



Highlights, facts, and news about foreign direct investment in Asturias during December 2021

TOP STORY



Introducing the new S3 Smart Specialization Strategy for Asturias 2021 - 2027

The Asturian Government has just presented the strategy that should mark the change of the productive model in the region, hand in hand with science and innovation.

Five key areas will concentrate the R&D&i projects in order to increase Asturias' competitiveness on the European scene and enhance investment attraction. [**Read more.**](#)



IN DEPTH

VCR 8x8 'Dragon' for the Spanish Army starts production at General Dynamics European Land Systems - Santa Bárbara Sistemas

The Ministry of Defense awarded consortium Tess Defence the 'Dragon' program that envisages the manufacture of 348 units of the vehicle. US GDELS will manufacture in Asturias the barges for all the vehicles. The first phase of the program will require 900 direct jobs in Trubia factory, in addition to 4,500 indirect jobs.

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DECEMBER IN THE NEWS

#CircularEconomy: Asturian facilities of Bayer and the University of Oviedo are promoting a research programme to convert the calcium sulphate generated in the production of acetylsalicylic acid [into gypsum for construction](#)

#Sustainability: Glencore's Asturiana de Zinc and EDP signed agreements for the sale of electricity from wind farms for the next 19 years (2021-2040) [The energy company will supply the San Juan de Nieva plant](#) with 237 GWh per year.

#Health: Swedish AddLife acquires MBA SURGICAL EMPOWERMENT, a leading orthopaedic and trauma surgery business. The operation amounts to EUR 111 million. [MBA started up in Asturias in 1988](#) and employs around 285 people.

#SAFEWORKPARADISE

New coworking space in Asturias: Work Arena Xixón

Just in front of San Lorenzo beach, Gijón, has just opened Work Arena Xixón, the seed of an energetic, innovative and entrepreneurial professional community. It has large and bright workspaces, meeting rooms, sets for events... And changing rooms, showers, and lockers to combine work with surf and other sports. [Read more.](#)

