

Syngenta to invest 9.6 M euros to build new innovation center in El Ejido, Spain

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Syngenta has announced today a new investment of 9.6 million euros to expand and equip its R&D facilities in El Ejido with the latest technology. The announcement was made at a meeting held with the Department of Urban Development and the Mayor of the town hall of El Ejido and the managers of the Syngenta centre in the town.

In the words of José Manuel Zapata, director of Syngenta's research centres in Almería and Murcia: "This new investment will revitalise the rural environment in the province of Almería and strengthen the already recognised international leadership of this province in the development of cutting-edge technologies in plant improvement and protection".

Last year, the company announced an investment of 2.4 million euros in the expansion of its R&D centres in Almería and Murcia. Now, with this new commitment by Syngenta to Spain, the company is reaffirming its strategy of accelerating innovation in new technologies aimed at boosting the productivity and sustainable profitability of farmers.

This large investment is intended to provide the centre with new facilities that will expand the existing lines of research. To this end, a new Plant Innovation Centre will be built. In this new facility, research activities will be carried out on different crops, both in greenhouses and outdoors. The aim is to make this R&D centre a global reference in leafy vegetable crops, tomato, pepper, cucumber, courgette and melon.

The announcement took place at the headquarters of the El Ejido City Council, where company representatives shared all the details of the investment with the mayor, Francisco Góngora, who said that "it is wonderful news that an internationally renowned company has decided to build this innovation centre in Spain and to do so specifically in El Ejido".

Syngenta is one of the world's leading companies dedicated to the development and improvement of plant varieties for more than 150 years. Today it is the most global organization in the sector, with research teams operating in more than 60 countries that bring its innovation to the rest of the world.