

# **A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMACY FOR BARCELONA**

**ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS**

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# ABOUT US

SciTech DiploHub, the Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomacy Hub, is a pioneering nonprofit public-private partnership backed by leading research centers, universities, non-profits, startups, corporations and public institutions that positions Barcelona as a global lab in science diplomacy for cities around the world.

It has the mandate to elevate the role of science, technology and cities in foreign policy and make Barcelona a more influential player on the global stage by representing its knowledge and innovation ecosystem worldwide.

## OUR ECOSYSTEM BOARD

SciTech DiploHub’s programs wouldn't be possible without the commitment and support of the leading organizations of Barcelona's science, technology and international relations ecosystem.



# THE BARCELONA MANIFESTO

## FOR A CITY-LED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMACY

SciTech DiploHub was launched with the support of over **two hundred world-class professionals**, including university deans, research center directors, former ministers and mayors, CEOs of leading startups, directors of think tanks, business organizations, and the city's top scientists, engineers and international relations professionals both at home and abroad.

Check the list of the manifesto signatories at <http://www.scitechdiplohub.org/manifesto/>



To everyone who is shaping the future today,

Science and technology have become a crucial tool to build strategic leverage in diplomacy and international affairs. This new role emerges from a redefinition of global challenges such as climate change, food and water security, global health and digitalization. Scientific values of rationality, transparency and universality can help underpin a better global governance and build trust between nations and societies. The soft power of science and technology enables participation and free exchange of ideas, thus contributing to progress, innovation and peace.

This new global order driven by the power of science and technology is also defined by an increasingly relevant geopolitical actor: global cities. By 2025, the 600 largest urban economies in the world will produce 65% of global economic growth. By 2050, nearly 70% of the world population will be urban. Cities are innovation powerhouses, transforming the international scene and bypassing nation-states and their borders. They have become the early adopters of emerging technologies, testbeds for scientific change and autonomous diplomatic players.

In this exciting context Barcelona has to take the lead. Our city can –and must– become a laboratory for solutions to challenges that respond to a global logic but are manifested at a local level. It is time to place innovative solutions at the service of the city, its citizens and the international community in areas as diverse as energy transition, inequality, the refugee crisis, bioethics, cybersecurity and the impact of artificial intelligence in democracy and human rights. It is time to mobilize our scientific and technical expertise and skills to a broader strategy. It is time for a new urban renaissance. We are ready.

**SciTech DiploHub**, the **Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomacy Hub**, is a non-profit, civil initiative by an interdisciplinary, international team of scientists, engineers and foreign affairs professionals committed to making Barcelona the first city in the world to implement a science and technology diplomacy strategy. **Our goals are:**

1. To consolidate Barcelona as an **innovation capital**, ready to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through science and technology.
2. To position the city as an **influential geopolitical actor** through science diplomacy. Becoming a **reliable partner** thus paving the way for other global cities committed to developing their own science and technology diplomacy strategies.
3. To promote a sound and **inclusive multi-stakeholder dialogue** to design and deploy Barcelona's science diplomacy action plan, through partnerships among the scientific community, startups, policy-makers, NGOs, the diplomatic corps, the private sector and civil society.
4. To empower a **global network** of top scientists and technology experts educated in Barcelona to foster international cooperation, showcase our scientific strengths abroad and help us to better understand and interpret key global issues
5. To become a world-class **think tank** where scientific expertise and innovation can be harnessed in support of an evidence-based local and foreign policy.

We who have signed this manifesto will hold ourselves and each other accountable for putting these ideas into practice with responsibility and integrity. This is our commitment.



# OUR GOALS

SciTech DiploHub aims at designing and implementing an effective, strategic and positive science and technology diplomacy to address a variety of aims:

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# WHAT WE DO

## EVENTS, PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### LAUNCH EVENT “A SCIENCE DIPLOMACY FOR BARCELONA”

Our Launch Event was held on November 6th 2018 at Gaudi's La Pedrera with almost 300 attendees. Featuring the presentation of the “Barcelona Manifesto for a city-led science and technology diplomacy”, the public launch of SciTech DiploHub, the panel “Cities, Science and Technology: A New Global Order” and a networking reception with Barcelona's top science, technology and foreign affairs organizations and experts.

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxjz4KHnpl>

Album

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scitechdiplohub/albums/72157703370851704>





# BARCELONA ALUMNI

**Barcelona Alumni** is the global network of highly-achieving scientists, technology experts and innovation leaders trained in Barcelona and based abroad. We identify, bring together and empower the international community of professionals educated in the city's knowledge ecosystem. This network fosters international cooperation, showcases our scientific strengths and helps us to better understand and interpret key global issues.

Barcelona Alumni are a crucial element of Barcelona's science diplomacy strategy as **intercultural communicators, ambassadors** of the city's knowledge ecosystem and **education, business and trade promoters**. By enhancing this interaction, we create opportunities for partnerships and sharing ideas and insights that add value to Barcelona's research institutions and innovation industries while enhancing our global competitiveness.

At the same time, it helps them to inform and encourage others to consider Barcelona as a reliable partner for top scientific and technological research for addressing global challenges.

Barcelona Alumni participate in some of the SciTech DiploHub activities all year round, meet annually at the **Barcelona Alumni Global Summit** to discuss the latest developments in the city's science and technology scene and exchange best practices and insights from their countries with international organizations, scientists and policymakers in Barcelona.



## >>> GLOBAL SUMMIT 2018

Over 150 world-class professionals from all over the globe gathered at the **Barcelona Alumni Global Summit** in La Pedrera last December to rethink the future of Barcelona's science, tech and innovation ecosystem and engage with its science diplomacy strategy.

The event included a working session with the aim of sharing the main motivations, needs and interests of the Barcelona Alumni community. It was attended by world-class professionals from **universities and research institutions** (NASA, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Oxford University, Queen Mary University in London, the Technical University of Munich, the Federal Polytechnic School of Zurich, Copenhagen Business School, Soochow University in China) and **tech companies** (Facebook, Google, Alibaba, Amazon), the Minister of the Presidency of the Catalan Government, the Commissioner of Enterprise and Innovation of Barcelona City Council, the delegate of the Catalan Government in the United States, the director of the Foreign Office of ACCIÓ in Silicon Valley, the CEO of Biocat, the former Director General for Health at the European Commission and the President of the Barcelona Institute of Science and Technology (BIST).

### >>> Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WJpcu-hOhY>

### >>> Album

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# DIPLOMATIC CIRCLE

The **Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomatic Circle** is a platform developed with the Barcelona City Council that engages in periodic visits and encounters the 100+ diplomatic missions and international organizations serving Barcelona and leaders representing academia, government and private sector which shape the innovation ecosystem of Barcelona.

Heads of missions, counselors, attachés and officers dealing with science, technology and innovation from **consulates, embassies and international organizations** have the chance to find out new bonds with Barcelona's science and tech scene, exchange best practices and connect back to their countries.

The opportunities for networking and exchange of information include visits to the city's top **research institutions** and **scientific facilities, universities**, research-intensive **companies**, science and technology policy briefings, and other thematic events. The Diplomatic Circle is partially inspired by the great success of analogous initiatives in other global cities such as the Science and Technology Diplomatic Circle (STDC) in **Boston, Singapore, Shanghai** and **Tokyo**, and the Science Diplomats Club (SDC) in **Washington**.

Barcelona hosts near a hundred foreign consulates, being the world's 4th non-state capital city in terms of **consular representation**, hosts the headquarters of the Union for the Mediterranean that gathers 43 countries from Europe and the Mediterranean basin, and it is home of regional offices of relevant international organizations such as WHO Office for Health

Systems Strengthening (WHO/Europe), UN-HABITAT City Resilience Profiling Programme (UN-HABITAT/-CRPP), United Nations University Institute on Globalisation, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM), Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI), Global Water Operator's Partnerships Alliance (UN-HABITAT/-GWOPA), European Forest Institute (EFI), networks of cities and regions such as United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Metropolis and Medcities, as well as home of numerous global NGOs and institutes working in international affairs.

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## >>> FIRST EDITION: BARCELONA SUPERCOMPUTING CENTER

The first edition of the **Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomatic Circle** gathered around 50 diplomatic missions at the Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC-CNS), which won the EU Commission bid to host one of the most powerful supercomputers in the world.

The reception was hosted by Associated Director of BSC, Josep Maria Martorell; the Rector of Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC), Josep Torres; and the Commissioner for Economic Promotion, Enterprise and Innovation, Lluís Gómez.

BSC-CNS will host MareNostrum 5, a pre-exascale supercomputer and one of the most powerful in the world. Established in 2004, the center already employs more than 600 highly qualified workers that develop research in Life Sciences, Earth Sciences and Engineering, and contribute to tackle our most pressing challenges worldwide.



>>> June 13th 2019. Diplomatic and consular representatives after the visit to the Barcelona Supercomputing Center at the first edition of the Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomatic Circle.



# BARCELONA INNOVATION DAYS

The **Barcelona Innovation Days** are top-tier events held at the world's leading innovation hubs and main cities where Barcelona Alumni are currently settled: Boston, Paris, London, Shanghai, San Francisco... They bring together the most prominent stakeholders from academia, startups, industry, and public institutions to strengthen relationships with Barcelona's innovation ecosystem.

They also showcase best practices in science and technology, engage with our Barcelona Alumni in the area, and support the active engagement of SciTech DiploHub partners in the international exchange of knowledge, ideas and talent.

Our upcoming Innovation Days will be held in **London, Paris, Shanghai and San Francisco!**

## >>> BOSTON 2019

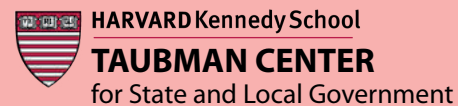
On May 31st, we held the first **Barcelona Innovation Day in Boston**, the largest display to date of Barcelona's innovation ecosystem abroad. Over 200 world-class professionals from universities, research centers, tech companies and diplomatic missions gathered at **Harvard Kennedy School** to exchange best practices in science, technology and innovation, with a special focus on life sciences and AI.

We also announced our incorporation to the **Science & Technology Diplomatic Circle (S&TDC)** Boston, joining other 60+ diplomatic missions that work on the scientific dimension of international affairs to represent Barcelona's ecosystem.

>>> **Video** <https://youtu.be/otEzly7fbQ0>

>>> **Album** <http://flic.kr/s/aHsmEdgygP>

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# OUTREACH

SciTech DiploHub is committed to consolidate Barcelona as an innovation capital and an influential geopolitical actor through science diplomacy. To this aim it takes part in global missions and conferences all around the world; organizes meetings, seminars and policy briefings and actively collaborates with its partners to improve Barcelona's ecosystem internationalization strategy.

## >>> GLOBAL MISSIONS

In 2019 we led missions to **New York City, Washington DC, Boston, The Hague, Amsterdam and Paris**, where we showcased Barcelona's scientific and technological strengths and built partnerships with their city councils, international organizations and research and innovation institutions, including OECD, UNESCO, UN Technology Labs, The Hague Journal of Diplomacy, The Hague Humanity Hub, Harvard University, MIT, MSKCC (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Institution), numerous research-based companies and over 100 members of our Barcelona Alumni network.

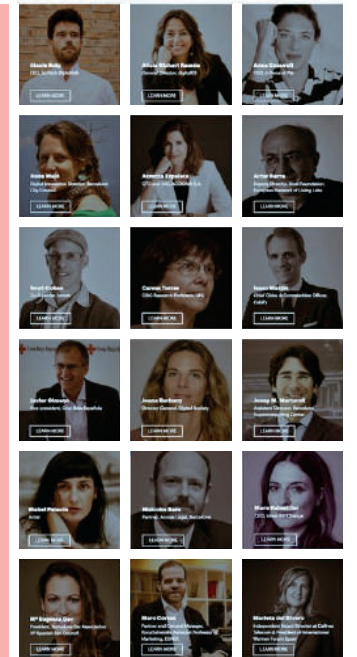
## >>> SHOWCASING BARCELONA TO THE WEF GLOBAL SHAPERS

In May 2019 we were invited to Paris by the World Economic Forum Global Shapers Community, a network of hubs founded and led by young business leaders, to discuss the role of cities, science and technology and showcase SciTech DiploHub's various programs in Barcelona and abroad. The event was held in the framework of VivaTech, the annual technology conference dedicated to innovation and startups.



## >>> ADVANCING PUBLIC LEADERSHIP IN DIGITALISATION

Our Chief Executive Officer, Alexis Roig, was appointed member of the Advisory Board of Digital Future Society (DFS), think tank launched by Mobile World Capital Barcelona and the Ministry of Economy and Business of Spain. By bringing together technology experts, legislators, civil organisations, corporations, industries and entrepreneurs, DFS addresses the ethical, legal and social challenges arising from digital transformation and technological development from a global perspective. SciTech DiploHub took part at DFS Summit held in February 2019 together with other 300 international experts to discuss the challenges posed by technological development on governments in terms of regulatory policy and the need to find ethical models to strengthen the digital privacy of personal data.



## >>> POLICY BRIEFING AT THE PARLIAMENT OF CATALONIA

The President of the Parliament of Catalonia, Roger Torrent, hosted an official reception with international experts from **CERN, AAS, United Nations University, the European Commission** and Barcelona's knowledge ecosystem. We shared experiences in the intersection between science and policy and discussed how science can inform policy-making in the context of parliamentary action.





## >>> SCIENCE DIPLOMACY ON THE ELECTION DEBATE

Why Barcelona, as a global city, should foster its science diplomacy strategy? We asked all **candidates running for mayor of Barcelona** in the last elections to share their views and policy proposals.

>>> Videos <https://twitter.com/SciTechDiploHub/status/112818742221770758>

## >>> NATIONAL AGENCIES MEETING · ALUMNI RELATIONS

In May 2019, we took part in the National Agencies Meeting on Alumni Relations 2019 organized by Nuffic in The Hague. We presented our Barcelona Alumni network and shared best practices on international alumni relations and engagement strategies with governments from all around the world.

## >>> NATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE 2030 AGENDA

In May 2019 we took part in several working meetings organized by the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS) to collect contributions for the design of the **National Agreement for the 2030 Agenda**, together with other key stakeholders involved in the localization of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**.

The National Agreement for the 2030 Agenda will serve as the basis to launch the **Catalonia 2030 Coalition**. Science Diplomacy furthers a meaningful interaction between scientific knowledge and both local and global policies, supporting the implementation of the SDG.

## >>> PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AT THE DIGITAL AGE · SEMINAR

In May 3rd 2019, our Chief Executive Officer delivered a conference on Science and Technology Diplomacy at the seminar The Role of Public Diplomacy at the Digital Age: Comparative Models, organized by **Catalonia's Public Diplomacy Council (Diplocat)** at Sant Pau modernist hospital. Speakers included representatives from the European Commission, Oxford University and the University of Southern California (USC).





# CAPACITY BUILDING

SciTech DiploHub offers top-notch **capacity building in city-led science and technology diplomacy**.

Together with IBEI, a leading academic and research institution on global affairs from Barcelona, it organizes the **Science and Technology Diplomacy Summer School**, a first-of-its-kind training in a will to train the next cohort of leaders of a field that is increasingly essential to tackle humanity's global challenges.

Aimed at mid-career scientists, technology experts, city officers and diplomats, as well as graduate students from related disciplines (i.e. science and technology, politics or international affairs), the Summer School covers the most pressing issues on Science and Technology Diplomacy ranging from **sustainable development to cyberspace diplomacy**, focusing on **Europe**, the **Mediterranean** and the role of **global cities**.



# >>> 1<sup>ST</sup> SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMACY SUMMER SCHOOL

In July 2019, Barcelona hosted the Science and Technology Diplomacy Summer School, a first-of-its-kind training offered by SciTech DiploHub and Barcelona Institute of International Studies. The cohort of participants included 35 professionals from more than 15 countries, including heads of international relations, chief science officers and senior advisors for foreign affairs of research centers, higher education institutions, governments and public agencies.

The course faculty included speakers from **CERN**, **United Nations University**, the **European Commission** and the **Union for the Mediterranean**. Participants also had the chance to engage with the city's diplomatic missions and visit the Barcelona Supercomputing Center, CIDOB and La Pedrera among other institutions.

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## >>> METROPOLITAN INTERNATIONALIZATION THROUGH HUMAN CAPITAL · SEMINAR

In July 2019 we shared our experience on **Barcelona's internationalisation through human capital** with directors of **City Diplomacy and Economic Development** of Medellín, Montreal, Manchester, Montevideo, Amsterdam and Liverpool among other cities. This seminar, organized by Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona (AMB) and the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), aimed at discussing the international strategies of metropolitan governments as a public policy and how they are set up in partnership with the different economic and social stakeholders.

## >>> NATIONAL APPROACHES IN SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

We organized a policy briefing at Gaudi's La Pedrera to discuss national approaches on science diplomacy and science policy advice by countries at the forefront of knowledge and innovation. The event brought together diplomatic representatives from Italy, France, the United Kingdom, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates as well as world-leading professionals in science and foreign affairs.





# GLOBAL POLICY LAB

SciTech DiploHub positions itself as a think tank to build knowledge, publish insights and inform policy on the geopolitical impact of science and technology, focusing on multidisciplinary approaches and open to public-private collaborations.

The initiative makes Barcelona's scientific and technological know-how easily accessible to **institutions, policymakers and international actors** in the city. These organizations benefit from an independent and apolitical interface where scientific expertise and innovation can be harnessed in support of public policy, and of the concrete needs of practitioners of international relations.

By involving scientific experts, representatives of academic and research institutions, the private sector, civil society groups, NGOs and other international stakeholders, SciTech DiploHub helps exploring how science and technology can help address global challenges and feed into policy formulation by bringing information and knowledge back to decision makers.

SciTech DiploHub offers a unique in-house perspective with a multidisciplinary team of professionals in science and technology diplomacy and innovation policy advice. We are positioning Barcelona as a global laboratory for solutions to challenges that respond to a global logic but manifest themselves at a local level.

SciTech DiploHub is committed to partnering with international organizations, public institutions (both national and local), research centers, universities, industry partners and foreign offices, offering:

- Independent assessments on specific themes in science and technology diplomacy.
- Policy reports to support policymaking with scientific knowledge, tools and methodologies.
- Income and outcome visits to showcase or engage with Barcelona's research, higher education, innovation and foreign affairs ecosystem.
- Training and capacity-building programs by identifying and meeting knowledge and data needs of scientists, diplomats and other experts and stakeholders in the community.
- Designing an effective, strategic and positive science and technology diplomacy action plan for other cities.
- Developing comprehensive, public outreach events to ensuring a wide-reaching impact of the role of science and technology diplomacy.

## >>> THEY TRUST OUR EXPERTISE





# MEDIA COVERAGE

ARTICLES, INTERVIEWS AND  
PRESS APPEARANCES

Since its very beginnings SciTech DiploHub has received extensive media coverage, being featured on more than ten **reports and interviews** on written press, magazines and radio programs.

We have also published several press **articles and columns** about science and technology diplomacy, global cities and Barcelona's talent diaspora. Our Chief Executive Officer has been featured twice on La Vanguardia's Semáforo verde (green light) for SciTech DiploHub's leading role positioning Barcelona as a key science and technology player around the globe.







Barcelona serà la primera ciutat del món amb diplomàcia científica i tecnològica

Xavier Duran - 6 Novembre 2018

“Barcelona és la primera ciutat del món amb un pla d'acció de diplomàcia científica i tecnològica. El projecte, **SciTech DiploHub**, s'ha presentat aquest dimarts a la Pedrera. [...] L'objectiu és afrontar problemes globals com el canvi climàtic, l'edició genòmica, la crisi dels refugiats, la ciberseguretat o l'impacte de la intel·ligència artificial en la democràcia i els drets humans. Durant l'acte s'ha llegit el “**Manifest de Barcelona**”, que ja han signat més de 150 personalitats de prestigi del món de la ciència i la tecnologia, però també de les polítiques públiques, l'empresa i la diplomàcia.”

LA VANGUARDIA

Barcelona será la primera ciudad del mundo con una diplomacia científica y tecnológica

Cristina Sáez - 7 Noviembre 2018

“[...] Barcelona quiere convertirse en la primera ciudad del mundo que cuente con una diplomacia científica y tecnológica. Se trata del proyecto **SciTech DiploHub**, una iniciativa civil sin ánimo de lucro impulsada por un equipo de científicos, ingenieros y profesionales de las relaciones internacionales, que ya cuenta con el apoyo de diversos centros de investigación [...]”

Naciódigital

Diplomàcia científica: exportar la innovació de Barcelona al món

Redacció - 7 Novembre 2018

“Convertir Barcelona en la primera ciutat del món amb una diplomàcia científica. Aquest és l'objectiu del projecte **SciTech DiploHub**, que aquest dimarts es va presentar a La Pedrera després que més de 150 científics i acadèmics signessin el seu manifest fundacional. La iniciativa està impulsada per un equip interdisciplinari i internacional de científics, enginyers i professionals de les relacions internacionals [...]. Entre els firmants del manifest hi ha el president de la patronal Cecot, Antoni Abad, la vicerectora de la Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Marta Aymerich, el professor d'Economia a la Universitat de Barcelona Germà Bel, la directora del Sincrotró ALBA, Caterina Biscari, el rector de la Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Jaume Casals, o el director de l'Institut de Recerca de la Sida IrsiCaixa, Bonaventura Clotet.”



“Presentació de SciTech DiploHub de la ma del seu impulsor, Alexis Roig”

Preferències, amb José M<sup>a</sup> Carrasco - 22 Novembre 2018

“[...] Barcelona és el marc ideal per fer coses i fer-les funcionar. La diplomàcia científica, tecnològica i de la innovació és una cosa que està emergint arreu del món i la nostra ciutat no pot quedar enrere [...]. A cinc anys vista imaginem Barcelona com a un actor geopolític líder a través de la diplomàcia científica i tecnològica [...]”



A Science Diplomacy for Barcelona: Global Cities Take the Lead

Alexis Roig - 30th November 2018

“In this exciting context, Barcelona has become the world's first city to announce a science and technology diplomacy strategy. [...] These include: bringing together embassies, international organizations and the city's innovation ecosystem to enhance collaborative projects; empower the global diaspora of scientists and technology experts educated in Barcelona; and act as a think tank where scientific expertise can be harnessed in support of evidence-based policy.”

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“Los semáforos”

29 Diciembre 2018

Alexis Roig

DIRECTOR DE SCITECH DIPLOHUB

● Investigadores, científicos e instituciones han puesto en marcha un interesante proyecto que pretende conectar el talento catalán en el ámbito de la ciencia y la tecnología disperso por todo el mundo para desarrollar todo su potencial. **VIVIR**



La capital catalana crea una red global de científicos

Cristina Sáez

“Inspirada en iniciativas similares en Holanda, Australia y Alemania, la red está impulsada por **SciTech Diplohub**, una iniciativa público-privada de recién creación que pretende consolidar Barcelona como capital de la innovación mundial. “**Barcelona Alumni** identifica e interpela al talento, sea cual sea su nacionalidad, que forme parte del ecosistema de conocimiento de la ciudad”, afirmó Alexis Roig, director general de SciTech DiploHub.”

El món de demà

Conectando nuestra diáspora de talento al mundo

Martí Jiménez - 8 Abril 2019

“Con el objetivo de identificar, conectar y capacitar nuestro talento internacional nació **Barcelona Alumni**. Es la primera gran red internacional de investigadores científicos, emprendedores y expertos en tecnología de cualquier origen y formados en Barcelona [...]. Una red impulsada por **SciTech DiploHub**.”

La geopolítica de la ciencia y las ciudades

Alexis Roig

“Con una visión innovadora e inclusiva, y partiendo de la colaboración público-privada entre administraciones, centros de investigación, empresas emergentes, ONG, el cuerpo diplomático, el sector privado, la sociedad civil y nuestra diáspora científica en el exterior, Barcelona ha concebido **SciTech DiploHub**, esto es, una plataforma que impulsa una plataforma preparada para contribuir a alcanzar los objetivos de desarrollo sostenible, con el mandato global de posicionar la ciudad como un actor geopolítico influyente [...]”



El ecosistema científico y tecnológico catalán teje alianzas con Boston

Víctor Costa - 5 Junio 2019

“Barcelona va mucho más allá de Barcelona. Tanto es así que la diplomacia científica y tecnológica de **SciTech Diplohub** ha traspasado fronteras y ha llegado hasta la Harvard Kennedy School de Boston para celebrar el primer **Barcelona Innovation Day**. Es decir, un foro internacional sobre conocimiento, investigación e innovación que ha contado con 200 profesionales del ámbito científico, tecnológico, universitario, empresarial y diplomático de Catalunya y Massachusetts.”

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“Los semáforos”

1 Junio 2019

Alexis Roig

CONSEJERO D. SCITECH DIPLOHUB

● La iniciativa para consolidar a Barcelona como referente mundial en el ámbito de la emprendeduría científica ha aterrizado en Harvard. En los próximos meses esta acción se extenderá a otras ciudades y universidades. **VIVIR**



La ciencia y la innovación de Barcelona aterrizan en Boston

Cristina Sáez

“[...] hacían referencia al **Día de la Innovación de Barcelona**, cuya primera edición se celebró ayer en la Universidad de Harvard (Cambridge, EEUU). Estaba impulsado por la iniciativa civil sin ánimo de lucro **SciTech DiploHub**, que pretende dotar a la capital catalana de una diplomacia científica para así convertirla en centro de referencia para la innovación mundial, en colaboración con la Escuela Kennedy de la Universidad de Harvard, la delegación de la Generalitat en los EE.UU., Acció y Biocat. Al cierre de esta edición, estaba previsto que asistieran más de 150 personas “top”, entre representantes políticos, centros de investigación, empresas y universidades de ambas ciudades. También, 30 diplomáticos de diversos países con consulado en Boston que se mostraron interesados en conocer de primera mano el ecosistema científico-técnico barcelonés.”



El ecosistema científico y tecnológico catalán teje alianzas con Boston

Carlota Serra - 12 Junio 2019

“Este foro internacional, organizado por **SciTech DiploHub**, es la primera edición de una serie de foros que tendrán lugar los próximos meses en otros hubs de investigación e innovación globales: Londres, París, Shanghai y San Francisco. En palabras del CEO de SciTech DiploHub, Alexis Roig, estas iniciativas “pretenden poner en contacto Barcelona con otros ecosistemas tecnológicos y científicos del mundo, sin ninguna pretensión más allá de establecer alianzas diplomáticas.”

LA VANGUARDIA

La ciencia catalana seduce a los cónsues para ganar proyección internacional

Cristina Sáez - 13 Junio 2019

“Más de 50 cónsules y miembros del ecosistema científico de Barcelona se han encontrado este jueves en la **Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomatic Circle** para potenciar la cooperación internacional en materia de ciencia y tecnología, en un encuentro que se ha celebrado en el Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC-CNS). En un comunicado, el **SciTech DiploHub** y el Ayuntamiento de Barcelona han explicado que es esencial potenciar la relación entre el sector científico y la representación consular [...]”



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Barcelona acull la primera formació internacional en diplomàcia científica

Redacció - 1 Juliol 2019

“Desafiaments d'abast mundial com el canvi climàtic, l'impacte de la intel·ligència artificial en la democràcia i els drets humans, la ciberseguretat o la regulació de l'edició genètica fan de la ciència i la tecnologia instruments estratègics en l'àmbit dels afers exteriors. [...] En aquest context, aquesta setmana Barcelona acull la **Science and Technology Diplomacy Summer School**, adreçada a líders de governs, directores de centres de recerca i professionals de les relacions internacionals.”

VIAempresa

Roig: “Barcelona has to be more than a brand!”

Víctor Costa - 18th July 2019

“Global cities have a geopolitical role beyond that of states. Barcelona has all the ingredients: a very strong knowledge and life sciences ecosystem, a flourishing startup sector... Barcelona is a hub for international relations and is already the fourth city in terms of consular representatives after New York, Los Angeles and Hong Kong. It is also the headquarters for the Union for the Mediterranean. We shared the vision of moving forward with players in the scientific and technological ecosystem, as well as other institutions.”

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“As one of the leading knowledge ecosystems and a hub for international organizations, Barcelona launched **SciTech DiploHub**, the nonprofit public-private partnership in charge of deploying the city's science and technology diplomacy. Backed by Barcelona's leading research centers, universities, non-profits, corporations, startups and public institutions, it has the mandate to represent its science, technology and higher education ecosystem abroad, thus making the city an influential player in the global scene.”

Sabadell Foundation

Interview of the week - “We are making Barcelona an influential global player through science diplomacy”, Alexis Roig, CEO of SciTech DiploHub

23rd September 2019

“What is SciTech DiploHub? **SciTech DiploHub** is a pioneering nonprofit public-private partnership backed by leading research centers, universities, non-profits, startups, corporations and public institutions that positions Barcelona as a global lab in science diplomacy for cities around the world. We represent and promote Barcelona's knowledge and innovation ecosystem worldwide, thus making the city a more influential player on the global stage: a reliable partner ready to harness science and technology for the sustainable development goals. [...] SciTech DiploHub's programs wouldn't be possible without the commitment and financial support of our Ecosystem Board, composed of Barcelona's leading public and private organizations in science, technology and international relations, including Banco Sabadell Foundation.”

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Universitats catalanes i alemanyes lideren l'Agenda per al Desenvolupament Sostenible

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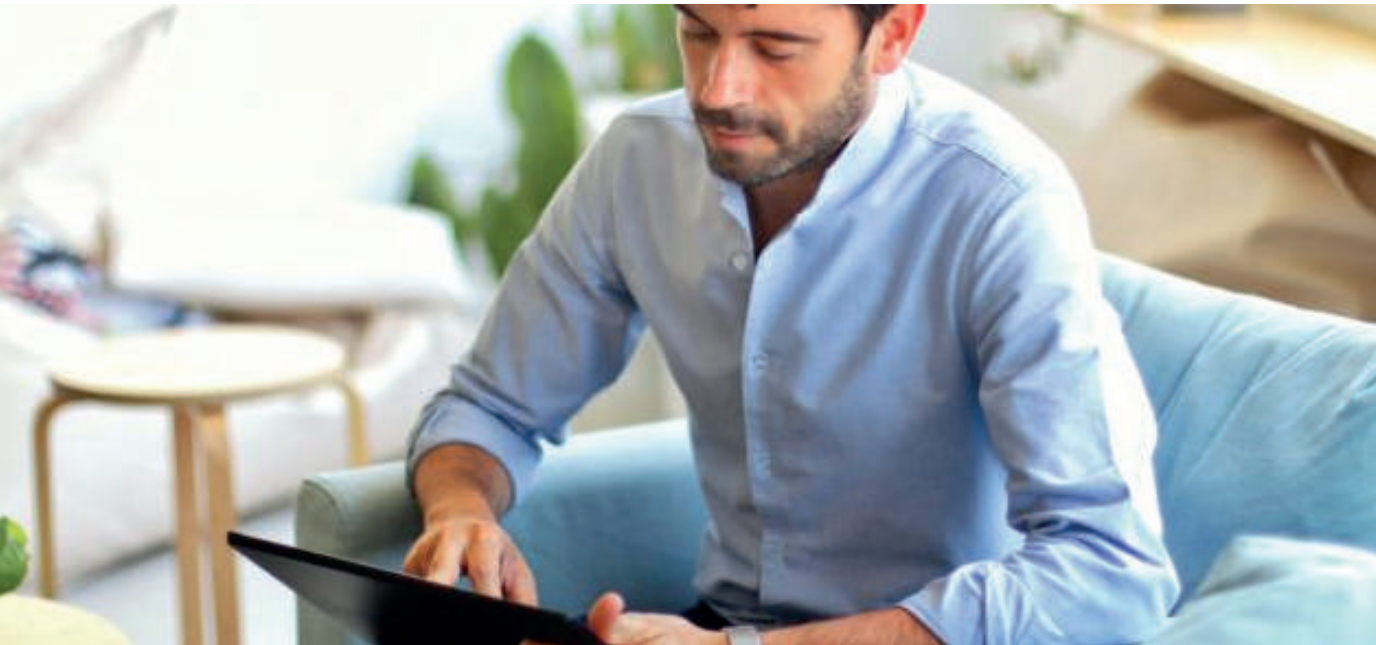
“Des d'aquest dimecres i fins divendres, una delegació de les dotze universitats catalanes, **SciTech DiploHub**, l'Associació Catalana d'Universitats Públiques i el Consell Interuniversitari de Catalunya participen a la 31a edició del Congrés de l'Associació Europea d'Educació Internacional que té lloc a Hèlsinki (Finlàndia). El congrés gira al voltant de la internacionalització de la formació superior i l'intercanvi i col·laboració entre universitats i centres de recerca europeus. Avui mateix s'ha celebrat la jornada 'Diplomàcia científica i educació superior: unint forces per afrontar els grans reptes globals', liderada per **Alexis Roig**, Director Executiu de SciTech DiploHub; i Christiane Schmeken, Directora d'Estratègia del Servei Alemany d'Intercanvi Acadèmic. La trobada ha estat conduïda per Josep Maria Vilalta, Director de la Global University Network for Innovation”

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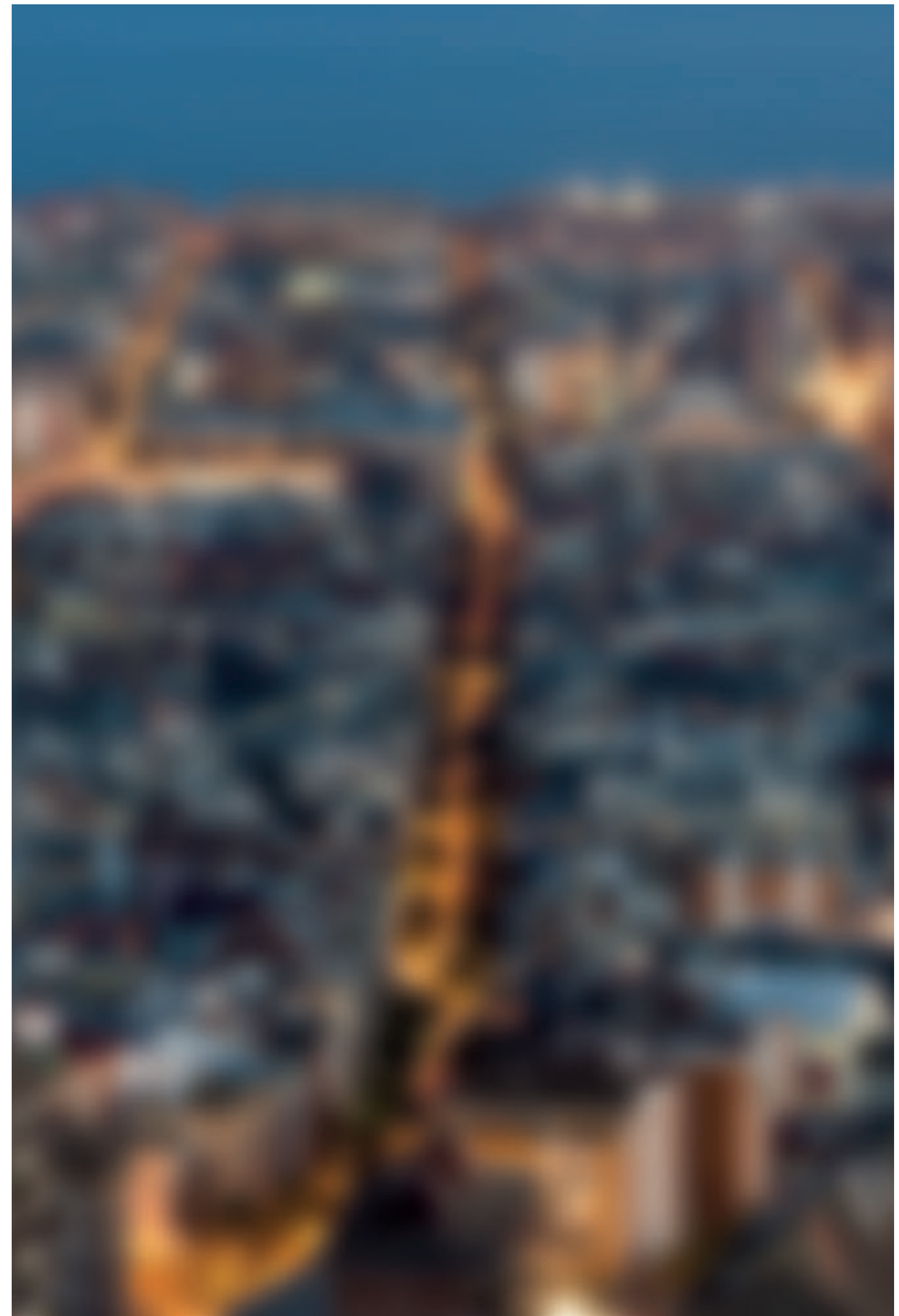
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Redacció - 26 Setembre 2019






“Dimecres es va celebrar la jornada 'Diplomàcia científica i educació superior: unint forces per afrontar els grans reptes globals', liderada per **Alexis Roig**, Director Executiu de **SciTech DiploHub** en representació del ecosistema del coneixement català i Christiane Schmeken, Directora d'Estratègia del Servei Alemany d'Intercanvi Acadèmic (DAAD), l'organització promotora de l'intercanvi internacional d'estudiants i científics més gran del món, en representació del govern alemany.”









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