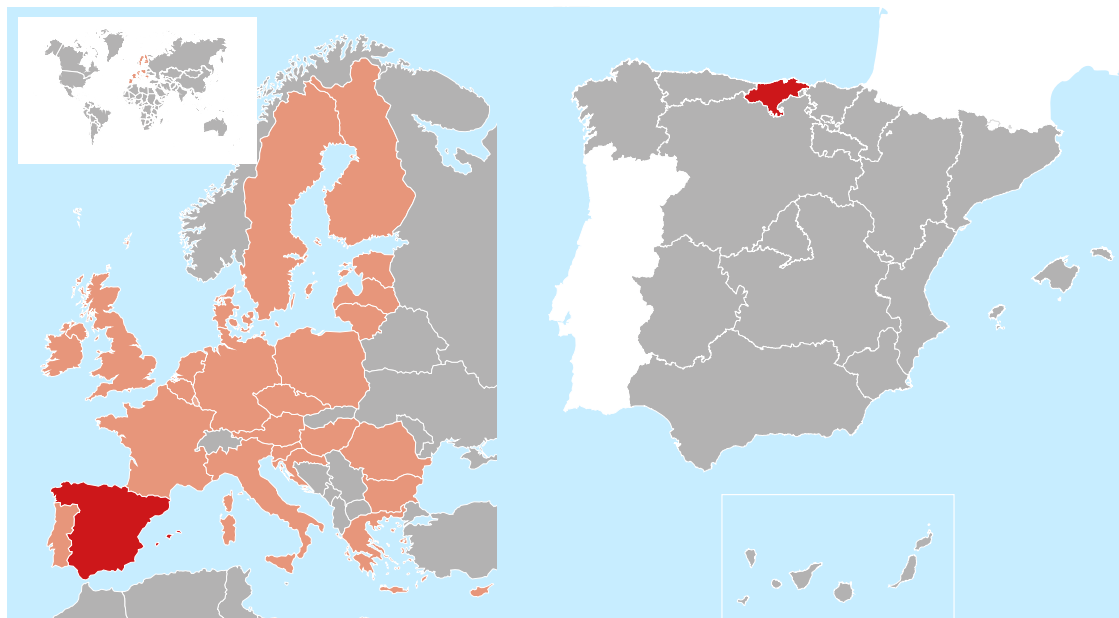


2.2.3. Spain

2.2.4. Region: Cantabria


COUNTRY: SPAIN
AREA (km²)505.935 Km².

Source. INE (National Statistics Institute) - Territory - Population, surface area and density. Year 2012.

TOTAL POPULATION

47.265.321 inhabitants.

Source. INE (National Statistics Institute) - Population - Municipal Register of Inhabitants. Year 2012.

MAIN PRODUCTIVE SECTORS AND THEIR CHARACTERISTICS

Services - 48.2%.

Commerce - 24.2 %.

Construction - 14.5%.

Industry - 6.7%.

Transport - 6.4%.

Annual output totals 1,063,355 (million euros. Year 2011).

Its total number of companies is 3,199,617.

6.4 for every 100 inhabitants.

Source. INE (National Statistics Institute) - Central Business Directory. Year 2012.

COUNTRY: SPAIN

NATURAL RESOURCES	<p>The most important natural resource is the land, since around a third of the territory is farmable.</p> <p>It also has significant mineral resources including coal, small oil deposits and deposits of natural gas, iron, uranium, mercury, pyrites, fluorine, gypsum, zinc, tungsten, copper and potassium.</p> <p><i>Source. Complutense University of Madrid. Faculty of Biology. Revista Electrónica de Medioambiente ('Electronic Environmental Journal') 2008.</i></p>
POLITICAL SYSTEM	<p>Parliamentary monarchy.</p> <p><i>Source. Ministry of the Interior. Spanish Government. Documentation and publications.</i></p>
YEAR OF ACCESSION TO THE EU	<p>1986.</p> <p><i>Source. Ministry of the Interior. Spanish Government. Documentation and publications.</i></p>
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE/S	<p>Spanish.</p> <p><i>Source. Ministry of the Interior. Spanish Government. Documentation and publications.</i></p>
PER CAPITA INCOME	<p>22.291 Euros.</p> <p><i>Source. INE (National Statistics Institute) - Society - Standard of living, quality of life and living conditions. Year 2012.</i></p>
OFFICIAL CURRENCY	<p>Euro.</p> <p><i>Source. Ministry of the Interior. Spanish Government. Documentation and publications.</i></p>

REGION: CANTABRIA	
AREA (km ²)	5.321 km ² . <i>Source. SME statistics. Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism. Directorate-General of Industry and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises. March 2013.</i>
TOTAL POPULATION	593,861 inhab. <i>Source. SME statistics. Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism. Directorate-General of Industry and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises. March 2013.</i>
POPULATION DENSITY	111,6 inhab. /Km ² . <i>Source. SME statistics. Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism. Directorate-General of Industry and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises. March 2013.</i>
PRODUCTIVE SECTORS	<p>Agriculture: 1.8%</p> <p>Industry: 5.4%</p> <p>Construction: 16.4%</p> <p>Services: 48.3%</p> <p>Commerce: 22.8%</p> <p>Transport: 6.6%</p> <p><i>Source. SME statistics. Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism. Directorate-General of Industry and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises. March 2013.</i></p>
ANNUAL GDP (IN BILLIONS OF EUROS)	13,116 billion euros. <i>Source. SME statistics. Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism. Directorate-General of Industry and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises. March 2013.</i>
PER CAPITA INCOME:	21,692 euros. <i>Source. ICANE (Cantabrian Statistics Institute) - Society - Standard of living, quality of life and living conditions. Year 2012.</i>
NUMBER OF SMEs	38,137 companies. <i>Source. INE (National Statistics Institute) - Central Business Directory. Year 2012.</i>
THE PERCENTAGE THAT THE REGION REPRESENTS IN TERMS OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTRY	1.19% of the total number of companies in the country. <i>Source. Calculation based on the number of regional and national SMEs.</i>

REGION: CANTABRIA
LEGAL FORMS:

Sole traders - 58.90%.

SA (plc) - 2.37%.

SL (Ltd) - 26.8%.

Comunidad de Bienes (Co-ownership) -

Sociedad Cooperativa (Cooperative) –

Source. SME statistics. Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism. Directorate-General of Industry and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises. March 2013.

NUMBER OF SMEs PER 100 INHABITANTS

6.4 enterprises for every 100 inhabitants.

Source. Calculation based on the number of regional SMEs and the total population.

EVOLUTION OF THE BUSINESS SECTOR

754 companies, all SMEs.

By sector, the construction industry is experiencing the greatest relative decline (-5.05%) and absolute decline (333 fewer companies), followed by the service sector with 182 fewer companies and industry with a variation of -2.87%.

Source. SME statistics. Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism. Directorate-General of Industry and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises. March 2013.

KEY AREAS FOR THE PROMOTION OF SMEs

Tourism, internationalisation of businesses and development of RD&I