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Spain, officially the Kingdom of Spain is a country in Southwestern Europe. Spain is the largest country in Southern Europe, the second-largest country in Western Europe and the European Union, and the fourth-largest country by area on the European continent. The capital and the largest city is Madrid. Spain has a total population of 47.5 million. The official language is Spanish.

In Spain, climate actions are protected primarily through Ministry of Environment, Secretariat of State for Environment and Undersecretariat for the Ecological Transition of Spain. Climate action has been taken very seriously by the Spanish Government. In 2018 Spain announced an ambitious environmental policy that would see the country end its dependence on fossil fuels and instead draw 75 percent of its electricity from renewables by 2030, rising to 100 percent by 2050.

Spain maintains an above-average performance in terms of eco-innovation, albeit gradually decreasing its position amongst EU28 in the last years. The country is ranked 11th with a score of 104 in the 2019 Eco-Innovation Index, close to the EU average. Spain has continued the implementation of environmental policies through frameworks such as the Spanish Strategy on Circular Economy. Other relevant policies address Green Public Procurement or Climate Change. As in the past, the most important eco-innovation areas and trends include waste management, eco-design, green engineering, recycling and energy efficiency.

As the world's 14th largest economy, Spain's declaration of support is a significant boost to the UN's global campaign, which now boasts 32 member states and aims to "turn the tide on plastic" by inspiring action from governments, businesses and individuals. "Over the past six years we have been developing Spain's new Marine Strategy, and one of its main goals is to tackle marine litter," said Raquel Orts Nebot, Spain's Director General for Coast and Sea Sustainability. "In this regard, I confirm that Spain is joining the UN Clean Seas Campaign, with the firm purpose of supporting this global initiative and contributing to its impact worldwide."

In other words, Spain does not compromise on climate action, as every country should and tries its best to eliminate all possible problems.

As Spain, we are going to find solutions to make our World a better place for future generations and will leave a clean World to them.

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