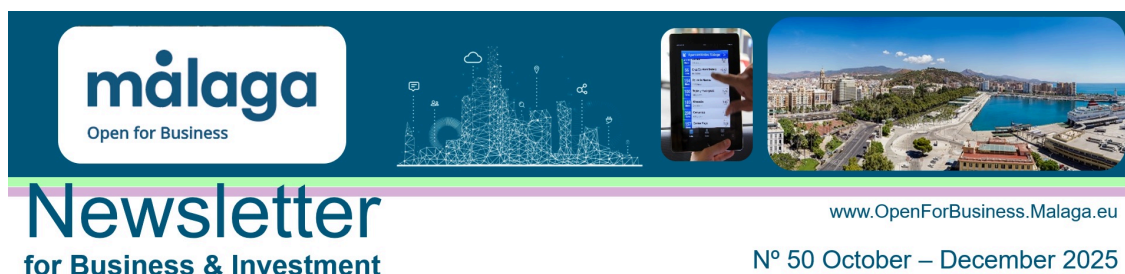


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*This **50th edition** of our quarterly newsletter marks a major milestone. Over the past 12 years, we have chronicled the city's evolution as a hub for innovation, investment, and international business. Looking ahead, the future is bright for this all-round city that is one of the best places to live, to work and to invest.*

Latest Arrivals & Company News



TradingView, a premier trading platform used by over 100 million traders and investors globally, has been expanding its presence in Málaga since arriving three years ago. Founded in 2011 in New York City and London, the company offers enterprise-grade tools, data, and insights for both professional and individual investors. Their Málaga office supports a team of over 500 professionals worldwide.

with 550 undergraduate and postgraduate students, aiming to reach 5,000 within five years. Located in a newly designed 27,000 m² campus, it boasts 40% international students from over 50 countries. The university offers ten degree programs, two dual degrees, and eight postgraduate courses. It is the 3rd private university to open in Málaga this year.

The **Residential Club – Blink Tech Park** opened earlier this autumn becoming the first flexible accommodation development within the Málaga TechPark. It offers 105 apartments and 186 beds for professionals and companies, including event and meeting spaces. Residents can enjoy modern living from €700/month, all expenses included.

The **Shanghai Arbitration Commission** (SHAC) inaugurated its first overseas branch, the SHAC European Hub, in Málaga on October 21. The launch featured strategic agreements with the City of Málaga, the University of Málaga, and UNITAR to offer arbitration services for trade disputes between Chinese and European parties from southern Spain.

BHS Corrugated, a leading German engineering company specializing in corrugated cardboard machinery, began operations earlier this year in Málaga and recently inaugurated its dedicated office space in the historic center. The team has already grown to 30 people, mostly local engineers from the University of Málaga, with plans to double to 60 by 2026.

Málaga has emerged as the fourth Spanish city with the most companies certified under the Startup Law, with 66 firms accredited since the process began in July 2023. **ENISA**, the National Innovation Company under Spain's Ministry of Industry, certifies startups for their innovation and scalability, enabling them to access fiscal benefits and attract investment. The province accounts for 42% of Andalusia's certified startups.

ESSCA, a French business school that has operated in Málaga since 2023, officially inaugurated its new 3,200 m² campus on November 18, housed in a fully renovated 19th-century former convent in the historic city centre. Hosting the Bachelor in International Management, international semesters, and summer programmes, the campus expects 420 students and 25 faculty this year, with a Master in Management planned by 2027.

Malaga at a Glance

logistics, tech talent, and Mediterranean connectivity. The bid was presented in Brussels in early December to key EU stakeholders, supported by local, regional, and national authorities. A [dynamic video](#) highlighted Málaga's strategic assets and readiness to welcome this flagship EU agency.



Málaga welcomed **4 direct Korean Air flights** from Seoul in October and early November. This pilot initiative organized by Hanjin Travel includes Andalusian cultural, culinary, and premium tourism experiences in Málaga as well as Sevilla, Granada, and Cádiz.

Málaga was selected to host one of the eight centers for **European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) Water**. The Iberian node, led by Fundación Instituto Ricardo Valle de Innovación with support from the city, is part of the pan-European Allwaters consortium, which brings together 50 partners from 24 countries with a total budget of €356 million, aiming to drive innovative solutions for water management challenges across Europe.

Málaga's Low Emission Zone is located in the city centre, covering the historic centre and surrounding central districts. It has been in effect since November 30, 2024, and after a one-year transition period, [fines](#) began on December 1, 2025.

2025 has been the **wettest year** in Málaga since 2020, ending a severe drought that had affected the province since 2019. Rainfall significantly replenished reservoirs, reaching around 46% capacity by October 2025.

A 4.8-magnitude **earthquake** struck Málaga province on Dec. 6, with its epicenter near Fuengirola. The quake was felt along the Costa del Sol, but no

Events



2nd **Global Photonics Economic Forum** convened over 300 CEOs and experts from around the world, uniting leaders from the photonics and optics industries to discuss market trends, technological innovation, and collaboration opportunities. The event directly complements the imec investment and innovation projects in photonics and microelectronics in Málaga.

imec Tech Forum (ITF) Spain brought together over 200 participants to highlight Europe's leading independent R&D hub for nanoelectronics and digital technologies. The forum showcased imec's latest breakthroughs, offering a platform for industry experts, academics, and partners to engage with cutting-edge innovations that are shaping the global microelectronics landscape.



3rd **Leadinggirls** hosted 1,571 students from 43 schools in over 80 workshops and talks at Málaga's Polo Nacional de Contenidos Digitales, exploring AI, cybersecurity, robotics, and STEAM. More than 40 companies, including Google, Oracle, Vodafone, and ABB, contributed, while online participation reached 3,160 students across Andalusia.

debut in late 2024 and a prior edition in San Francisco. Organized by Málaga tech company Freepik, the conference focused on generative AI for creative, tech, and advertising sectors, solidifying its position as one of Europe's leading events in the field.

Expo AgriTech gathered over 8,000 professionals and farmers to explore the latest agricultural machinery and digital solutions. The three-day event featured 200+ exhibitors, 400+ speakers at the AgriTech 4.0 Congress, plus immersive experiences, a hackathon, and VR training.



SIMED - Mediterranean Real Estate Exhibition, now in its 20th edition, attracted 7,500 visitors, with a 17% increase in exhibitors and 11,000 m² of residential offerings, including 9,400 national and 4,100 international units. Over 70% of attendees were professionals, reinforcing SIMED as a strategic hub for investment and innovation in real estate.

Winter Invest 2025 was held at Málaga's High-Tech Metaverse Incubator, the third edition connected investment funds, startups, and public entities. Highlights included Pitch Shows, Demo Days, One-to-One sessions, a public-private co-investment roundtable, and the Outstanding Awards recognizing top initiatives in the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Other notable events included **Wey Wey Web**, which brought together 100+ UI/UX professionals, and the **1st Global Startup Awards** – South Europe, celebrating the top 20 startups from the region for innovation and growth potential.

By the Numbers

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ahead, €1.5 billion is planned for expansion under DORA 2027–2031, representing the largest investment since Terminal 3 opened in 2010.

The Málaga TechPark generated **€4.84 billion for Andalusia's GDP in 2023**, equivalent to 2.3% of the region and over 10% of Málaga province as reported by a recent Economic Impact Study by IEBSociety.

International Visitors

The Mayor of Málaga received the **Ambassador of Bangladesh** in Spain, accompanied by the Minister and Head of Chancellery. Discussions focused on strengthening technological connections, highlighting Málaga's role as a leading tech hub, and supporting the Bangladeshi community in the city, with a special emphasis on educational initiatives.



We welcomed a series of international and institutional delegations, underscoring its growing reputation as a hub for technology, business, and education. Highlights included the four winners of Innobaix's annual innovation challenge from **Barcelona**; Asarcob from **Argentina**, representing 16 BPO and financial services companies; a 14-person **Finnish** delegation from FCG Consulting focused on municipal development; the Secretary General of the **Italian** Chamber of Commerce; and a 7-member team from **Reykjavik's** Web Department exploring digital initiatives.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 2–4

[HyT – Innovation Summit for the Hospitality Industry](#)

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		(COOH)
Feb. 24–26	Transfiere – European Meeting for Science, Technology and Innovation	
March 6–15	29th Málaga Film Festival	
March 29–April 5	Holy Week	
April	5th Andalusia Cybersecurity Congress	
May	Guadalindie – The Indie Videogames Fair of the South	
May 18–20	International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) – European Convention	
May 19–20	J on the Beach – Big Data Conference	
June	ECongress – E-commerce, Social Media & Digital Marketing	
June 9–11	Digital Enterprise Show (DES)	
June 22–23	CM Málaga – Culture & Museums Tech Forum	
August	Málaga Cultural Fair – Feria	
September	San Diego Comic-Con Málaga	
Sept. 20–24	52nd European Conference on Optical Communication (ECOC)	
October	Green Cities / S-Moving	
October	Global Photonics Economic Forum	
October	Leading Girls	
October	Expo AgriTech	
Oct. 14–16	GIA Longevity LifeSpain: Extending What Matters Summit	
November	Upscale Conf: IA y Málaga	
November	Wey Wey Web – UI/UX Event	
Nov. 12–14	SIMED – Mediterranean Real Estate Exhibition	

Foreign Business Groups in the Area

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