INDUSTRIAL **RIBERA D'EBRE**

Technical profile of an industrial territory

Comparable data, objective indicators and a single point of contact to streamline due diligence and site selection processes in the south of Catalonia.

MORE INFORMATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What you need to know about the Ribera d'Ebre in 30 seconds

A comarca in the south of Catalonia, bathed by the Ebro river, with a solid industrial tradition in the energy and chemical sectors and a current reindustrialization cycle backed by specific public funds and European programs.

A unique combination of infrastructure (2,000 MW of electrical capacity, a navigable river, industrial 5G), available technical talent and an exceptional incentive framework make the territory a competitive option for site selection in strategic industrial sectors.



22.000 hab

REGIONAL POPULATION · 14 MUNICIPALITIES · 827 KM^2



76%

INDUSTRIAL SECTOR SHARE OF REGIONAL GVA



2.000 MW

ELECTRICAL CAPACITY IN THE TERRITORY



8 + 14

INDUSTRIAL ZONES AND MUNICIPALITIES

TERRITORIAL CONTEXT

Get to know the Ribera d'Ebre

A comarca in the south of Catalonia (NUTS ES511, Tarragona), bathed by the Ebro river and located at the heart of the Catalonia–València–Aragon industrial axis. Traditionally energy- and chemical-based, with an open transition cycle towards new industrial sectors.

GEOGRAPHY AND POPULATION

Region / NUTS	Catalonia · ES511 (Tarragona)
Regional capital	Móra d'Ebre
Population	Over 22,000 inhabitants
Area	827 km²
Number of municipalities	14
Official languages	Catalan, Spanish

MARKET AND ECONOMIC CONTEXT

Industrial share of GVA	76,2% (2022)
Historical sectors	Energy, chemicals
Market access (300 km)	> 34% of Spanish GDP
Economic axis	Catalonia–València–Aragon
Current cycle	Energy transition · 2025–2030
Incentive framework	Fons Transició Nuclear activo

CONNECTIVITY PROFILE

Multimodal access to major markets

Direct connection to the Mediterranean Corridor and optimal access to the network of ports, airports and logistics platforms of the Iberian Peninsula.

SEAPORTS

Port of Barcelona	150 km · A-7/AP-7
Annual traffic (Barcelona)	> 3M TEUs · 70Mt
Port of València	200 km · A-7/AP-7
Annual traffic (València)	> 5M TEUs · 85Mt
Port of Tarragona	100 km

AIRPORTS

BCN-El Prat	165 km · > 50M pax
Reus	90 km
València	200 km · > 8,5M pax
Zaragoza (carga)	200 km · 180.000 t/any

RAIL AND LOGISTICS CONNECTIONS

Mediterranean Corridor	Acceso directo
FFCC freight line	Móra la Nova
PLA-ZA Zaragoza	180 km
Madrid	460 km · AP-2

MAIN ROAD NETWORK

AP-7 (Mediterranean)	Direct connection
A-7 / N-340	Cat-Val axis
C-12 / N-420	Regional inner axis
AP-2 (NE-Center)	Access to Madrid

PRODUCTIVITY RESOURCES

Energy, water and infrastructure

Exceptional productive resources for intensive industries, with one of the best mixes of electrical capacity, water resources and digital infrastructure in Catalonia.

ENERGY

Installed capacity	2.000 MW (CN Ascó)
High-voltage grid	Capacity for renewables
Substations	Available in the industrial parks
Smart grids	Being deployed

GAS AND HYDROGEN

Natural gas network	Banyeres–Reus–Tivissa (90 km)
Connection to ENAGAS	Yes
H2Med Corridor	Close to the territory
Green hydrogen	Projects under development

WATER RESOURCES

Ebro river	
Availability	Constant all year round
Industrial uses	Permitted

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL

5G laboratory	CoEbreLab active
Broadband	Fiber optics in industrial parks
Mobile coverage	4G/5G across the territory

INDUSTRIAL CATALOGUE

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INDUSTRIAL PARK · MUNICIPALITY	SPECIALIZATION	TYPE	KEY FEATURE
Ascó (Ascó)	Energy · chemicals	Consolidated	Proximity to CN Ascó
La Devesa (Flix)	Specialized chemicals	Brownfield	Reuse of existing assets and licenses
Ercros (Flix)	Specialized chemicals	Brownfield	Reuse of existing assets and licenses
Camins nous (Móra d'Ebre)	Multi-sector	Consolidated	Regional capital · business services
La Verdaguera – Phase 1 and Phase 2 (Móra d'Ebre)	Agri-industry · food-tech	Consolidated	Regional capital · business services
Aubals (Móra la Nova)	Logistics · intermodality	Consolidated	Direct rail access to the Mediterranean Corridor
El Molló (Consorci per a la Promoció del Sol Industrial del Molló)	Diversified industrial	Consortium	Land ready for expansion

INDUSTRIAL CATALOGUE

Match for site selection

Sectors with the greatest strategic fit with the territory's capabilities (utilities, human capital, incentive framework, business ecosystem).



Energy and renewables

Consolidated energy hub with grid capacity, available substations and an incentive framework linked to the transition.



Specialized chemicals

Brownfield in the Flix industrial park, ideal for advanced materials, green chemistry and industrial intermediates.



Agri-food

Value chain based on local raw materials (almonds, olive oil, stone fruit) and potential for a circular economy.



Logistics and intermodality

Direct access to the Mediterranean Corridor and to the rail freight line. Adaptable industrial parks.



Advanced manufacturing

Robotics, automation, biotech and medical devices, with technological support from the 5G laboratory.



Green hydrogen

A unique combination of proximity to H2Med, abundant water resources and renewables capacity.

LABOR MARKET

Technical talent in transition

One of the territory's strengths: a qualified workforce in the industrial, energy and chemical sectors, reinforced by the growing availability of technical talent resulting from the nuclear transition process.



~1.000

TECHNICAL PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE · 2030 HORIZON

TALENT WINDFALL 2025-2030

The scheduled shutdown of CN Ascó will release nearly 1,000 highly qualified technical professionals (engineers, energy specialists, chemical technicians) who will join the local industrial fabric.

MARKET STRUCTURE

Sectors with most training	**Energy, chemicals, mechanics**
Specialized VET	**Electricity, chemicals, automotive**
VET centers in the territory	**5**
Universities < 90 km	**URV (Tarragona), UB (Barcelona)**

LABOR COSTS (2024 REFERENCE)

Average cost region vs BCN	**Lower**
Technical talent availability	**High (growing 2025–2030)**
Average turnover	**Low (local roots)**

R&D AND DIGITALIZATION

Technological ecosystem

Sectors with the greatest strategic fit with the territory's capabilities (utilities, human capital, incentive framework, business ecosystem).

CoEbreLab 5G

5G laboratory operating in the territory to test industrial applications, precision agriculture and smart logistics in real-world environments.

Regional technology centers

Access to EURECAT, I2CAT and ICIQ in Tarragona; URV as a nearby university partner specialized in chemistry, energy and engineering.

Innovation programs

Technical and financial support for the implementation of advanced technologies through ACCIÓ and European programs.



5G

ACTIVE INDUSTRIAL TESTBED



3+

TECHNOLOGY CENTERS WITHIN < 100 KM



100%

FIBER OPTICS IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARKS

INCENTIVE FRAMEWORK

Applicable aid stack

A combination of local, regional, national and European incentives applicable to industrial projects, with the Fons de Transició Nuclear as the territory's unique differentiating element.

AVAILABLE DATA AND INFORMATION

Incentive study prepared by the Consell Comarcal, detailing the programs applicable to the territory and a comparative analysis of compatibilities and combinations.

LEVEL	INSTRUMENT	COVERAGE · APPLICATION
Local	**Municipal tax reductions (ICIO, IAE, IBI)**	**Negotiable with local municipalities**
Regional	**ACCIÓ grants · Generalitat lines**	**Innovation, internationalization, R&D**
National	**CDTI · Red.es · MINCOTUR lines**	**Industrial innovation, digitalization, PERTEs**
Territory-specific	**Fons de Transició Nuclear**	**Reindustrialization, employment, digitalization**
European	**Just Transition Fund · NextGenerationEU**	**Energy and digital transition**
European	**FEDER · Horizon Europe · LIFE**	**R&D, sustainability, innovation**

IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP

Due diligence in 4 stages

A standardized site selection process with committed response times and documented technical deliverables at each stage.

WEEK 1

Request and briefing

Reception of the technical brief (area, energy, water, access, deadlines). Initial response within < 72h with a long-list of preselected sites and a preliminary profile.

WEEKS 2-3

Short-list and profiles

Delivery of complete technical profiles with site plans, zoning classifications, environmental constraints, a utilities map and the applicable incentive framework for each site.

WEEK 4

Technical visit and agenda

Coordination with municipalities, industrial park managers and utility operators. Sessions with key local stakeholders. Confidential visit possible.

WEEK 5+

Negotiation and closing

Mediation with landowners, support in license processing, access to aid programs and support through to signing and start-up.

SINGLE POINT OF IMPACT

One point of contact for the entire territory

The Consell Comarcal coordinates the relationship with the 14 municipalities, the industrial park managers and the utility operators, offering a single point of contact for consultants and site selectors.

Personalized support and assistance

Single entry point for location consultants, managers and corporates. Service in Catalan, Spanish and English, with a fast, personalized response.

SERVICE COMMITMENTS

Initial response	**< 72 hours**
Short-list delivery	**10 business days**
Confidentiality	**NDA available**
Languages	**CA · ES · EN**

What we offer you as a consultant

- Online data room · profiles, site plans, classifications
- Direct access to contacts and industrial park managers
- Coordination with utilities (energy, water, gas)
- Tailored incentive analysis for each project
- Support with technical visits and stakeholder scheduling

DECISIVE FACTORS

Why include us in the short-list

Summary of the most relevant decision factors for comparative site selection processes in industrial projects in southern Europe.



Energy

2,000 MW in the territory and a grid ready for renewables and green hydrogen..



Water

The Ebre river is a key strategic resource for intensive industries.



Talent

~1,000 highly qualified technicians available as a result of the nuclear transition.



Incentives

Fons Transició Nuclear active, European stack and tailored support.

Connectivity

Mediterranean Corridor + BCN/ VLC ports + AP-7/A-7/AP-2 road network.

Industrial land

8 consolidated industrial parks + new land in municipalities with potential.

Digital · 5G

CoEbreLab testbed and universal fiber optics in the industrial parks.

Governance

Single point of contact and Taula PAE as a stable decision-making space.

LET’S START THE PROCESS

One contact, all the data

We work with location consultants and site selectors to facilitate fast, comparable and well-documented due diligence processes in the south of Catalonia.

FULL ONLINE CATALOGUE

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Technical profiles per industrial park, downloadable site plans, infrastructure maps and incentive framework. Continuously updated.

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