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Malaga at a Glance



María del Mar Martín Rojo, Deputy Mayor & City Council member for Tourism & City Promotion and Productive Economy, recently received a special delegation from the Innovation Norway office at the Norwegian Embassy in Madrid. The Director of Innovation Norway Spain and Senior Advisers came to learn about Malaga and specifically the topics of Digital Content, Cybersecurity and "Smart" tourism.

44,000 jobs were created this year in Malaga as the unemployment rate dropped below 20% for the first time in a decade. The Labor Force Survey (EPA) for the third quarter of 2018 places the level of unemployment in Malaga at 17.88%, which represents a significant drop compared to the second quarter (20.21%) and also compared to a year ago (20.88%). Malaga is the only province in Andalusia that managed to register below 20% unemployment rate.

S-MOVING, a Smart, Autonomous and Unmanned Vehicles Forum, was held in Malaga on October 17-18 with more

Company News



EPAM Systems, Inc., a leading global provider of digital platform engineering and software development services, opened its newest Service Delivery Center in October. Viktor Dvorkin, SVP & Head of Global Delivery, EPAM said, "In our industry, the war for talent is real. By placing our office in Malaga, which offers a balance of business opportunities, creative inspiration and an enjoyable lifestyle, we increase our chances of EPAMers rotating and continuing to work with us, and attracting and retaining the highly-skilled talent that clients want working on solving their most complex challenges." The current workforce is 50 employees, with plans to expand to 200 employees in 2019.

Moroccan bank La Banque Centrale Populaire (BCP) through its subsidiary Chaabi Bank inaugurated its 10th branch in Spain, in Malaga, on Friday, October 19.

Spanish Telefónica & Chinese Huawei made the first international video call

opportunities. They discussed the future of collective transportation, technological development in the marine environment, autonomous vehicles, aerospace projects, cybersecurity, intelligent transport infrastructure and hyperloop technology. SMEs participated with multinational companies such as Airbus, Aertec Solutions, Accenture, Asea Brown Boveri (ABB), Samsung, Indra, Alstom, Nokia among others.

The major international logistics operators seek buildings in Malaga for the distribution of goods sold "on line," while the demand for office space increases due to a flourishing technology sector according to the regional director of the real estate consultancy CB Richard Ellis in Andalusia, Rosa Madrid.

In its first edition, Talent Woman had more than 7,000 attendees over two days. The goal of the event is to awaken vocational interests among young women in four specific areas: business, education, research and creativity. It is an event designed for students, teachers and also for families. There were workshops on robotics, electronic music or scientific videoblogging. Finally he launched a challenge to society: the Commitment to Visibility and Female Leadership in STEM areas.



By the Numbers

The Port of Malaga expects to close the year with 5.7% more tons of cargo movement and an increase of 7% in passengers with a total of 865,862

connection between London and Malaga. The call achieved speeds required by the 5G standard of up to 10 Gbits per second, which is ten times faster than current 4G.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 8-12	9th Biennial Conference of the International Biogeography Society
Feb. 5	Malaga Real Estate conference
Feb. 9	Tedx Málaga
Feb. 13-14, 2019	8 th Transfiere European Forum on Science, Technology & Innovation
March 2-4	Acute Cardiovascular Care Association (ACCA)
March 9-10	FreakCon - Manga, Comics, TV Series and Video Game Festival
March 27-28, 2019	10 th GreenCities Forum of Urban Intelligence & Sustainability
May	BlockChain Land
June 20-21	Smart Agrifood Summit
July 19-21	Gamepolis VII
Sept. 13-15	International Tattoo Convention
Sept. 18-19	19th European Parking Association Congress and Exhibition
Sept. 22-27, 2019	46th Congress of the International Association of Hydrogeologists : Groundwater Management & Governance
Oct. 9-10	S-MOVING Smart, Autonomous and Unmanned Vehicles Forum

Malaga is the third "most important" real estate market in Spain, with a growth of 33 percent, and an increase of around 15 percent in prices, as cited by Carlos Rueda, the southern zone director of the web portal Idealista.

Several storms passed through the Malaga province this autumn providing much need rain to the fields and reservoirs. The largest occurred on Oct. 20, when almost 400 liters of water fell in 24 hours breaking the previous record of 313 liters from September 26, 1957.

Awards

'Málaga Open for Business' received the Andalucía Executives award in the Brand category from the economic and business information magazine, 'Ejecutivos' this past October.



The Malaga Mayor received the Russian Pushkin Medal for his contributions to the development of cultural ties between Russia and Spain. The Mayor was instrumental in attracting a collection of the Russian state Museum in Saint Petersburg which was inaugurated in 2015 and is located in a municipal complex in the former tobacco factory.

The Ikea Malaga store was awarded the best store in the world in the latest edition of the Ikea Store Awards 2018.

Estate Exhibition

Visitors

We had business people visit us from Argentina, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Russia, South Korea, the UK & the USA during the fourth quarter of 2018.



We also had a special visit from 7 international correspondence based in Madrid. Below are links to the material that they published in different languages.

In German

- [Bits & Wein](#)
- [Málaga im Fokus der Investoren](#)

In French

- [La ville de Malaga parie sur la technologie](#)
- [L'économie andalouse toujours à la traîne](#)
- [radio pública de suiza](#)

In English

- [MALAGA: Hub for Scandinavians](#)

In Spanish

- [Las ciudades españolas se convierten en "hot spots"](#)
- [Málaga se convierte en un destino laboral interesante](#)

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Foreign Business Groups in the Area

American International Club	International Club Estepona
Asociacion Comercio Chino Andalucia	Internations Malaga Chapter
New & Foreign Residents of Malaga (ANREM)	Irish Association of Spain
British Association Marbella	Malaga Business & Networking
British Chamber of Commerce	Malaga Business Minds
Business Breakfast Club (Velez-Malaga)	Malaga International Group
Business First Group	Malaga Makers Startup Community
Costa Woman	Marbella Dutch Business Club
Ellas Spanje Dutch Women Club	Marbella Open City
English Speaking Club Málaga	The Business Group Spain (Mijas)
Guiri Business	ToastMasters Malaga Chapter

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