

Industry 5.0, Bigger Competitiveness, Productive Diversification

Regional Innovation & Smart and Sustainable Specialization Strategies (RIS 4)

### General Socio-economic Profile

Castilla y León is Spain's largest region and the third largest in Europe with a territory of 94,225 km<sup>2</sup>. Agriculture is one of its major economic drivers, representing 15% of Spain's primary sector. But the region also has an important industrial foundation, with food and automotives in the lead, followed by fast-growing knowledge-based sectors such as aerospace, renewable energy, health-biotechnology and ICT.

# Castilla y Leon



2,447,519



94,222 km<sup>2</sup>



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### Good Practices

The Institute for Business Competitiveness of Castilla y León (ICE) leads programmes, actions, policies and financing measures for the private sector at the regional level, and participates in the promotion and deployment of the Spanish Research, Development and Innovation (R&D&i) policies as well as programmes at the EU and international level. Its commitments include:

- Innovation policies and financing for enterprises and technology centres
- Facilitation of regional participation in European R&D programmes
- Promotion of inward/outward investment and internationalisation
- Industrial Soil Policies

### Preferred Areas of Cooperation

The region wishes to foster technological cooperation between local companies and Chinese stakeholders, such as through technology transfer and entrepreneurial collaboration. It also looks forward to sharing best practices on innovation policies and programmes. The focal thematic areas are:

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