



SPAIN

Entrepreneur Residence

Launch an innovative business and obtain residence to develop entrepreneurial activity across Spain.

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About Spain Corporate Immigration

Spain's entrepreneur residence route is designed for non-EU nationals who intend to start, develop or direct an innovative business activity of particular economic interest to Spain.

Applicants need a favourable ENISA report, a credible business plan, health insurance, sufficient financial resources and compliance with immigration requirements. Company incorporation alone does not establish eligibility for entrepreneur residence.

Eligibility

- Non-EU national aged 18 or above
- Innovative activity of economic interest to Spain
- Favourable ENISA report for proposed business project
- Valid passport and clean criminal record
- Health insurance and sufficient financial resources
- Legally compliant business plan and sector licences

Program Overview



Program Type
Entrepreneur Residence
Authorization



Minimum investment
No Fixed Minimum



Processing Time
20 Days for Authorization



Physical Presence Required
Residence in Spain Required

ENISA evaluates the applicant's profile, business plan, financing, innovation, added value and investment opportunities for Spain during assessment.

Key Benefits

- Three-year residence authorization valid throughout Spain
- Two-year renewal when eligibility requirements remain satisfied
- Family applications may be submitted together
- Permission to develop and direct approved business
- Twenty-day legal decision period for authorization
- No statutory minimum investment or job creation



Entrepreneur Residence and Company Formation

The Spanish entrepreneur route connects innovative business development with a three-year residence authorization. Approval depends on an ENISA assessment and compliance with general immigration requirements under Spanish law.

- **Eligible activity:** The project must be innovative and/or have particular economic interest for Spain, supported by an ENISA report.
- **ENISA assessment:** Authorities consider the applicant's professional profile, involvement, business plan, financing, innovation, added value and investment opportunities.
- **No fixed thresholds:** The entrepreneur route sets no minimum investment or employment-creation requirement; project viability remains essential.
- **Company structure:** A Spanish limited company can start with €1 capital, although special reserve and liability rules apply below €3,000.
- **Residence authorization:** Approval is valid throughout Spain for three years and may be renewed for two years while requirements continue.
- **Family and permanence:** Eligible family members may apply jointly or later. Long-term residence may be available after five years, subject to applicable requirements.

Process

- 1 Profile Assessment**
Confirm entrepreneur eligibility, applicant experience, project innovation and Spanish economic interest.
- 2 Business Plan**
Prepare the activity, market, financing, investment, operations and expected economic value.
- 3 ENISA Report**
Submit the project for ENISA's assessment and obtain the required favourable report.
- 4 Company Formation**
Choose the legal structure, obtain identification, execute incorporation and complete tax registration.
- 5 Residence Application**
File electronically with UGE-CE, providing general documents and business evidence.
- 6 Government Decision**
The authorization has a statutory decision period of twenty days after electronic submission.
- 7 Arrival and Compliance**
Complete immigration formalities, operate the approved project and maintain eligibility for renewal in Spain.

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