

# The Science and Technology Park of Girona: *'A Hi-Tech Cluster in Spain'*

## INTRODUCTION:

### THE GIRONA PARK: A NEW MODEL

The Science and Technology Park at the University of Girona has been established to attract, create and develop businesses – whether they be highly innovative businesses, technology and knowledge based spin-offs or start-ups, entities related with R+D and to foster interaction and relations among these agents and others of the area, as well as those between the Park and local stakeholders and the region at large.

To achieve this in the short- and medium-term, the Park direction must create, develop and expand an attractive physical setting (buildings and adjacent land) and infrastructures in support of innovation and technology related research and services that lead to competitive advantages for knowledge based entities.



The Park's managing entity is the Science and Technology Park of the University of Girona Foundation, made up of representatives of the University of Girona, Girona City Council, the Girona Provincial Council, the Girona Chamber of Commerce, and the Federation of Business Organizations of Girona (FOEG).



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## R+D+I SCENARIOS: THE PARK INFRASTRUCTURES

The commitment behind this ambitious project has resulted in an area of 73,000 m<sup>2</sup> in La Creueta, just below the University Campus and connected to it by a new roadway. In the Park there are currently six buildings with a total area of 35,000 m<sup>2</sup> and an investment of more than 50 million euros:

- the Jaume Casademont Building
- the Centre for New Food Technologies (CENTA-UdG)
- the Centre for Underwater Robotics Research (CIRS)
- the Giroemprèn - Business Centre Building
- the Narcís Monturiol Building
- the Catalan Institute for Water Research (ICRA)



**A** Jaume Casademont

**D** Centre d'empreses

**B** Robòtica Submarina

**E** Narcís Monturiol

**C** CENTA

**F** H2O

## USERS: THE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT

The land, the infrastructures and the installations of the Science and Technology Park of the UdG achieve their full potential when we introduce the basic asset of the Park, its users: businesses, technology centres, research groups, institutions and public and private entities.

In short, they are the ones who have committed to locating their research, technology transfer and entrepreneurial activity in the Science and Technology Park of the UdG, giving meaning to the efforts made so that it becomes a point of reference in Catalonia and the entire Spanish state.

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Types of users: The Park responds to a wide range of RDI needs, and as a consequence, various types of users can be found in its installations:

- *Well established businesses*, in which R&D, knowledge and innovation have clear repercussions in their competitiveness.
- *Recently created businesses*, emerging mainly from the public research sector, knowledge-based and in the process of development: so-called spin-off and start-up companies.
- *Technology, innovation and R&D centres*, with their own legal personality.
- *Research groups and centres of the University of Girona* that, because of their own characteristics, provide high capacity and potential for knowledge transfer. Thus, on the one hand we find the centres of the University of Girona that belong to the CIDEM Innovation Technology Network of the Catalan Government and, on the other, outstanding research groups of the University of Girona.
- *Public and private institutions* related with research and knowledge and social, economic and technological development.
- *Public and private services entities* related with innovation, research and technology.

## A HI-TECH CLUSTER

The Girona Park has been developed for science and technology fields, for instance biomedicine and health, as well as for the humanities and the social sciences. It serves traditional industrial sectors and at the same time contributes to regenerating the business fabric through the creation of knowledge and technology based enterprises. In short, it is a park that combines support for the traditional economy with a commitment to the new economy.

The Science and Technology Park of the University of Girona is mainly focused on five technological clusters which became the mainstay of its development. In particular we are supporting the following clusters:

- Machine Construction Cluster
- ICT & Media Cluster
- Food Science and Technology Cluster

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- Biotechnology Cluster
- Medical Imaging Cluster

Where, each cluster is composed of strategic pillar tenants in order to configure a strong backbone for the future of each sector.

## THE UDG PARK IN NUMBERS

### *Buildings of the Park*

Jaume Casademont	8,300 m <sup>2</sup>
CENTA	2,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Robotics	800 m <sup>2</sup>
Business Centre	11,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Narcís Monturiol	9,000 m <sup>2</sup>
ICRA	5,000 m <sup>2</sup>

### *Number of Park users according to type*

Established businesses	30
Knowledge-based businesses in the process of development (spin-offs and start-ups)	15
Research centres with their own legal status	7
Centres of the University of Girona that are centres of the CIDEM IT Network of the Government	9
Research groups of the University of Girona and joint University-Business structures	8
Institutions	9
Service entities	5

### *The Park in m<sup>2</sup>*

Total area	73,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Area constructed or under construction	35,000 m <sup>2</sup>

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