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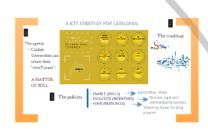




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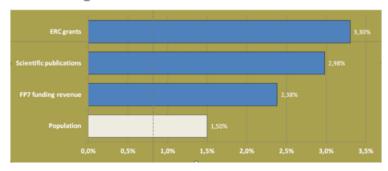
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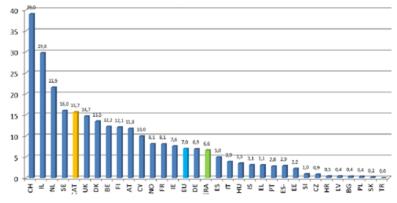


### CATALONIA: EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

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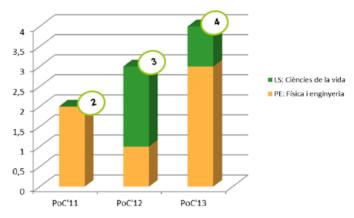


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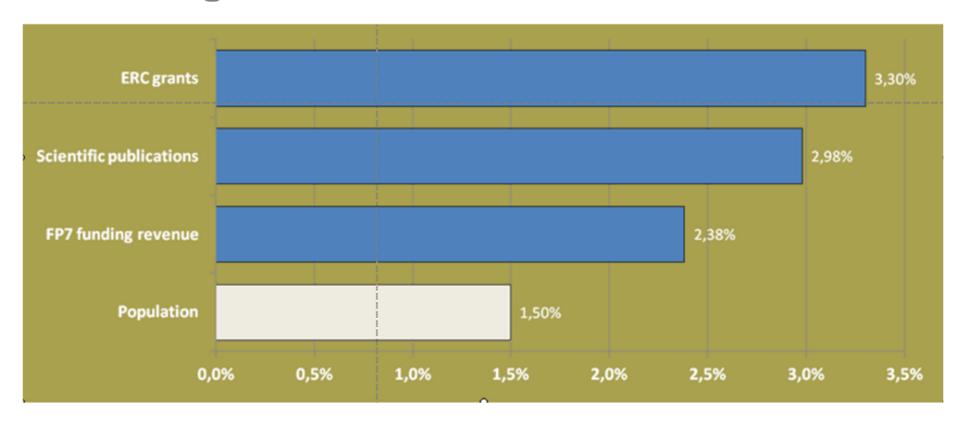
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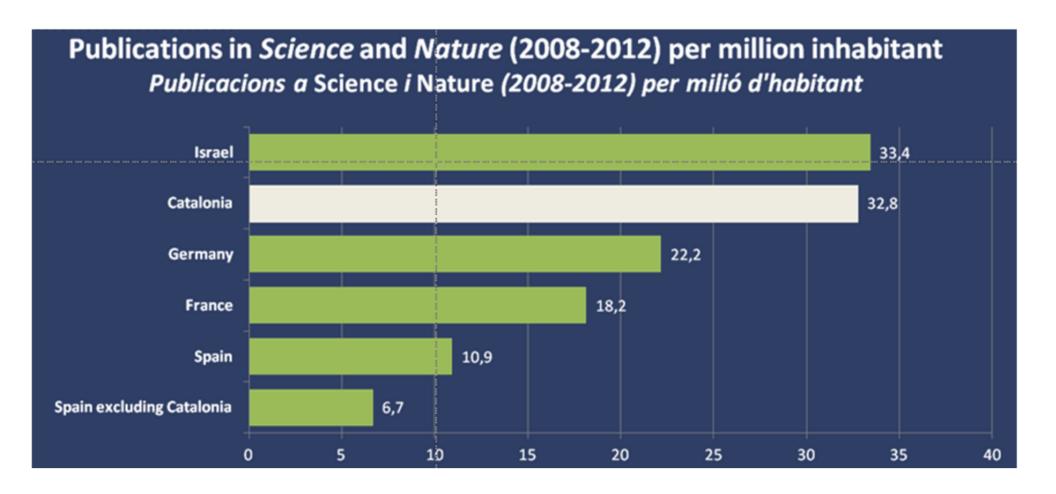
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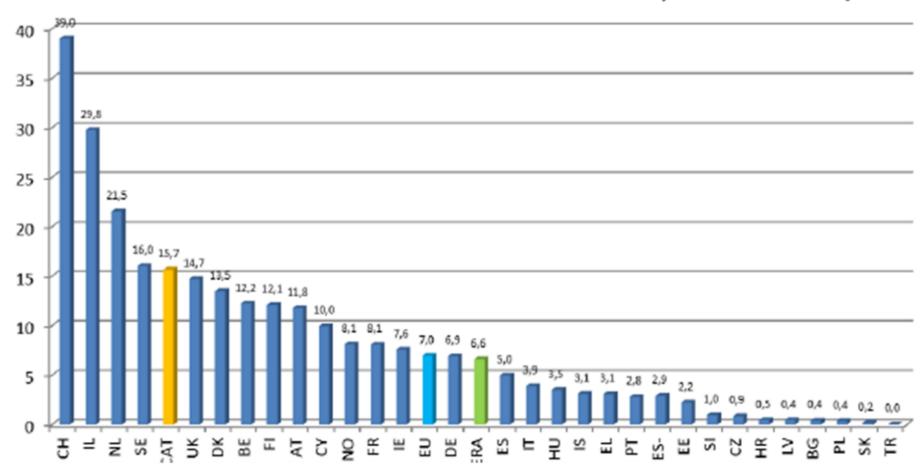


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### What can we learn?

- · Tools and policies
  - INNOVATION CULTURE
    - Incentives to KTT
    - Fostering entrepreneurial spirit: practical training and mentorship at all levels, for all kind of people.
    - Tax policy open to innovation
  - PERMEABILITY
    - University-Industry relationships: Industrial Affiliates Program (IAP) to set bridges
    - Exposing the large student body to the latest developments in the industry
- Governance
  - PRIVATE INSTRUMENTS FOR UNIVERSITIES
    - Technology Transfer Companies at Universities (TAU, Yissum, etc): Yissum: more than 530 technology licenses; over \$2 billion in worldwide sales every year.
  - FLEXIBLE MODEL
    - · Reduced % of tenure tracks for admin staff at universities







## Can we implement the learnings?

What we need:

### **ENVIRONMENT**

**AND** 

TIME...



environment:
the capability to
apply own
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"enabling"
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### A KTT STRATEGY FOR CATALONIA

### The agents:

 Catalan Universities can create their "ownYissum":

A MATTER OF WILL

8,600 12 Catalonia's INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITIES COMPANIES RESEARCH CENTRES Sistema de recerca de Catalunya 15 HOSPITAL RESEARCH RESEARCH SUPPORT SPIN-OFFS INSTITUTES INFRASTRUCTURES LARGE TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURES CENTRES TECHNOLOGY PARKS

The roadmap





The policies

- ENABLE (SKILLS)
- FACILITATE (INCENTIVES)
- FUND (RESOURCES)

**INDUSTRIAL PHDs** 

Remove legal and administrative barriers "Matching funds" funding

program

### How can we collaborate?

- MoU between the Government of Israel and the Government of Catalonia (agreements at different levels)
- Agreements between Catalonia and Academic / Research Institutions. Example: Weizmann Institute
  - Entrepreneurship training to Catalonia PhD students (funding currently allocated at FI program, starting 2014)
  - Pre-and post-doc exchange (3/4 months "mirror program")
  - Joint meetings
  - Joint Program at H2020 (cofunding)
- Agreements to provide Synchrotron Light services to IR researchers



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