

BSC and Foment del Treball promote the innovation in business through supercomputing

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Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC) and *Foment del Treball Nacional* join forces to promote innovation in companies through supercomputing. For this reason, today June 9th Mateo Valero, Director of BSC, and Joan Pujol, Secretary-General of *Foment del Treball* have signed a collaboration agreement between the two institutions .

The signing of the agreement aims to frame and coordinate the collaboration between the two centers in exchanging information, knowledge and experiences. Therefore, the goal is promoting innovation in companies by using information sciences applied to economic, industrial service activities, promoting technology transfer from supercomputing research to the business environment and encouraging the knowledge flow between them.

Between the goals included in this agreement there are spreading among companies the possible applications of technical and methodological knowledge developed by BSC, as well as the realization of proposals for R+D+I projects with the participation of BSC and companies affiliated at *Foment*. The document also includes the participation in conferences, symposia and other events for promoting synergies between

business and BSC, especially business meetings at the MareNostrum supercomputer facilities.

About Foment del Treball

Foment del Treball Nacional is the federation that has represented entrepreneurs and the powerful Catalan industry since 1771. Its mission is to defend the interests of Catalan, promoting an environment favorable for productive activity in dialogue with the public powers and representatives of civil society. One of the objectives of Foment del Treball is favoring business competitiveness. And to be competitive, the investments in research, development, and innovation are indispensable, as is a true innovative culture. In this sense, it is fundamental that companies and entrepreneurs know about and can access the resources available to them and value the possibility to incorporate innovative processes in their professional dynamics. Foment del Treball wishes to play a prominent role in the monitoring of all of those programs, plans, or strategies oriented towards innovation that are promoted in Europe and Spain, and in the identification of the priority areas of innovation. The creation of taxation policies, which are favorable to investing in innovation and promoting entrepreneurship in this area, are also some of our main objectives.

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