

[BSC at Digital Day 2017](#)



BSC has played an active role in the Digital Day 2017 event, the digital part of the official celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome, which took place in Rome, on 23 March 2017.

Digital Day 2017 was organised by the European Commission and the Republic of Italy, in collaboration with the Maltese Presidency of the European Union (EU) and looked at topics that impact the near and long term future of EU citizens.

The event was organised around industrial competitiveness and societal challenges, and it brought together Ministers, high-level representatives, and key stakeholders in four different sessions. The first session was “Europe as a global player in High Performance Computing”.

[Further information about Digital Day](#)

BSC Directors Mateo Valero, Josep M. Martorell, Sergi Girona and Fabrizio Gagliardi, Strategy Advisor, attended the event. Valero participated in the Panel on "How Europe can regain leadership in HPC", and stressed the need for Europe to be active in HPC Hardware, and that "Europe has the elements to start to create its own HPC hardware technology, to be more independent and secure".

You can see his speech in the following links:

[Mateo Valero at Digital Day '17 \[Part 1\]](#) [Mateo Valero at Digital Day '17 \[Part 2\]](#)

Carmen Vela, the *Secretary of State* of Investigation, Development and Innovation of the Spanish government, also attended the event and said that “Europe has the capacity to be in the HPC Top500 list ranking thanks to commitment of institutions like BSC and PRACE”.

[Carmen Vela at Digital Day '17](#)

See interview to Mateo Valero [here](#).

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In addition, the European Commission highlighted 12 European collaborative research projects in a [press pack](#), several of which the BSC is involved in, such as: [HPC4E](#), [Esiwace](#), [EoCoE](#) and [PRACE](#).

To support Digital Day 2017 celebrations, BSC asked a few of its researchers why supercomputing is so important for their research. See their answers in the following videos:

[Video I: Marta Guindo](#) [Video II: Sergio Mendoza](#) [Video III: Ruben Cruz](#) [Video IV: Jaume Bosch](#) [Video V: Mercè Planas](#)

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