Strengthening the ERC Research Community in Spain

Venue: Centro Mediterráneo de Investigaciones Marinas y Ambientales, Barcelona

Date: Monday, November 30th 2026

Format: Hybrid (In-person and online)

Target audience: Current & former ERC grantees, as well as researchers planning to apply

Cost: Free of charge

Registration: Registration form

14:30 – 15:00 | Welcome and registration

15:00 – 15:15 | Opening remarks: Salvador Carranza (Institute of Evolutionary Biology) and organizers

15:15 – 16:30 | The ERC and the future of European research

- **Keynote Lecture**: Susanna Narotzky (European Research Council and University of Barcelona)
- **What's the Association of ERC Grantees (AERG)?** Agnieszka Wykowska (Italian Institute of Technology) and Emma Motrico (University of Seville)

16:30 – 17:00 | Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30 | Insights from researchers and institutions in Spain

- **Results from a recent survey of ERC grantees in Spain:** Elisabetta Aurino (University of Barcelona)
- **How can institutions best help ERC grantees?**
    - Miguel Arocena (Ikerbasque)
    - María Mar Delgado Serrano (International University of Andalucía)
    - Speaker TBC (CSIC)
    - Julio Marchamalo Amado (ERC National Contact Point)
- **How to maintain a well-funded group over time?**
    - Tomàs Marquès Bonet (Institute of Evolutionary Biology and MELIS–Pompeu Fabra University)
    - Joan Llull (Institute for Economic Analysis)
    - Q&A

18:30 – 19:00 | Closing discussion and future directions

19:00 – onwards | Networking drinks and dinner

Location: Restaurant Ca la Nuri (paid individually by each attendee, approx. €40)

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