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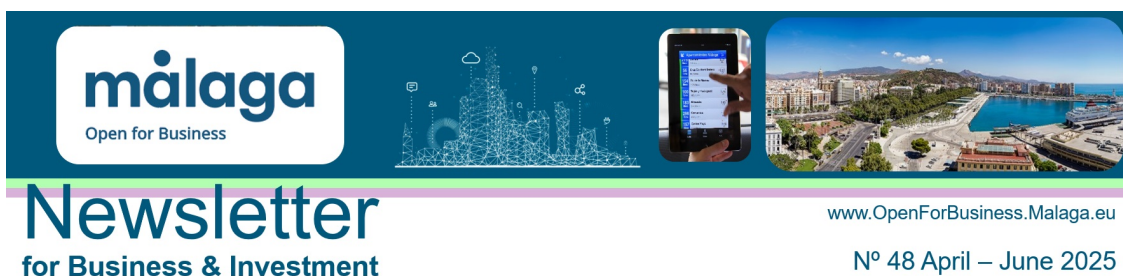
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Latest Arrivals & Company News

Cicor Group, a Swiss company, is acquiring Malaga-based MADES, a leading aerospace and defense electronics firm with 100 employees and €29 million revenue in 2024. This move strengthens Cicor's pan-European presence, expands its customer base in mission-critical sectors, and deepens its footprint in Spain's growing defense electronics market. Closing expected late 2025.

Box2bit, a green data center developer backed by Capital Energy, plans to invest €279 million in a new campus in Malaga. The facility will be located in the El Viso industrial area and will feature approximately 15,000 sqm of total space, with about 12,770 sqm dedicated to IT infrastructure, spanning three to four stories and would generate around 80 permanent jobs. The project includes the development of an on-site substation and solar panels, underscoring Box2bit's focus on renewable energy.

After 37 years at **Denso Ten España** (formerly Fujitsu Ten), Blanca Hermana has been dismissed amid a major organizational restructuring. The company, with over 400 employees, is eliminating the CEO position to streamline operations. Leadership responsibilities will transfer to senior executives and

key player in the local innovation ecosystem.

A 2024 economic impact study by consultancy **INFYDE**, using advanced input-output analysis of 453 verified foreign companies in Malaga—based on 237 surveys, 12 interviews, and official data—estimated €1.7 billion in local GDP, 40,000 jobs, €3.5 billion in revenue, and €588 million in taxes, highlighting foreign investment's broad contribution.

Malaga at a Glance

On May 4, **Mayor Francisco de la Torre celebrated 25 years leading Malaga** with a [video](#) highlighting major milestones. He reflected on projects such as the pedestrianization of the historic center, creation of the Martín Carpena arena, Carmen Thyssen Museum, Palacio de Ferias, and revitalization of Muelle 1 and 2. Proud of Malaga's cultural and technological progress, he reaffirmed his ongoing dedication, calling the role "the best job in the world."



The City of Malaga is **investing nearly €20 million across Malaga**, including €4.4 million for housing. This includes 94 new senior-accessible units and 13 additional public homes in Cruz del Humilladero, Puerto de la Torre, and Avenida de Andalucía. Other investments cover urban upgrades, green mobility, district improvements, and support for the 2030 World Cup.

604 new homes—484 protected and 120 affordable—will be built in Malaga's Cruz del Humilladero district as part of Phase II of the 'Manzana Verde' project. The development includes green areas, educational and social facilities, aiming to address housing demand and improve livability in a rapidly growing city.

Aena, Spain's airport operator, recently presented a **major expansion of Malaga Airport** to the Mayor. The project, part of DORA III—Spain's 2027–2031 airport investment plan—will nearly double terminal space, enhance infrastructure, and boost capacity. It reflects Aena's commitment to connectivity, sustainability, and Malaga's long-term economic and mobility growth.

On April 28, Malaga was hit by a **historic blackout** that affected all of mainland Spain and Portugal. The outage, starting at 12:33 pm, disrupted infrastructure and services for several hours. Malaga authorities responded swiftly with

Unicaja Malaga defeated Turkish club Galatasaray 83–67 in Athens to win the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Basketball Champions League (BCL) for the second consecutive year. Coached by Ibon Navarro, the team claimed its **fourth title of 2025** and Unicaja's Tyson Carter was named Final Four MVP.

International Trips & Visitors



On May 9, a delegation of **six distinguished members of the U.S. National Hispanic Council of State Legislators**, representing Connecticut, Iowa, Maryland, Puerto Rico, Utah, and Washington, visited Malaga to explore opportunities for transatlantic collaboration. Organized by the Fundación Consejo España–EE.UU., the visit highlighted Malaga's leadership in cybersecurity and digital innovation through engagements at the University of Malaga, Google's Safety Engineering Center, 42 School, and the Digital Content Hub. The [program](#) concluded in historic Macharaviaya, birthplace of Bernardo de Gálvez, underscoring Spain's enduring legacy in U.S. independence.

From May 11–13, Malaga joined the first **Arab European Cities Dialogue in Riyadh**, promoting its urban innovation and cultural model. Mayor De la Torre led the delegation, engaging with cities like Malmö and Tallinn. The event



A delegation from Malaga attended the III **Annual Aftercare Forum in Sevilla** (June 4-5), joining 90 international experts to discuss foreign investment retention strategies. Keynotes from Cities & Collaboration, SEMI Europe, UNCTAD, and the World Bank emphasized aftercare's strategic role in economic resilience, the impact of geopolitical tensions on investment flows, and the importance of adapting services to support sustainable growth and investor integration in changing global markets.



In the second quarter, Malaga welcomed several international delegations including the Mayor's Office of **Beijing**—Chaoyang District (China), the Ambassador of **Sweden** to Spain, and a business and government delegation from **Nador, Morocco**.

By the Numbers

Malaga added **16,000 new social security affiliates in April** and another **10,231 in May**, reaching 745,328 in total. Compared to the same period last year, there are now 23,500 more contributors in the province, making Malaga the national leader in job creation and sustained employment growth.

the past two decades and places Malaga as the third most dynamic region in Spain for entrepreneurship, behind only Madrid and Barcelona.

The population of the entire province reached **1.77 million in 2024, with 414,316 residents—23%—born abroad**. This share exceeds the national average of under 20%. In absolute terms, Malaga is now the fifth Spanish province with the most foreign-born residents, behind Madrid, Barcelona, Alicante, and Valencia, underlining its increasing international appeal.

Despite global instability, Malaga's companies reached a **historic export record, selling €1.125 billion in goods and services between January and April 2025—a 1.9% increase year-on-year**. Key exports include fruit, olive oil, tech, and cosmetics, primarily to Italy, France, and Portugal. Malaga now exports regularly to 151 countries.

Events



J On The Beach, in its 7th edition, gathered over 1,500 global developers, data scientists, and DevOps experts in Malaga from May 14 to 16. The three-day event featured tech talks, workshops, and networking sessions. With expert speakers worldwide, it showcased cutting-edge topics in AI, cloud infrastructure, and data engineering, solidifying its reputation as one of Europe's premier tech events.

Guadalindie, Southern Spain's leading indie videogame fair, attracted over 3,000 visitors, growing 30% from its first edition. Held May 16–17, it featured 80+ playable games, international industry talks, and business networking with



The 3rd edition of **Connecting Cultures & Creating Community** in Malaga brought together international professionals to celebrate cultural exchange and collaboration. Keynote speaker Aprile Winterstein highlighted the city's shift from real estate to innovation. A roundtable with Jordan Laird (Drees & Sommer), Ken Hart (Snowdrop Solutions), and Mika Viskari (Wunderdog) showcased Malaga's talent, quality of life, and strategic advantages. The event also featured a celebrated olive oil tasting, symbolizing local heritage.

Digital Enterprise Show (DES) gathered over 17,600 professionals from 30 countries in Malaga from June 10–12. Now in its 9th edition and 4th year in Malaga, DES has become a major European forum on AI, cybersecurity, cloud, and disruptive tech, featuring 408 exhibitors, 681 innovations, and 612 speakers across 345 sessions.



Other prominent business events in the second quarter include IBIS Academy 2025 (May 19–23), a global HR and mobility forum; the iGaming Club Conference (May 26–28), which gathered 1,200+ industry leaders and hosted the AffPapa Awards; the Annual Congress of AEBAN, the Spanish Business Angels Association and eCongress Malaga, southern Europe's leading digital marketing and e-commerce event, now in its 13th edition.

Upcoming Events

July 24–26	Brisa Summer Music Festival
Aug. 16–23	Malaga Cultural Fair
Sept. 25–28	Comic-Con Malaga
Oct. 1–2	Green Cities + S-Moving
Oct. 7–8	Global Photonics Economic Forum
Oct. 8	Global Startup Awards – South Europe Ceremony
Oct. 9	imec Tech Forum Spain (ITF)
Oct. 20–24	Leading Girls
Nov. 13–15	SIMED – Mediterranean Real Estate Exhibition
Feb. 24–26, 2026	Transfiere – European Meeting for Science, Technology and Innovation
Feb. 2026	3rd Global Innopolis Forum & Global Innopolis Network Initiative (GINI) Leaders Assembly

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