

PRESS RELEASE

Launching MedTeX, the accelerator for medical technology

- The MedTeX acceleration programme, co-financed by ACCIÓ, is a proposal by Barcelona Science Park, the Bosch i Gimpera Foundation and the Barcelona Entrepreneurship Institute for emerging businesses, offering an innovative project within the medical devices and digital health industry.
- During a five-month period, a total of eleven start-ups will receive free training, mentoring and advice from 23 mentors and experts in different strategic areas, within a pioneering ecosystem for incubating businesses known as Barcelona Science Park, an international benchmark in promoting innovation in life sciences.

Barcelona, 15 May 2018. Barcelona Science Park (*Parc Científic de Barcelona*, [PCB](#)), the Bosch i Gimpera Foundation ([FBG](#)) and the Barcelona Entrepreneurship Institute ([BIE](#)) are giving the go ahead for the [MedTeX](#) acceleration programme, a ground-breaking initiative — co-financed by ACCIÓ— to boost emerging enterprises with an innovative business project that shows a clear international commitment within the field of medical technologies and digital health.

Within the framework of this initiative, eleven start-ups (that have existed for less than 5 years) will receive free training, mentoring and advice from 23 mentors and experts in strategic areas such as team management, sales and marketing, commercial law, financing and internalisation, for a period of 5 months, within the strategic hub known as Barcelona Science Park, an international benchmark in promoting innovation in life sciences.

The programme also provides support services for obtaining public and private funding; networking activities that promote direct interaction with the 110 member organisations in the PCB Community as well as national and international R&D networks; access to cutting-edge equipment and infrastructure; and special conditions for any businesses that wish to establish themselves in their areas, with the aim of benefiting from an ecosystem that actively contributes towards the acceleration of their business.

The [eleven chosen companies](#) in this 1st edition of the programme are: ADmit Therapeutics, Cornea Project, CreatSens Health, Kiversal, GlyCardial Diagnostics, MJN Neuroserveis, Moirai Biodesign, Onalabs Inno-Hub, Tecnologia Regenerativa QREM, Sens Solutions and USMINA.

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The MedTeX programme presentation —which brought together around fifty people yesterday from academic, scientific and corporate spheres in the Dolors Aleu room within Barcelona Science Park— was carried out by Ignasi Belda, CEO of Barcelona Science Park; Jaume Valls director of the Barcelona Entrepreneurship Institute (BIE) and M. Carme Verdaguer, managing director of the Bosch i Gimpera Foundation (FBG), the three organisations promoting this initiative.

“Barcelona Science Park is strongly committed to the field of medical devices”, assured its CEO, Ignasi Belda during the MedTeX presentation. “We want the Park to become the hub for this economic sector that is experiencing such growth, in the same way as we did with the biotechnology sector twenty years ago now. For that reason, we have promoted several initiatives in this field, such as the MedTeX accelerator and the implementation of shared scientific services specialising in medical devices, among other projects”.

According to M. Carme Verdaguer, Managing Director of the Bosch i Gimpera Foundation: “In the past 15 years, the Foundation has participated in the creation of more than 35 spin-offs and, together with Barcelona Science Park, has been a pioneer in implementing different bioincubation projects. Now, we want to offer a good opportunity for boosting businesses within the field of medical technologies with the MedTeX acceleration programme. This is a sector that is experiencing rapid growth and is contributing towards improving our quality of life”.

“The initiatives that relate to biomedicine and medical technologies are considered to be a benchmark in the Universitat de Barcelona (UB). This is due to the importance of the sector”, highlighted Jaume Valls, director of the Barcelona Entrepreneurship Institute. “In this context, the projects related to medical devices and digital health are playing a leading role that must be harnessed: first, because they enable researchers from different fields to get involved and second, because they are shaping successful, innovative business models that can be replicated”.

Entrepreneurs who have been chosen for this first round of the programme will also participate in this event. They will deliver an elevator pitch lasting 3 minutes to present their business project.

For further information about the MedTeX programme: <http://www.pcb.ub.edu/MedTeX/>

■ About Barcelona Science Park

Barcelona Science Park (PCB) is a meeting place for universities, businesses and society, with the aim of promoting formulas to boost excellence in research, knowledge transfer and entrepreneurship. Created by the Universitat de Barcelona (UB) in 1997, PCB was the first scientific park in Spain and is now an international benchmark in promoting innovation.

Spanning an area of 100,000 m², the Park is home to five research institutes and 110 public and private organisations—the majority of which focusing their activities in the field of life sciences (biomedicine, biotechnology, tecmed, eHealth, etc.)—and also offer a wide range of scientific and technical services to assist in R&D. A community of over 2,700 researchers, entrepreneurs, businesspeople and professionals work side by side in this Park.

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■ About the Bosch i Gimpera Foundation

The [Bosch i Gimpera Foundation \(FBG\)](#) is the technology transfer office of the University of Barcelona since 1983. It is responsible for transferring the Universitat de Barcelona's research outcomes to society, through the creation of spin-offs, patent licensing and agreements with businesses and institutions, thus contributing towards the competitiveness of the business network and improving social well-being.

Throughout 2017, the collaboration between the University of Barcelona and socio-economic stakeholders has enabled the development of 792 projects and contracted €29.1 million. During the 2015–2017 period, 46 technologies were licensed and 9 spin-offs were created.

■ Barcelona Entrepreneurship Institute

The [Barcelona Entrepreneurship Institute \(BIE\)](#) is an organisation created by the University of Barcelona (UB) tasked with coordinating, boosting and developing all activities that relate to entrepreneurship and its promotion. It acts as a gateway for the UB to provide supportive tools and capabilities for entrepreneurship to students, alumni, professors and researchers.

The BIE works on and engages in the promotion of entrepreneurial initiatives at the UB within all of its fields of expertise and disciplines. Its areas of activity include supporting the creation of businesses; external relations and collaboration with public and private stakeholders that are particularly active in entrepreneurship; entrepreneurship training, research and promotion; and the promotion of enterprising spirit.

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