

AEI Innovation Hub

We consolidate, scale, and transfer solutions that accelerate the country's productive transformation.

Who are we?

The Alliance for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (AEI) is Ecuador's national network that connects over 160 key actors in the productive ecosystem: companies, universities, local governments, international cooperation, and entrepreneurs.

<https://www.aei.ec/>

Since 2013, AEI has generated over USD 150 million in productive linkages, supported more than 3,000 ventures, and led open innovation processes in the country's strategic sectors. Today, AEI promotes the Innovation Hub as a new institutional infrastructure to transform knowledge into market solutions, connecting science, technology, and territory.

Why an Innovation Hub?

Ecuador has everything it needs to lead in agribusiness and the bioeconomy thanks to its comparative advantages:

- High solar luminosity
- Fertile soils and unique biodiversity
- Strategic location on the Pacific coast
- Year-round production capacity

We are already global leaders in sectors such as cocoa, bananas, shrimp, and flowers, which in 2024 generated over **USD 14 billion** in non-oil exports. We've also seen the growth of emerging sectors like **berries** and **avocados**.

What is the AEI Innovation Hub?

It is a **physical and operational ecosystem** that brings together companies, universities, startups, governments, investors, and productive communities to develop and implement innovative solutions in two key verticals:

- **Agtech:** Enhancing the efficiency and sustainability of the production process (e.g., irrigation, traceability, input reduction).
- **Biotech:** Transforming raw materials into high-value products (e.g., cosmetics, nutraceuticals, biopharmaceuticals, bio-inputs).

Interested in BioTech Solutions or R&D Opportunities in Ecuador?

Whether you're looking to **purchase a high-value biotech solution** developed in Ecuador or **expand your R&D and innovation capabilities** by working directly in our ecosystems, we invite Korean companies to connect with us.

Let's co-create science-based, sustainable solutions for global markets.



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