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## R+D+I in ageing and disability

**Ingema Foundation** is Spain's leading privately funded institute conducting research into ageing and disability, focused on knowledge development and applications through the creation of new services and products that will improve quality of life for the elderly. Ingema's objectives are:

- To generate knowledge about the ageing process;
- To use that knowledge.

Ingema is supported by the Matia Foundation, which has 121 years of experience in caring for the elderly. With headquarters in San Sebastian and facilities in Madrid, Ingema currently employs more than 30 researchers from different countries and multidisciplinary backgrounds.

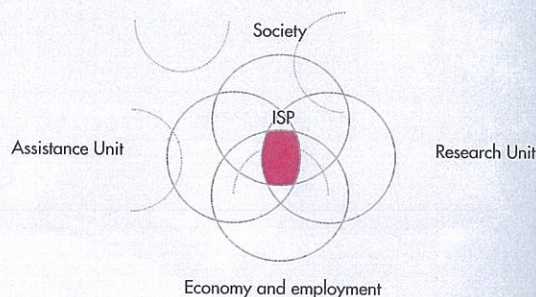
Founded in 2002 to conduct state-of-the-art research, Ingema has grown from a locally focused institute to become an internationally known centre with a solid project portfolio in Spain and Europe, as well as an active partner of universities and institutes in North and South America.

Currently, the two foundations, Ingema and Matia, are jointly promoting Matia Ageing Innovation Cluster, an international project that unites public and private agencies with the common goal:

**'To become the most qualified and innovative European benchmark in ageing by 2015'**

The Matia Cluster project consists of four units, with the first being Ingema. Participation and collaboration from a large number of public and private agents and establishing international scientific and technological alliances will be vital for full project development. The cluster will constitute a meeting point for the four units

and the different alliances, promoting communication and generating new opportunities that will multiply the effect of the cluster. Matia Cluster's four units are:



### Expertise

- **International research projects and agreements:** Ingema takes part in European and international research initiatives, with the aim of transforming into an aging society with inclusive politics for all, regardless of disability. In Europe, Ingema actively plays a key role in projects funded by the European Commission. Internationally, Ingema has a number of alliances and collaboration agreements to work with other research and technology entities;
- **At a national level:** Ingema is an official member and 'Associated Partner Organisation' of the Spanish National Research Council. Ingema is the first privately funded research institute to be included in this ageing category.

### Scientific Awards

In recognition of its work, Ingema has been given a number of awards: in 2008, the IMSERSO – Infanta Cristina Award for Social Research; in 2007, the Ramón Areces Foundation Award, also for research; and, in 2005, the Caja Madrid Award for Social Research.

