BSC and Barcelona city council agree timeline for finding new areas for collaboration and strengthening strategic links

The city's First Deputy Mayor visited BSC facilities and highlighted digitalisation of the city, the circular economy, air quality and urban mobility as possible areas of work to widen the collaboration.

The First Deputy Mayor of Barcelona, Gerard Pisarello, who also has responsibility for the council's Technology and Digital Innovation portfolio, visited Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC) today.

Pissarello's visit aimed to reinforce the council's strategic partnership with BSC as part of the boost for innovation outlined in the #BCNDigital 2017-2020 plan. The plan has as an objective to facilitate a more diverse digital economy and an urban innovation model based on collaboration between businesses, public administration, academia and end-users, with clear public and citizen leadership.

Pisarello visited the centre alongside the council's Commissioner for Technology and Digital Innovation, Francesca Bria, and leader of the Municipal Institute of Information Technology, Francisco Rodriguez. The delegation was welcomed by BSC Director Mateo Valero; Associate Director Josep Maria Martorell; Director of the Earth Sciences department Francisco J. Doblas-Reyes; Director of the Computer Applications for Science and Engineering department José María Cela; and researcher and expert in air quality simulation and planning, Marc Guevara.

The meeting allowed those involved to analyse the BSC areas of work that relate to the new city strategy, including the digitalisation of the city (smart city), air quality in urban environments and the contribution of technology to urban mobility. Both parties remarked on their shared interest in the knowledge and technology produced from research being transferred to society and contributing to citizen wellbeing. A schedule was set for further topic-specific and technical meetings to explorer future collaborations in the

aforementioned areas.

More information on the Barcelona city council website (in catalan).

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