Spain is the 2nd country worldwide with the larger number of biotech related companies, according to the latest OECD data. 625 companies are dedicated exclusively to biotechnology and more than 3,000 companies use biotechnology in some of their processes. In 2012 the number of jobs in the sector as a whole was more than 200,000 and is 9,988 in biotechnology R&D. In terms of sectorial distribution, it is led by applications in the food sector (66.5%), followed by those associated with human health (19.7%). European leader in clinical trials III, 90 in Phase II and 43 in Phase I, according to data from the Red de Investigación en Biología del Envejecimiento (Instituto Gerontológico de España).

Some features of the biotech sector in Spain:

- Spain is ranked 5th in Europe according to the latest SCImago Country Rank data.
- There are 82 drugs in Phase III, 90 in Phase II and 43 in Phase I, according to data from the Red de Investigación en Biología del Envejecimiento (Instituto Gerontológico de España).
- Spain has the 8th largest pipeline in Europe according to the last data of Beyond Borders Report.
- Ranked 1st in Europe and 8th all over the world in scientific publications in biotechnology according to the latestSCImago

- Based in the last data available of the Business innovation survey, 2012 National Statistics Institute (INE)