connect Galician R&D&I agents, identifying business needs and research capacities to define collaborative projects.

Presence at Transfer Forums

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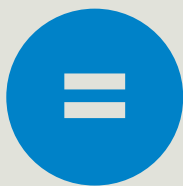
Coordination of the participation of **the Galician R&D&I ecosystem** in events such as **Transfiere (Málaga)** and **Science4Industry (Madrid)**, where Galician entities can showcase their scientific and technological capabilities.



5. Monitoring the Transfer System

Ignicia has an **External Advisory Board**, a consultative body tasked with providing guidance to ensure that the programme's actions align with the needs of the Galician R&D&I ecosystem, while preserving its innovative and pioneering nature.

Its responsibilities include supervising and validating studies on the evolution of knowledge transfer in Galicia, defining transfer indicators, and generating knowledge to inform new measures and policies.



RESULTS



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Since 2016, Ignicia has been
driving the commercialisation of
research results

total Ignicia Programme investment

€21M

The **Proof of Concept Call** has supported, up to 2025

41

projects

21

projects in
development

16

projects on
the market

3

industry
agreements

+

13

spin-off
companies

€29M+

raised by projects
and spin-offs

150+

highly skilled
jobs created



And through the knowledge transfer support actions,
the following was achieved:

20

training activities delivered for
technology transfer
management staff **301 hours**

200+

professionals trained in
knowledge transfer

28

RTTP certified
transfer professionals

12

training actions for
researchers **460.50 hours**

190+

researchers trained in
knowledge transfer

5

knowledge transfer meetings with
over **70 participating companies**
and **32 research groups**

8

participations in national technology
transfer forums since 2022, with
more than **20 Galician R&D&I entities**
represented at each event

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