

MICINN PROMOTES AN ENERGY RESEARCH ALLIANCE IN SPAIN

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The Ministry of Science and Innovation is promoting a [Energy Research Alliance in Spain](#) an initiative that is strategic at a critical moment in the development of both emerging technologies and in the deployment of pilot projects in more mature technologies. Already in a previous article, "[Clean Technologies : Playing to win? Demonstration can prevent small players from successfully spanning the entire innovation chain.](#)"

From my point of view, Spanish scientific-technological agents must join forces in the face of major energy challenges: the electric car, offshore wind energy, carbon capture and storage, the smart grid... and more in the face of growing international competition in the development of these technologies. As I pointed out in the previous article, the investment from countries like China, South Korea, the US or Japan can dwarf European efforts.

Spain starts from a good position but cannot release the accelerator. The energy sector will undoubtedly be one of the most profoundly transformed in the upcoming sectors and the competitive advantages of the "[early entrants](#)" can be decisive. We have to be there and the Energy Research Alliance is good news.

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