

## NANOGAL: GALICIAN TECHNOLOGICAL PLATFORM ON NANOTECHNOLOGY.

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Nowadays, it is assumed that the nanotechnology will be one of the engines of economic growth in the XXI century. The Galician Technological Platform on Nanotechnology, Nanogal, was launched from the Laboratorio Oficial de Metroloxía de Galicia in July of 2008 with the financial support of Dirección Xeral de I+D (Xunta de Galicia). Nanogal is the framework of companies, technological centers, and university research groups which interest in nanoscience and nanotechnology.

Nanogal wants to build a new model of relationships in which are involved, companies with scientific, technological, political and social partners from inside and abroad Galician community. A model that will consolidate the exchange of knowledge and support create new business opportunities. A model based on intensive collaboration of all stakeholders.

Moreover, Nanogal wants to address technological challenges that can potentially contribute to a number of key objectives which are essential for Galicia's future competitiveness, including the timely development and deployment of nanotechnologies, nanotechnology development with a view of sustainable development, new technology-based public goods and services, technological breakthroughs necessary to remain at the leading edge in high technology sectors and the restructuring of traditional industrial ones.

