

9. Almogàvers Business Factors public-private incubator

MUNICIPALITIES

Barcelona and MAB

HEADING

Almogàvers Business Factory, Barcelona City Council's new public-private business incubator, has been awarded the City Award for Science and Innovation.

ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DATA

- Surface area: 4,870 m² for incubation subdivided into 34 cooperative modules of between 20 and 180 m²

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Almogàvers Business Factory (ABF) is a new incubator company promoted by Barcelona City Council with the cooperation of universities, research centres, professional associations and finance bodies. The ABF is the third space sponsored by Barcelona City Council dedicated to incubation and business growth in the city. These are innovative spaces for initiating business activity and consolidating the bases of competitive growth in a secure environment. In fact, starting off in a Barcelona Activa incubator gives higher expectations of survival - more than 80% of companies set up are still active four years later.

ABF is an innovative model based on public-private partnership and an "incubator of incubators" logic that has the following co-sponsors: Pompeu Fabra University, McCann, Nauta, Ecommerce Global Incubator, Inlea, Banesto Foundation and Appstylus. Only six months after its launching a total of twenty-seven companies and projects have already been installed, with fifty workers.

PROJECT ADDRESS

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RESPONSIBLE

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