

# The CERCA System

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# Catalunya

## Key figures on Catalonia



**€ 90.97 B**

Imports

**€ 80.57 B**

Exports

**€ 244 B**

GDP

**7.7 M**

Population

**€ 45.462 M**

Total Industrial  
GDP

**25%**

of Spain's  
Exports

**23.6%**

Spain's  
GDP Growth

**16%**

Spanish  
population

**€ 41.014 M**

Direct Foreign  
Investment  
(2012-2021)

**3.69%**

EU-27's exports

**1.69%**

EU-27's GDP

**1.73%**

EU-27 population

*Data 2021*

# Catalunya Knowledge System

## Catalan knowledge system

**12**  
universities

**52,137**  
R&D workers

**16**  
science parks

**61**  
research centres  
(41 CERCA incl.)

**156**  
Public Hospital

Barcelona  
**Supercomputing**  
Center

**43**  
Private Hospital

ALBA **Synchrotron**  
Light Facility

**CNAG** National Centre  
for Genome Analysis



# CERCA System

## CERCA system



**41**  
CERCA Centres



**14,993**  
R&D workers



**15,000**  
annual articles WoS



**18,599**  
Highly Cited Documents  
(2018–2021) 10% Top



**32**  
Highly cited researchers  
Clarivate



Periodic assessment  
system with more than 400  
international experts



**€ 543 M**  
Annual budgeted

**€ 1,232 M**  
Assets

**€ 213 M**  
private funds (2019)



**€ 529.64 M**  
1,114 Projects from the EU's  
funding Programme H2020



**187**  
European Research  
Council Grants H2020



**180**  
Spin-off / About 20 new per year



**3,239**  
Patents  
43.8% licensed

# CERCA Institutes

41 Institutes

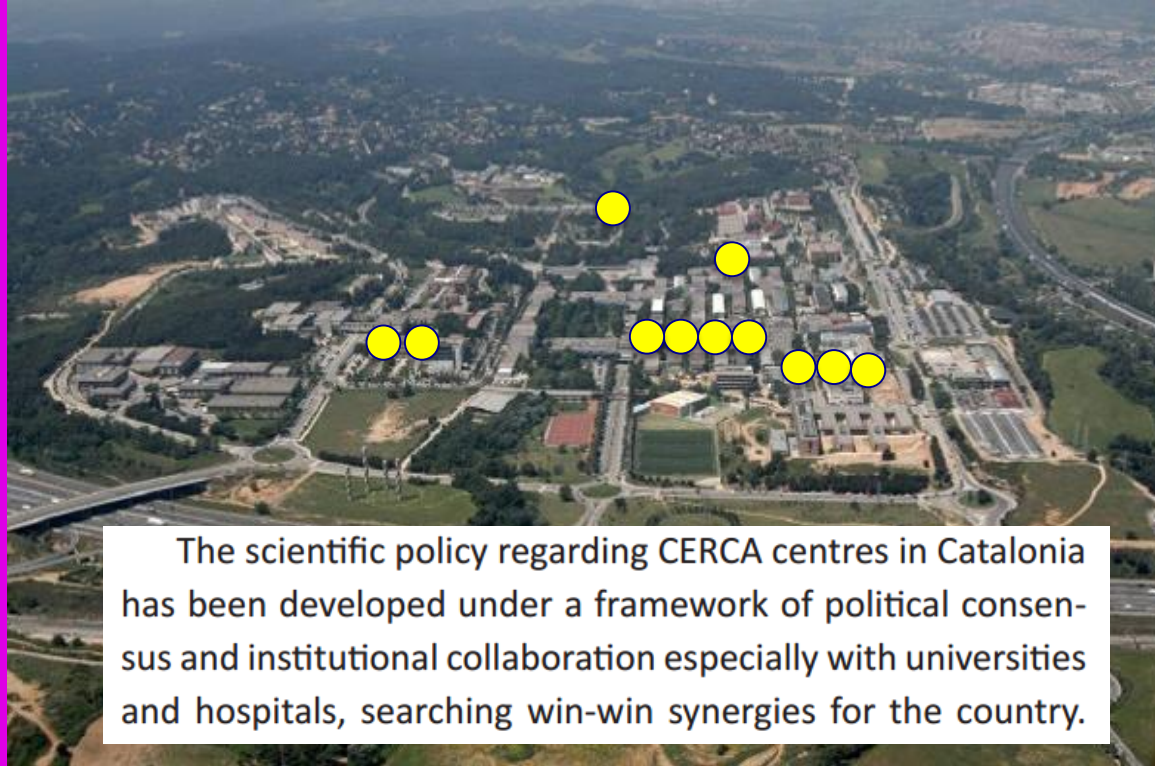


# Main features of CERCA centers

- Independent legal entities: Foundations and Consorcia
- Government Core Funding (aprox. 150 M€ per year)
- At least a CAT GOV ministry and a University within the Governing Board
- International evaluation every 4 years (since 2012) ... With some consequences
- CERCA is 5th among Top 10 entities in Europe (EU H2020 funding)
- High level of talent attraction
- Singular model in Europe
- Research Impact assessment; Data management; Scientific platforms consorcia GINYS



# A win-win institutional strategy



The scientific policy regarding CERCA centres in Catalonia has been developed under a framework of political consensus and institutional collaboration especially with universities and hospitals, searching win-win synergies for the country.

# CERCA people

All centres have been awarded with the EU HRS4R logo



**14.993 persons**

37.1% assigned from other  
institutions (University professors,  
CSIC, etc)

**8.194 researchers**

R1     55% Female  
R2     47% Female  
R3+R4 46% Female

**2.059 R1 PhD students**

41.45% foreigners



# CERCA science

Focus on DORA & RRA practices

***61.932 publications***

***63.6% international colab.  
46,1% female participation***

***18.599 Highly Cited  
papers (top 10%)***

***29,9% Private Colab.***

***11.2% Private colab. led  
by CERCA institutes***

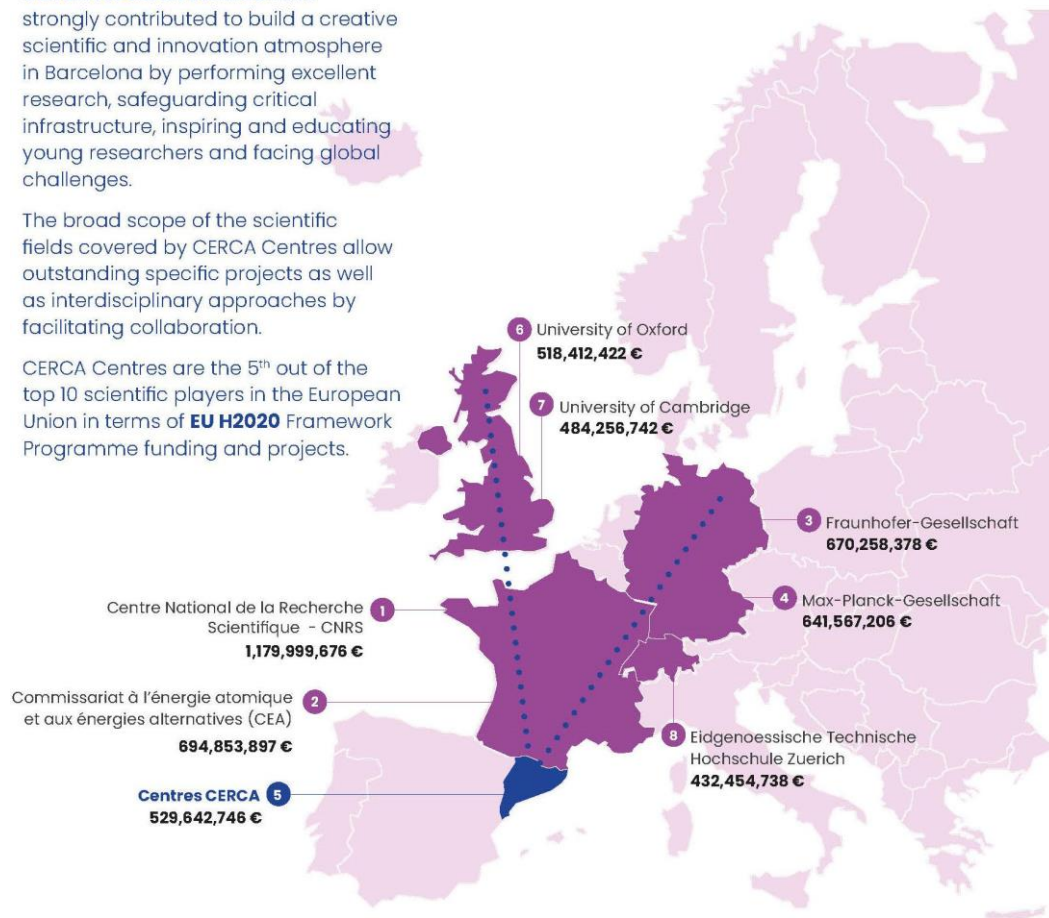
# CERCA in UE

## “V” The European Research Valley

**CERCA research centres** have strongly contributed to build a creative scientific and innovation atmosphere in Barcelona by performing excellent research, safeguarding critical infrastructure, inspiring and educating young researchers and facing global challenges.

The broad scope of the scientific fields covered by CERCA Centres allow outstanding specific projects as well as interdisciplinary approaches by facilitating collaboration.

CERCA Centres are the 5<sup>th</sup> out of the top 10 scientific players in the European Union in terms of **EU H2020** Framework Programme funding and projects.



# CERCA in EU

5th research system in EU: CNRS, CEA, MaxPlanck, Fraunhofer, CERCA, Oxford, Cambridge, ETH...

*1.112 H2020 Projects*

*454 H2020 led  
projects*

*211 ERC Grantees  
50% CAT*

*Return: 524.45M€*

# CERCA institutes funding

Over the expectations...

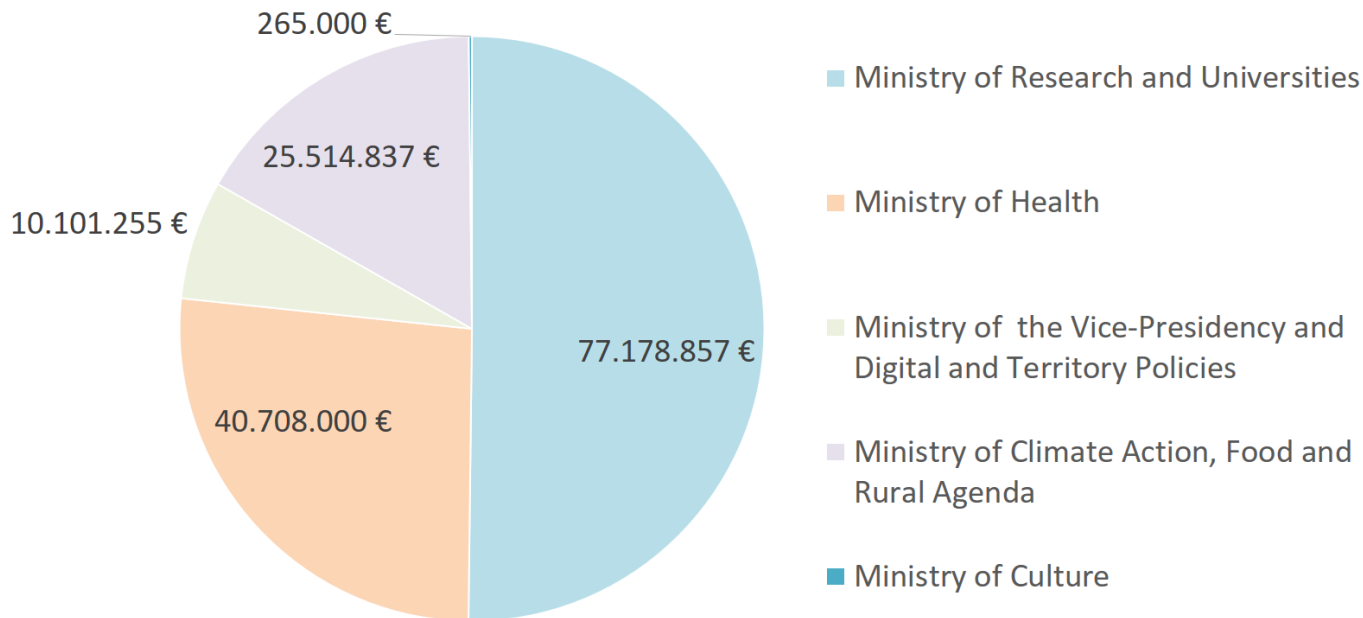
*Annual budget:*  
**543.14M€.**

*GENCAT corefunding:*  
**132.6M€ (24,4%)**

*Non-competitive  
funding 41%*  
*Competitive funding:*  
**34,6%**

# CERCA institutes funding

Generalitat de Catalunya  
core funding by  
Ministries



# CERCA patents

A broad portfolio

*878 patent families*

*555 PCTs*

*3.239 patents*

*1.410 licensed  
patents (43,8% of  
patent portfolio)*



# CERCA spinoffs

The “external” layer of the CERCA centres

*186 DeepTech  
companies created  
30 closed  
19 sold  
About 20 new/year*

**ACCIO**  
Generalitat de Catalunya  
Government of Catalonia



<https://www.accio.gencat.cat/ca/serveis/banc-coneixement/cercador/BancConeixement/eic-analisi-del-barcelona-i-catalonia-startup-hub-2021>



<https://informe.biocat.cat/>

# CERCA portfolios

Adding visibility

**CERCA**GÍNJOL

## *Ginjol Patent fund*

81 technologies protected  
781.000€ invested (10K tickets)

<https://ginjol.cerca.cat/>

**CERCA**GINYS

## *Ginys Core Facilities*

200 Core facilities exposed  
556 persons  
44 types of accreditation

<https://ginys.cerca.cat/>

## *Spinoff portfolio*

186 companies listed  
Main details exposed

<https://cerca.flintbox.com/startups/>

# Growing CERCA Institution support

- Communities of practice

- Innovation (TechTransfer, Spinoff)
- Data (OpenData and Data management)
- Research Impact
- Talent (Gender, RRHH)
- International (Projects, running HE Widening Cardea project)
- Legal
- Cibersecurity
- Facilities
- HRS4R
- Communication

- CERCA Evaluation management

# CERCA as an International player

Current MoUs, projects & missions in:  
Uruguay  
Finland  
Israel  
Andorra  
Albania  
Northern African countries



# Thank you for the attention

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