

# Government launches Catalan Agreement on the Knowledge Society

Approved with the **unanimous support of 78 representatives** in the plenary

**84 major actions** to guide public policy with the aim of making Catalonia an innovation leader with a knowledge-based economy

**Make innovation the backbone of a broad strategy for Catalonia**

The crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic and social fallout have highlighted how **central knowledge must be in developing any kind of strategy for the future**



## PN@SC MONITORING COMMITTEE

An advisory and consultative body, led by the Catalan Ministry of Business and Knowledge, that will also monitor progress on agreed actions



Monitor the application and impact of actions under the PN@SC



Be consulted on prioritisation of actions resulting from PN@SC resolutions and monitor these actions



Establish a relationship and coordinate with other bodies or committees created by the Executive Council



Produce reports on actions and assessments carried out



Approve the annual report assessing implementation of PN@SC resolutions



Monitor programmes related to European R&D policy



## PN@SC OBJECTIVES FOR 2020-24



Achieve total spending on RDI equivalent to 2.12% of Catalonia's GDP



Increase public spending from 0.58% to 0.75% of GDP



Increase private spending from 0.94% to 1.37% of GDP



Increase public funding of RDI by €365 million a year



Increase baseline funding of the university system by €240 million a year



Increase the percentage of knowledge-based employment and production



## PN@SC RESOLUTIONS

- **Universities:** Reduce tuition fees for public universities by 30% for the next academic year (2020-21).
- **Foster R&D and business innovation.**
- **Continuing education and training at the post-secondary level** to boost business innovation and reduce the digital divide.
- **Employment:** Achieve 45% employment in knowledge-intensive services within five years.
- **EURECAT** as a Catalan technology centre that is recognised internationally.
- **Knowledge transfer network:** TECNIO centres, science and technology parks.
- Move forward with the Catalan Science Law and activate the **Inter-Ministerial Committee on Research and Innovation (CIRI)** and the **Research and Innovation Council of Catalonia (CORICAT)**.
- **Promote the Catalan open science strategy.**
- **Programmes to retain and attract talent:** Strengthen the Industrial Doctorate Plan to increase transfer of university talent to business (and its impact), and expand the ICREA programme to cover all areas of knowledge.
- **Connect with international ecosystems:** Support the creation and growth of knowledge-based and deep-tech companies.
- **Financial instruments:** Agility and new mixed formulas to accelerate growth of innovative companies.
- **Public-private partnership agreements:** Boost creation of innovation hubs.
- **Technological transformation of Catalan companies.**
- **Office for the promotion of industrial and intellectual property (IP).**
- **Technology road map for Catalonia** as a framework for orienting technology resources towards business.
- **Attract public and private funds** to increase and accelerate transfer of basic research to companies and the exploitation of results.
- **Invest in innovative public procurement systems** (3% of the Generalitat's public procurement budget).
- **Promote an entrepreneurship model** in research and innovation.
- Support **territorial strategies** by undertaking operations and actions to drive economic transformation at the territorial level.
- **Foster regional innovation.**

### MORE INFORMATION

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