



Urban Agendas / planning, SUD Strategies, Public Space, Urban Model

Health, Life Science, Elderly, Bio Economy

Education, Jobs & Skills, Innovation Centres. **Business Clusters**

Tourism & Culture



Digital Transition & Smart City

General Socio-economic Profile

Santiago de Compostela-Ames is a functional area in northwestern Spain, led by the capital of Galicia. Its economic structure features the main seats of the Galician regional administration, a university with centuries of tradition and, of course, and an incomparable cultural capital with the presence of the Cathedral of Santiago and the Way of St. James. The Santiago-Ames Functional Area focuses on sustainable urban development with an integrated approach. It is also a member of the Eixo Atlántico, which promotes cross-border cooperation between Galicia and Northern Portugal.

Santiago de Compostela -Ames





129,952





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Good Practices

URBAN AGENDA: strategy and action plan for sustainable urban development, raising awareness, education, regulation, financing, research, management, facilities, infrastructure, and integration of criteria in urban planning. The Functional Area faces the challenge of being overly dependent on culture and heritage, and looks for new areas to diversify its economy, attract new industry and grow its value chains

SMARTIAGO: It is the first innovative public procurement project carried out by the local authority of a World Heritage City following the Urban Agenda. Its main objective is to implement innovative solutions for smart city development.

BIOPOLO: Biotech companies can carry out their activities in a business-friendly environment, thanks to a close collaboration with the Technological and Business Cluster of Life Sciences (BIOGA). This complements other existing structures, such as the Campus Vida of the University of Santiago, and develops the Galician biotech sector into an industry model by pooling various key actors to a shared location.

COWORKING A PROA: a coworking space in Ames that focuses on the latest technologies and audiovisual products. The space stands out in the business park, and is becoming headquarters of several prestigious firms and brands.

Preferred Areas of Cooperation

- OURBAN AGENDA: Santiago de Compostela- Ames looks for synergic development with other cities with similar characteristics to jointly identify best actions and strategies for the future. The Urban Agenda, as a strategic city plan, helps parameterise public policies for the achieving the 2030 goals. Currently under design, the Urban Agenda, Strategy and Action Plan will define the city's development guidelines in the urban, social, business and environmental spheres. As a medium to long-term strategy, it shall guide the city towards the SDGs of the 2030 Agenda, with a particular focus on SDG 11. Santiago de Compostela- Ames is interested in sharing and comparing its methods with other cities
- OBIOECONOMY: The CAMPUS VIDA of University of Santiago (USC) promotes a new model of research collaboration among public research, health sector and biotech business, driving economic and social growth with scientific excellence. This project builds on collective intelligence to achieve university excellence. This quadruple helix strategy and its development experience will be shared and improved internationally
- OCLUSTERS & INNOVATION CENTRES: Biopolo complements the Campus Vida facilities to create a set of infrastructure for prospective companies. Its creation responds to a demand of biotech companies in Galicia.

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