

FOREWORD

Research and innovation have been and continue to be two of the pillars for the development of the welfare society. In Catalonia, research activity is mainly concentrated in public universities, which produce more than 60% of the total of the research in the country. Catalan public universities, committed to generating knowledge and transferring it to society, have been the significant driving force behind scientific activity in recent years, managing to enter the international scientific map in full. The analysis of the main research and innovation indicators is a tool for the quantification and the study of the development of our system, at the same time as representing an exercise in transparency and account rendering. With this objective in mind, this report has been prepared in which the data of the indicators used in the 2012 report “Research and Innovation Indicators of Catalan Public Universities” are updated and which means that their evolution can be studied at the same time.

On behalf of the vice chancellors, I would like to thank the team of Research, Development and Innovation directors and technicians of our universities and the coordination of the Executive Secretary of the ACUP for all their hard work and effort. The coordinated work of all the universities has enabled us to unify indicators and criteria leading to this report as a final result which aims to be a dynamic snapshot of the current research and innovation system of Catalan public universities as a whole.

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