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# The Barcelona Science Park is committed to becoming Catalonia's Medtech company hub

- The Park continues to grow, offering more than 1,200 new square metres of office space to host Medtech companies
- To promote this new ecosystem, it has signed an alliance with the consultancy firm GENESIS Biomed
- According to the latest report by CataloniaBio & HealthTech, Catalonia accounts for 42% of companies in the sector in Spain

**Barcelona, 7 October 2020.** The [Barcelona Science Park \(PCB\)](#), one of Spain's leading scientific, technological and business innovation ecosystems in the life sciences field, aims to embark on a new phase of growth, offering more than 1,200 square metres of office space, particularly to companies in the Medtech sector. This represents a 10% increase in the office space on offer compared to 2019, and will allow the Park's ecosystem to reach up to 3,300 users.

As a result of the exponential growth that the Medtech and digital health sector is experiencing in Catalonia, the PCB has just signed an alliance with the consultancy firm [GENESIS Biomed](#), with a view to attracting Medtech companies to the Park and thus enhancing the existing ecosystem. Recent years have seen the incorporation of companies such as QIAGEN, Droplite, Avinent Implant, GlyCardial Diagnostics, Deepull Diagnostics, Everai Medical Technologies, Bioliquid, NewBorn Solutions and Moirai Biodesign into the Park.

Close to €500,000 has been invested in order to drive this growth, and the new Medtech and digital health companies may be installed in the PCB as early as November 2020.

According to Maria Terrades, PCB's CEO, "despite the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Park is committed to growth through the recruitment of companies from the one of the most promising sectors in the health field. In Spain, the PCB is already a benchmark in biotechnology thanks to its facilities, services and its community. We are focusing our efforts to ensure that the Park reaches the same level of recognition and critical mass in the Medtech sector in the near future".

### **Alliance with GENESIS Biomed to promote this new stage**

To become Barcelona's Medtech hub, the PCB has launched an alliance with GENESIS Biomed, one of the consultancy firms with the broadest knowledge of the health and biomedicine sector, which also has its headquarters in the Park. Founded in 2017 by Josep Lluís Falcó, the consultancy firm specialises in the biomedical sector and has offices in Barcelona and Madrid, focusing on providing services to companies, start-ups, spin-offs and research centres.

According to Josep Lluís Falcó, CEO of GENESIS Biomed, the commitment from the PCB and GENESIS Biomed is in step with "the rapid growth of this ecosystem in Catalonia, which is considered the fourth densest in Europe and accounts for 42% of the companies in the sector in Spain". Despite the health and social crisis caused by the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, "the majority of health innovation projects are moving forward, and a good number of rounds of investment are closing. In fact, a record number of investments is expected for 2020", affirms Falcó.

Catalonia is one of Europe's leading scientific and innovation hubs. The life sciences and health sector is one of the most important sectors. In 2019, the companies and start-ups in the sector headquartered in Catalonia attracted 112 million euros, 3% up on 2018, according to the study presented by CataloniaBio & HealthTech, Biocat and Ernst & Young in July. Moreover, in the last two years, multinational companies such as Amazon, Lidl, Nestlé and Siemens have opened their international innovation centres in Barcelona.

### ■ About Barcelona Science Park

Barcelona Science Park ([www.pcb.ub.edu](http://www.pcb.ub.edu)) is one of the leading European ecosystems in scientific innovation, technology and business in life sciences and health. Created by the University of Barcelona in 1997, it was the first science park in Spain.

With a surface area of 100,000 m<sup>2</sup>, Barcelona Science Park is home to a highly dynamic community of more than 110 public and private companies and 3,000 researchers, entrepreneurs and professionals (54% of whom are women), engaged mainly in emerging areas of life sciences (biomedicine, biotechnology, medical devices, cosmetics, nutrition, etc.)

One added value that gives the Park an edge is the extensive range of Scientific and Technology Services it offers to promote R&D&I, to the companies installed therein as well as to national and international companies and research groups. These services are complemented by a PCB community revitalisation programme, which seeks to increase interaction among its members and with the innovation ecosystem.

Among its strategic lines, Barcelona Science Park also offers the organisation of scientific publication activities to make research more accessible to citizens, promote dialogue between the general public and researchers, and to encourage young people to pursue a career in science. Currently, as part of its Research in Society Programme, it organises more than 100 annual activities in which around 5,000 people take part.

### ■ About GENESIS Biomed

GENESIS Biomed ([www.genesis-biomed.com](http://www.genesis-biomed.com)) is a consultancy firm specialising in the biomedical sector, with offices in the Barcelona Science Park and in Madrid. It focuses on providing services to companies, start-ups, spin-offs and research centres, collaborating in the development of their business plan and accompanying them in the fundraising process. The company has raised more than 60 million euros for its clients since it was founded in May 2017, closing rounds of investment for Peptomyc, Anaconda Biomed, GlyCardial Diagnostics, Oxolife, AptaTargets and Leukos Biomed, among others.

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