

#### **RATING ACTION COMMENTARY**

# Fitch Upgrades 5 Spanish Government-Related Entities; Outlooks Stable

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Fitch Ratings - Barcelona - 08 Oct 2025: Fitch Ratings has upgraded five Spanish government-related entities' (GREs) Long-Term Issuer Default Ratings (IDR). The Outlooks are Stable. The GREs are: ADIF- Alta Velocidad (ADIF-AV), Administrador de Infraestructuras Ferroviarias (ADIF), Corporacion de Reservas Estrategicas de Productos Petroliferos (CORES), Institut Catala de Finances (ICF) and Pequenos y Medianos Astilleros Sociedad de Reconversion, S.A. (Pymar).

We also upgraded ADIF-AV, ADIF, CORES' and ICF's Short-Term IDRs. A full list of rating actions is below.

The rating actions follow the upgrades of the Long-Term IDRs of the Spanish sovereign (A/Stable) on 26 September 2025 and the Autonomous Community of Catalonia (BBB+/Stable) on 3 October 2025.

#### **KEY RATING DRIVERS**

The rating actions on Spain and Catalonia (see "Fitch Upgrades Spain to 'A'; Outlook Stable" and "Fitch Upgrades 6 Spanish LRGs; Outlook Stable" on fitchratings.com) led to the upgrades of the Long-Term IDRs of the five Spanish GREs. ADIF-AV, ADIF and CORES' ratings are equalised with those of Spain, Pymar is rated one notch below Spain, and ICF's ratings are equalised with those of Catalonia.

ADIF, ADIF-AV and CORES' Short-Term IDRs are in line with that of Spain, and ICF's Short-Term IDR is in line with that of Catalonia. Pymar's Short-Term IDR is unchanged at 'F1' as this is the highest short-term rating mapping to a Long-Term IDR of 'A-'.

We have not reviewed ADIF-AV's Standalone Credit Profile (SCP) and the other entities do not have an SCP. All rating factors are unchanged since our most recent reviews (see the latest published rating action commentary for each entity).

#### **DERIVATION SUMMARY**

Fitch equalises the ratings of ADIF, ADIF-AV and CORES with those of Spain. We consider the likelihood of support from Spain as 'Virtually Certain'.

Fitch rates Pymar one notch below Spain. We believe it is 'Extremely likely' that Spain would provide extraordinary support to Pymar.

Fitch equalises ICF's ratings with those of Catalonia, based on the statutory, irrevocable and unconditional guarantee from the latter.

ADIF-AV's SCP is 'b', nine notches below Spain's IDR, which remains consistent with rating equalisation.

#### **RATING SENSITIVITIES**

## Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Negative Rating Action/Downgrade

- -Negative rating action on the sovereign would be reflected in the ratings of ADIF-AV, ADIF, CORES and Pymar, all else being equal.
- -Similarly, negative rating action on Catalonia would be reflected in ICF's rating, assuming other factors remain unchanged.

### Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Positive Rating Action/Upgrade

-A further upgrade of the sovereign would be reflected in upgrades of ADIF-AV, ADIF, CORES and PYMAR. Likewise, a further upgrade of Catalonia would be reflected in ICF's rating.

See the latest published rating action commentary for each entity for specific rating sensitivities.

#### **Sources of Information**

The principal sources of information used in the analysis are described in the Applicable Criteria.

### REFERENCES FOR SUBSTANTIALLY MATERIAL SOURCE CITED AS KEY DRIVER OF RATING

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#### PUBLIC RATINGS WITH CREDIT LINKAGE TO OTHER RATINGS

ICF's ratings are linked to the ratings of the Autonomous Community of Catalonia.

The ratings of the other entities are linked to those of Spain.

#### **ESG CONSIDERATIONS**

Fitch no longer provides ESG scores for ADIF, ICF, CORES and PYMAR as their ratings and ESG profiles are derived from their ultimate parent (Spain or Catalonia).

The highest level of ESG credit relevance for ADIF-AV is a score of '3', unless otherwise disclosed in this section. A score of '3' means ESG issues are credit neutral or have only a minimal credit impact on the entity, either due to their nature or the way in which they are being managed by the entity. Fitch's ESG Relevance Scores are not inputs in the rating process; they are an observation on the relevance and materiality of ESG factors in the rating decision. For more information on Fitch's ESG Relevance Scores, visit <a href="https://www.fitchratings.com/topics/esg/products#esg-relevance-scores">https://www.fitchratings.com/topics/esg/products#esg-relevance-scores</a>.

#### **RATING ACTIONS**

ENTITY / DEBT \$	RATING \$	PRIOR \$
Institut Catala de Finances	LT IDR BBB+ Rating Outlook Stable Upgrade	BBB Rating Outlook Positive
	ST IDR F1 Upgrade	F2
senior unsecured	LT BBB+ Upgrade	BBB
senior unsecured	ST F1 Upgrade	F2

ADIF- Alta Velocidad	LT IDR A Rating Outlook Stable Upgrade	A- Rating Outlook Positive
	ST IDR F1+ Upgrade	F1
	LC LT IDR A Rating Outlook Stable Upgrade	A- Rating Outlook Positive
	LC ST IDR F1+ Upgrade	F1
senior unsecured	LT A Upgrade	A-
Corporacion de Reservas Estrategicas de Productos Petroliferos (CORES)	LT IDR A Rating Outlook Stable Upgrade	A- Rating Outlook Positive

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Government-Related Entities Rating Criteria (pub. 18 Jul 2025)

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