



**BASF Tarragona (La Canonja)
Production Center**

 **BASF**
We create chemistry



More than 150 years creating chemistry

At BASF; we create chemistry, and we've been doing so for more than 150 years. As the world's leading chemical company, we combine financial success with environmental protection and social responsibility.

The company promotes sustainable solutions that make life easier for people, since the portfolio of BASF products includes everything from petroleum and natural gas to plastics and finishing products, as well as agricultural products and fine chemicals.

Corporate headquarters:
Ludwigshafen
(Germany)

More than
110.000
employees

Nearly
400
production centers

BASF companies and centers in Spain

Locations



BASF is present in Spain with four companies and a joint venture with the Algerian company SONATRACH. The company currently has ten centers throughout the entire peninsula: eight production centers, a research center in Utrera (Seville) and head offices in Barcelona, where more than 2,000 employees.

In Spain, BASF supplies products to most of the industries in the country, and exports to the rest of the world.

BASF Group companies in Spain

BASF Española S.L., is located in Barcelona, La Canonja (Tarragona), Guadalajara, L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, Rubí, Castellbisbal, Zona Franca (Barcelona) and Utrera (Seville).

BASF Construction Chemicals S.L., is located in L'Hospitalet de Llobregat (Barcelona), Mejorada del Campo (Madrid) and Cabanillas del Campo (Guadalajara).

BASF Business Services Spain S.A., operates in La Canonja (Tarragona), Barcelona and Guadalajara.

BASF Coatings Services S.A., is located in Guadalajara.

BASF SONATRACH PropanChem S.A. BASF also operates at the Tarragona production center through a joint venture (51% BASF, 49% SONATRACH) for the production of propylene.

BASF Tarragona in La Canonja Production Center

BASF Tarragona is located in the most important petrochemical complex in southern Europe. The production center contains four production plants, five companies and a joint venture, and since its inauguration in 1969, it has become the largest BASF center in Europe.

The production center forms part of the AEQT (Chemical Business Association of Tarragona), along with 32 other companies in the area.



Our history

1969

BASF Tarragona initiates its activity with the Styropor plant.



1987

Start up of the Plastics, plasticizers and polystyrene plants.



Late 1990s

BASF boosts its production in Tarragona with biological treatment, catalyst and plant production plants, among others.

More than
700 BASF employees
at the production center

112 hectares
(with 20 hectares available
for new companies)

Access to the
port
of Tarragona

Health, safety and the environment

Health, safety and respect for the environment are top priority at BASF. We never jeopardize the safety and protection of our associates, contractors or others, or of our installations, transport and products. The Responsible Care Management System, a global and voluntary initiative of the chemical industry, establishes the bases for our commitments.



BASF takes measures for sustainable water management, especially at the centers located in areas where this resource is scarce.

To ensure this, BASF Tarragona has an on-site water treatment plant that performs a biological treatment, a physical-chemical treatment and a sludge drying process.

Since 2013, our center in Tarragona has been certified by the European Water Stewardship, in recognition of its responsible water management.





Our chemistry and the environment

BASF wishes to bring chemistry closer to society and demonstrate that there is a connection between your daily life and chemistry. For this reason, tours of the site are given. More than 2,000 people visit the production center every year.

BASF engages with society through its Public Advisory Panel.

A group of citizens act as representatives of public opinion, meeting on a regular basis at the production center to share ideas about topics that concern both society and the industry.



BASF brings chemistry closer to people

Kids' Lab activities are designed to give children between the ages of 6 and 12 their first experience with chemistry, allowing them to learn about its importance in our daily lives.

In the **Teens' Lab**, secondary school students conduct different groups of experiments, in which they discover the properties of materials.

The company collaborates with different institutions and educational centers in the area. Throughout the year, more than 100 students take part in internships at the Tarragona production center.

BASF also supports local sports and the values they nurture, promoting cultural initiatives that provide value for society.

BASF makes life easy

The production plants at the Tarragona center supply industries that manufacture end products we use every day, such as detergents, cosmetics, plastics and fungicides.

Formulation plant
This plant produces formulas for fungicides that are used to protect crops. More than 70 formulas are used to produce 2,500 finished products, which are labeled and exported to different markets around the world.

Kresoxim-methyl plant
The plant produces an active ingredient of fungicides, which prevents the growth of fungi that are harmful to plants.

Propane dehydrogenation (PDH) plant
This plant is part of the joint venture between BASF and SONATRACH for the production of propylene, the material used in the manufacture of plastic components.

Workshops

Fire Station

Medical Service

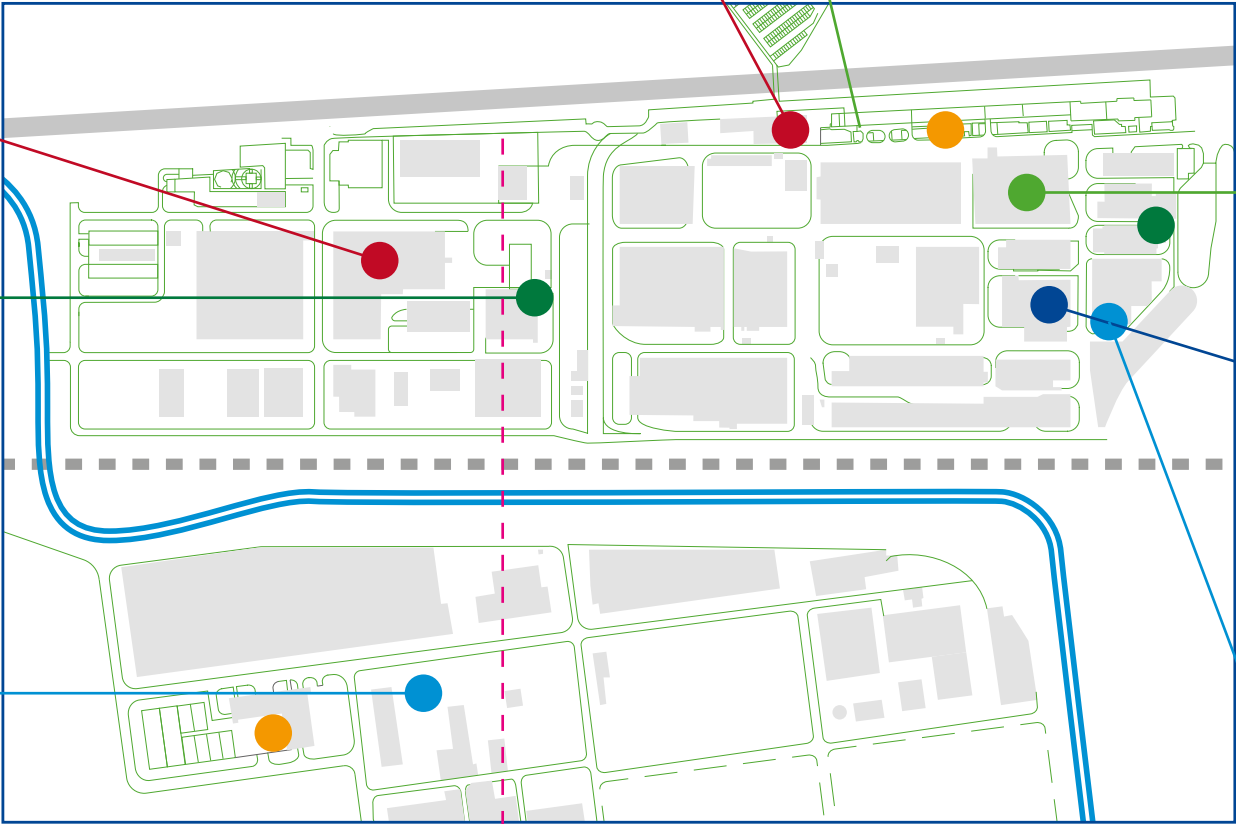
Workshops

Environmental laboratory

Dispersions and polymer solutions plant
Two types of acrylic polymers are produced at this plant: water soluble and those that need an emulsifier to remain dissolved in water. A wide variety of products are manufactured here, used in different sectors (cosmetics, paints, adhesives, etc.).

Polyester resins plant
The material produced at this plant is found in everything from small products, such as earrings, up to very large products, such as the blades of a wind turbine. Polyester resin is thermoset, which means that once the final product becomes a solid, it will not melt again with heat.

Water Treatment Plant





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