

18. UAB Research Park

MUNICIPALITY

Cerdanyola del Vallès

HEADING

The Eureka building has been completed.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

2009 saw the completion of the Eureka building, a space due to become the knowledge transfer centre *par excellence* on the UAB campus.

The Eureka building is the result of a framework agreement for cooperation between the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) and the Barcelona Zona Franca Consortium (CZFB) for the creation of a space to bring together the various agents working on research and innovation within the park, namely:

- Consolidated companies interested in furthering technological innovation
- Small and medium-sized enterprises with research-based activities
- Spin-off companies. One area of the Eureka building has been earmarked as an incubator for companies from the UAB Research Park. This space also includes a micro-incubator, designed to accommodate budding entrepreneurial projects.

During 2009 the UAB Research Park focused on consolidating and disseminating its knowledge transfer model and developing its portfolio of services for researchers, business people and companies. Among the most important of its activities were the training seminars for business people and researchers, the development of the park's innovation and company creation facilities, and the award of the UAB Research Park-Santander Chairs in Transfer, a total of six grants awarded to PRUAB researchers working in fields such as anthropology, computer-based vision, electronic and telecommunications engineering, biomedicine and materials science.

In 2010, the Eureka building and its incubator for spin-off companies will come into operation, and the building will begin to function as the park's headquarters.

ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DATA

- 4,000 researchers
- 1,600 scientific articles published per year
- 5,000 m² for rent for company activities and incubation of spin-off companies
- 600 annual contracts with companies and institutions
- 25 research centres and institutes (apart from the UAB's own centres)
- 15 associated medical research centres
- 30 spin-off companies

PROJECT ADDRESS

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RESPONSIBLE

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