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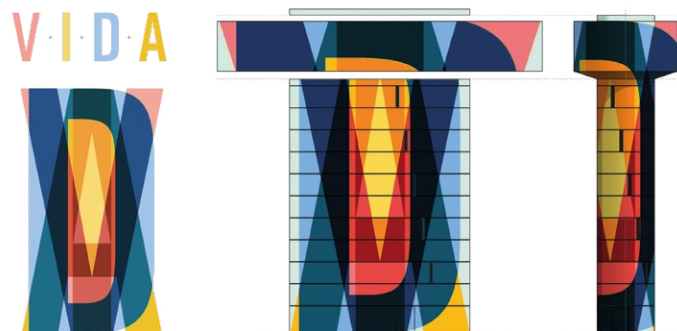
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A mural on the ISCIII campus in Majadahonda, created by Boa Mistura, resulting from the overlapping of the letters that make up the word VIDA (LIFE). The colouration of each character changes when it is crossed with another. The result is a play of transparencies that interact with one another. The cylindrical nature of the structure helps transform the characteristic geometries of each letter into an abstract composition which, on closer inspection, conceals the word, allowing the planes of colour to take centre stage.



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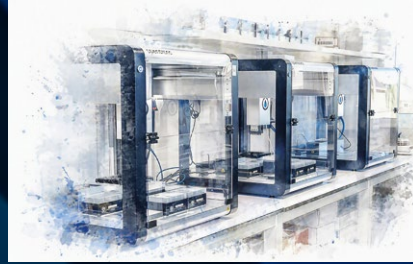


To the entiry ISCIII family,
for their commitment
to advancing scientific
knowledge and applying it
to improve the health and
well-being of the population

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Introduction by the Director



INTRODUCTION BY THE DIRECTOR

When I look back and reflect on everything we have experienced in 2025, I feel a deep sense of satisfaction at the work we have done and, above all, immense gratitude towards the people who have made it possible. It has been a very fruitful year for the Carlos III Health Institute, Spain's **leading public health research body**, and one in which we have continued to make progress with a clear proposition: to generate knowledge to improve people's lives and health through science.

Behind every achievement recorded in this annual report lies the **commitment, dedication to service and excellence of the professionals who form part of our institution**. Thanks to their daily dedication, and to the support and coordinated efforts with the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities and the Ministry of Health, we continue to strengthen our research work, our funding capacity, the training of professionals, the provision of scientific and technical services, and our role as an advisory body serving society.

Five years after the start of the **COVID-19 pandemic**, we **continue to provide scientific evidence** to better understand that public health emergency and are maintaining close surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 alongside other respiratory viruses. Because gaining a better understanding of what happened helps us to be better prepared for any crises that may lie ahead. Furthermore, throughout 2025 we have promoted initiatives that help to preserve this collective knowledge. Together with the Ministry of Health, we held a conference to bring the scientific evidence on COVID-19 up to date; we organised a scientific meeting with patients affected by long COVID, one of the most significant after-effects of the pandemic; and we **published the COVID-19 Atlas**, a work that offers a comprehensive overview of one of the most momentous events in our recent history.

If there is one project that particularly symbolises our vision for the future, it is **IMPACT**, the precision medicine infrastructure that represents a strategic commitment for Spain. Its programmes in **predictive medicine, genomics and data science** are helping to transform the way we understand health and disease. Thanks to the participation of all the autonomous communities, the **collaboration of 51 health centres spread across the country** and, in particular, the commitment of more than 25,000 citizens who have decided to take part in this project, we are building a unique scientific infrastructure. Your contribution will enable us to better understand why we fall ill, identify risk factors, **promote prevention and move towards increasingly personalised medicine**.

Research funding remains another cornerstone of our work. Through the Strategic Health Initiative, we have continued to support research talent and the development of new scientific projects. In 2025 **we have allocated more than €190 million in funding** for human resources and research projects through **16 calls for proposals**, exceeding the previous year's investment. This effort is all the more significant given that it was achieved without the extra European funding that has helped to strengthen the health R&D&I system in recent years.

The research carried out at our own centres has continued to yield significant advances in areas of priority for society. We have helped to expand our understanding of transmissible diseases and chronic conditions; we have promoted new tools for early diagnosis; we have worked on digital health, health technologies, advanced therapies and rare diseases; and we have strengthened lines of research relating to climate change, environmental risks, healthcare and global health. These are advances which, although they often take place away from the limelight, have a direct impact on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

These advances are underpinned by the extraordinary work of our partner scientific organisations. The **Consortium for Biomedical Research Networks (CIBER)**, with its more than 500 collaborative groups and over 5,600 researchers spread across Spain, remains a model of scientific collaboration. Similarly, the **CNIO, CNIC and CIEN foundations** carry out world-class research in such crucial areas as cancer, cardiovascular diseases and neurodegenerative disorders.

We have also continued to **strengthen the R&D&I platforms** in the health sector, dedicated clinical trials, biobanks and biomodels, as well as innovation and technology transfer. The third joint meeting in Salamanca once again highlighted the importance of working in a coordinated manner to provide high-quality services to the scientific and healthcare sectors. Furthermore, the **RICORS cooperative networks** continue to form the backbone of highly valuable multidisciplinary research

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in areas such as advanced therapies, primary care, inflammatory diseases, renal health and maternal and child health.

Our support for territorial cohesion has also been strengthened. The network of **Health Research Institutes** accredited by the ISCIII continues to grow and now stands at **36 centres** following the addition of INIBICA in Cádiz. At the same time, we continue to promote dialogue and cooperation with the autonomous communities through the **Health Research Forum**, in the belief that major challenges require shared solutions.

On the international stage, 2025 has been a particularly positive year. We have achieved **record funding secured through European partnerships**, exceeding **€11 million** in strategic areas such as precision medicine, cancer and rare diseases. We have strengthened our presence in the European Research Area by funding, participating in and leading various initiatives alongside other Member States. We have also laid solid foundations for new areas of cooperation, such as Europe-Africa collaboration on clinical trials and the strengthening of scientific partnerships with Latin America on key issues such as health and climate change.

All this without forgetting a task that I consider essential: **science must engage in dialogue with society**. That's why we continue to **work closely** with **patient organisations, rare disease associations and paediatric cancer** organisations. We have also strengthened our cooperation with institutions like the **Spanish National Research Council**, the **Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology** and the **Spanish Agency for Medicines and Health Products**, while continuing to promote public-private partnerships.

Over the course of this year, we have once again opened our doors to the public through initiatives such as Science Week, the European Researchers' Night and activities linked to the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. We have expanded our public outreach activities in partnership with **The Conversation España** and the **Fundación Muy Interesante**, recognised the work of our outreach staff, and taken part in

science communication projects in the public interest. Because **bringing research closer to people**, especially young people, is not just an additional task: **it is part of our responsibility**.

Once again, the Carlos III Health Institute has demonstrated its **commitment to the National Health System** and to the **Spanish System for Science, Technology and Innovation**. We continue to act as a bridge between science and healthcare, between knowledge and its practical application, and between laboratories and the public.

I am deeply proud to be part of this institution and to be able to see, both from my position in management and through the experience I have gained over so many years of working here, everything **we are capable of achieving when we move forward together**. We look to the future with enthusiasm, driven by the same mission that has guided us since our inception: to put science at the service of people.

I am convinced that, together, we will continue to build a future full of health, knowledge and hope.

Marina Pollán Santamaría
Director-General of the ISCIII

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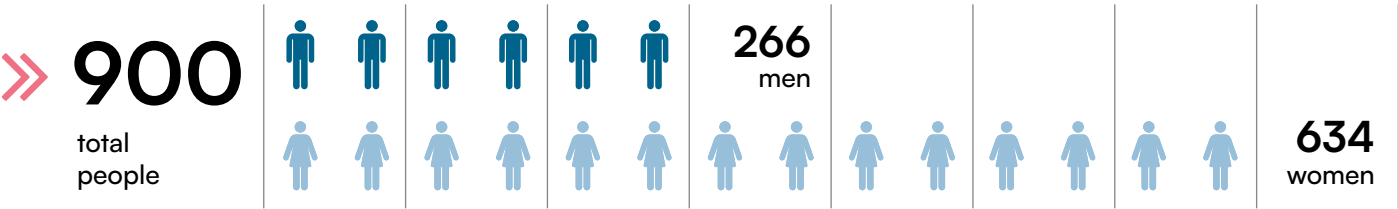


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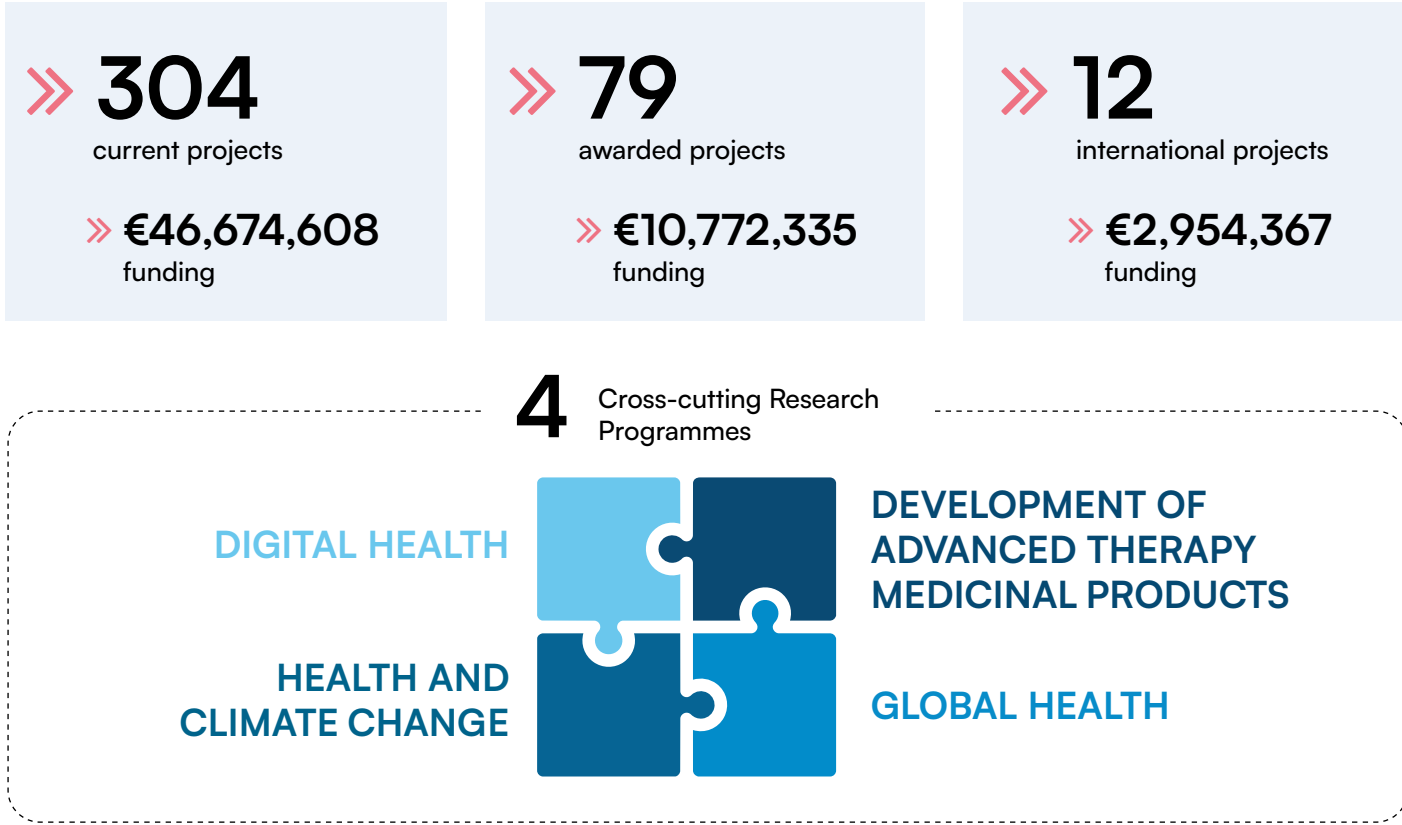
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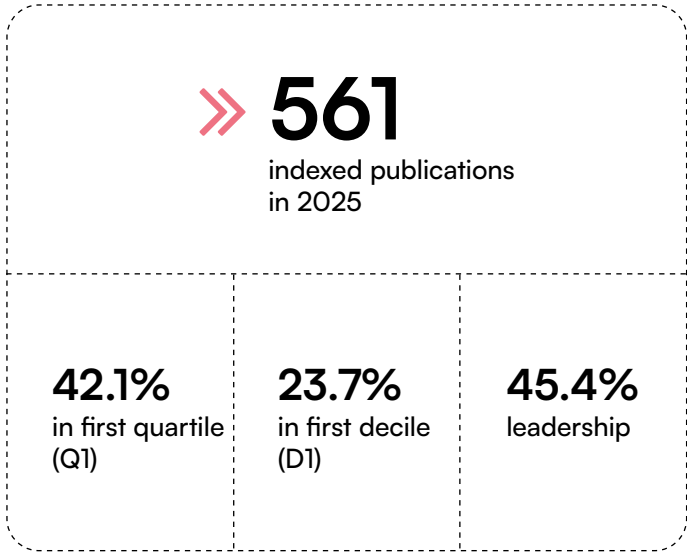
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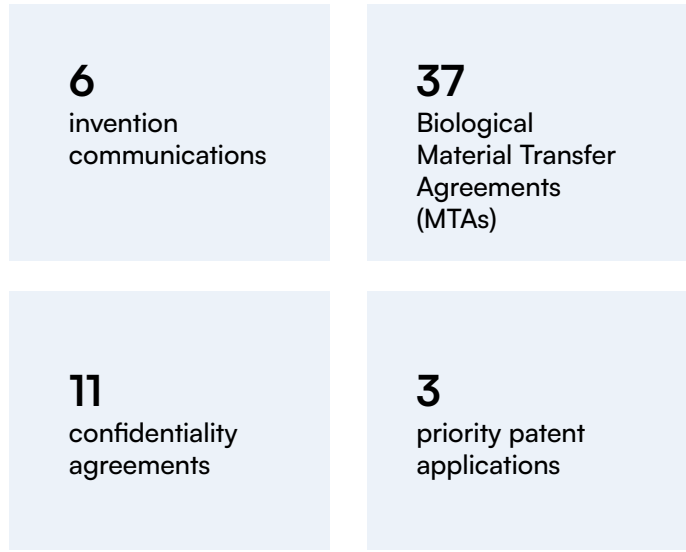
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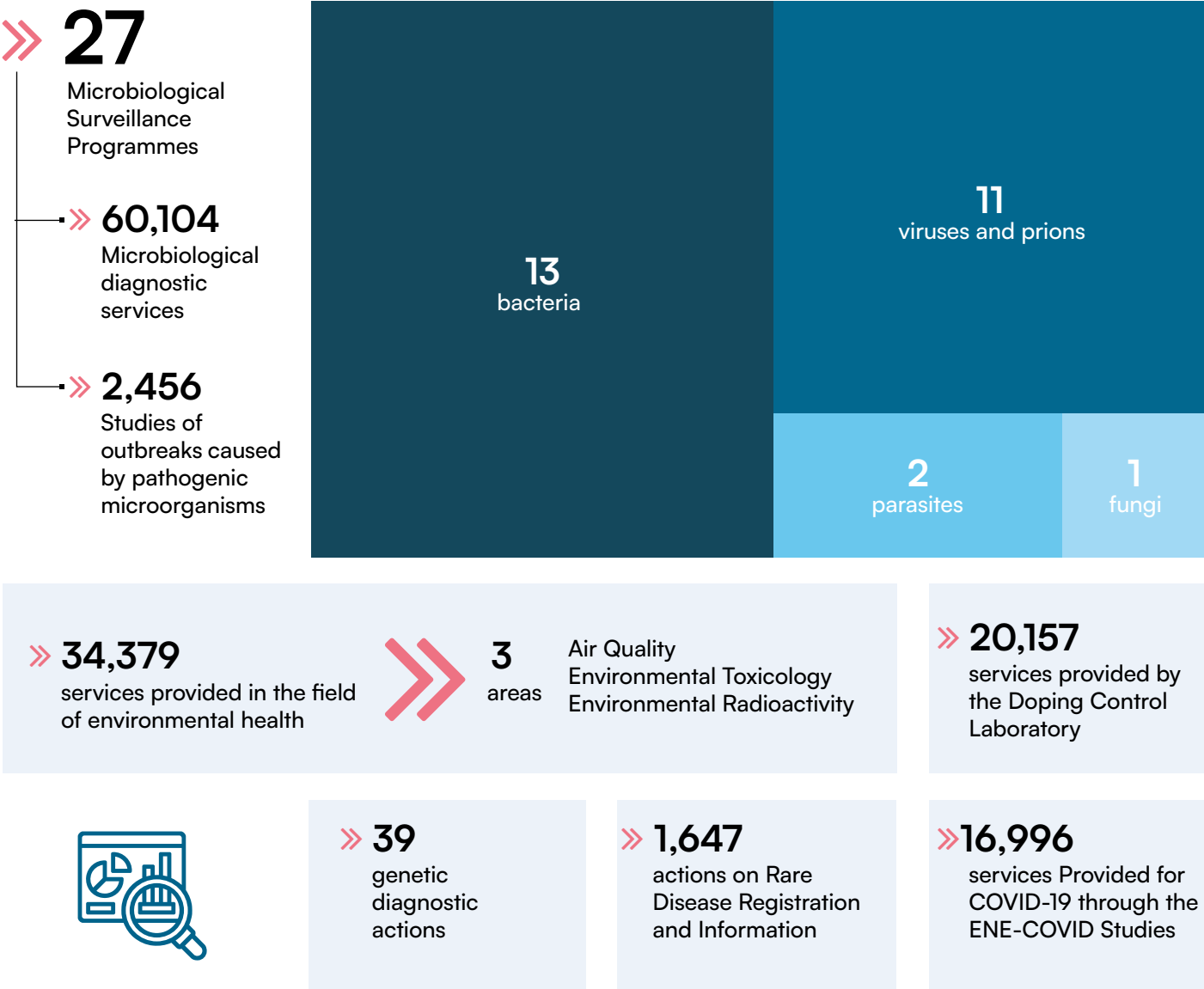
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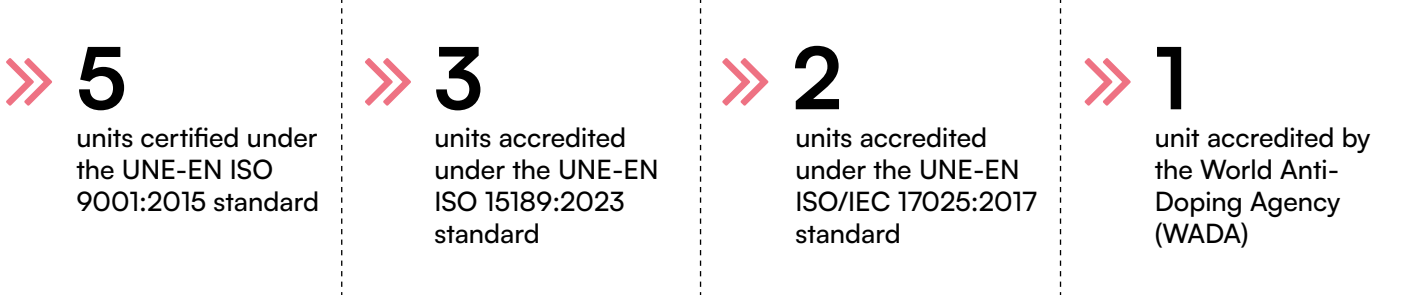
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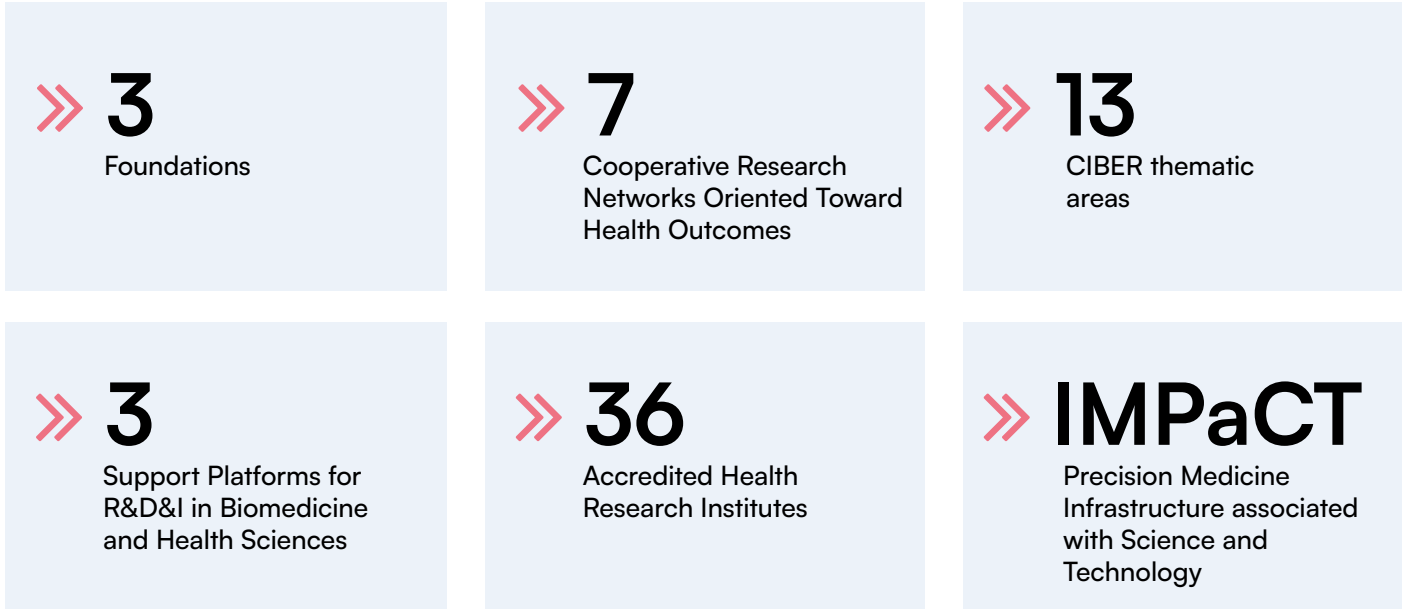
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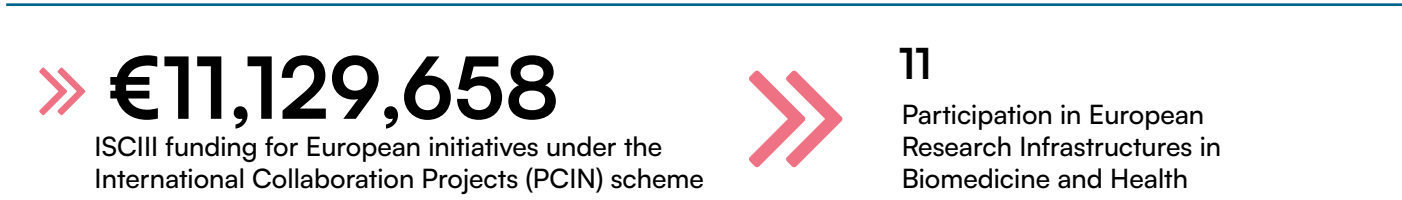
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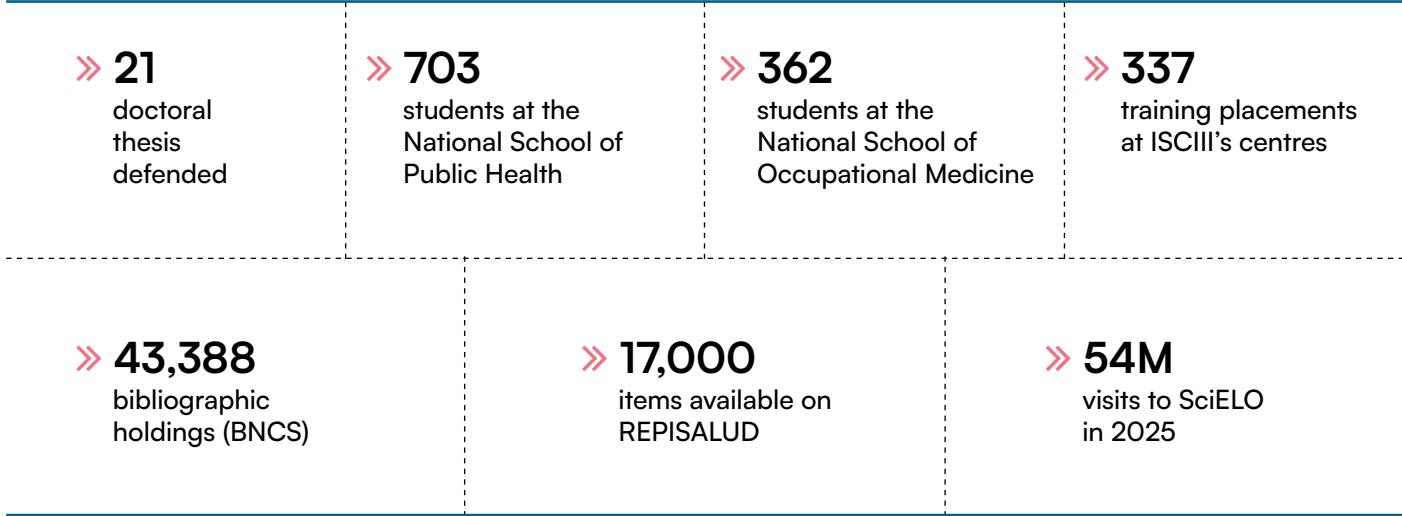
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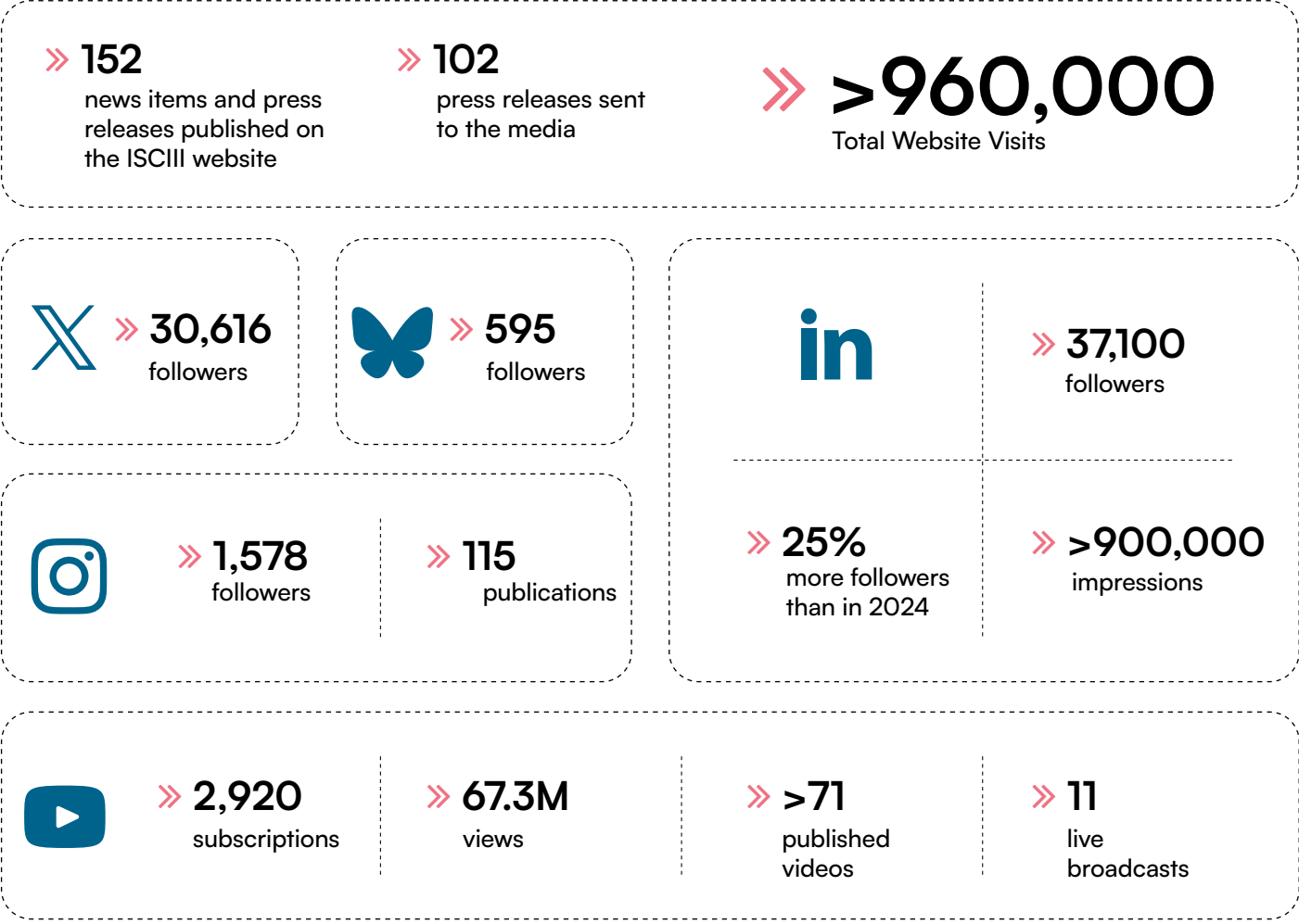
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Training



Communication and Social Media



Outreach



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Promotion,
coordination and
implementation
of health research
and innovation



PROMOTION, COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The Sub-Directorate-General for Research Evaluation and Promotion (hereinafter SGEFI) carries out the ISCIII's functions relating to the planning, promotion and coordination of health research and innovation, through the launch of calls for proposals, the management of projects from application to award, and scientific monitoring during their implementation, of activities associated with the **Strategic Health Action (AES in Spanish)**, as well as the **evaluation and monitoring of Health Research Institutes through the Programme for the Evaluation, Accreditation and Monitoring of Health Research Institutes (PEASIIS)**.

ISO 9001:2015 Quality Certification Standard

The ISCIII has been certified by AENOR since 2021 for the UNE-EN ISO 9001:2015 standard (Certificate No. ER-0383/2021) for the scope “**the Management of Strategic Action in Health (approval, publication and guidance on the call for proposals, and scientific monitoring)**” and “**the Management of the Evaluation, Accreditation and Monitoring of Health Research Institutes**”.

Strategic Health Action

The 2025 Strategic Health Action comes under the framework of the State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation for the period 2024–2027 (PEICTI), an instrument designed to develop and fund the General State Administration's R&D&I activities, with a view to achieving the objectives and priorities set out in the Spanish Strategy for Science, Technology and Innovation for the period 2021–2027.

Furthermore, it also undertakes the planning, evaluation and selection of proposals for actions under the **Intramural Strategic Health Action (AESI)** which the ISCIII, in its capacity as implementing body, proposes to support knowledge generation within the framework of its centres and units.

By Resolution of the Director of the Carlos III Health Institute O.A., M.P., of 10 December 2024, approving the call for applications for the year 2025 through the advance processing for the award of grants under the Strategic Health Initiative (Strategic Health Research Priorities 2024–2027), the actions were structured (Extract in the Official State Gazette (BOE) No.299 of 12 December 2024, with identification code BDNS: 801915).

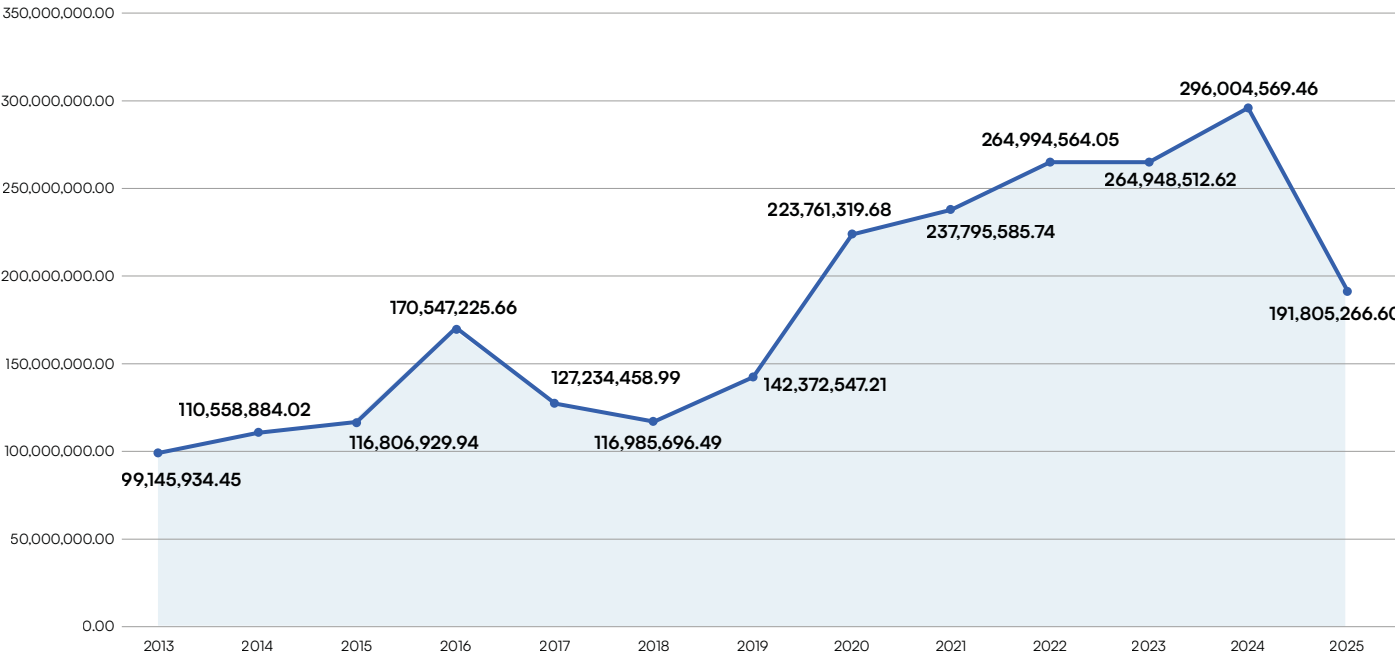
The funding for this call was provided from the ISCIII budget, as set out in Law 4/2023 of 29 December on the General Budget for 2024 (BOE No. 27 of 31 January 2024), which has been extended to 2025.

STRATEGIC ACTION IN HEALTH 2025: NUMBER AND SUM OF GRANTS AWARDED, BROKEN DOWN BY THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES AND SUB-PROGRAMMES

STATE PROGRAMME FOR HUMAN RESOURCES	STATE PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT	STATE PROGRAMME FOR TRANSFER AND COLLABORATION
State sub-programme for the training, attraction and retention of research and innovative talent	State sub-programme for the generation of scientific and technical knowledge and experimental development	State programme to promote knowledge transfer
▶ 499 Contracts ▶ €49,510,093 Funding	▶ 653 Contracts ▶ €105,079,425.73 Funding	▶ 48 Contracts ▶ €24,787,065.65 Funding
State sub-programme for training and recruitment of technical and R&D&I management personnel	State Sub-programme for Institutional Strengthening	State sub-programme to promote collaboration within and between the public and private sectors
▶ 18 Contracts ▶ €1,328,400 Funding	▶ 1 Contracts ▶ €100,000.00 Funding	▶ 55 Contracts ▶ €11,000,282.23 Funding
1,274 Grants awarded in 2025		€191,805,266.60 Funding

In 2025, a decrease was observed in the funding allocated to grants included within the AES. This was due to the end of the exceptional support measures linked to the Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan and the COVID-19 pandemic, whose last calls were launched in 2024. Consequently, in 2025, only standard funding from the General State Budget was available. However, it should be noted that, when comparing AES funding for 2025 with that for 2019 — the year immediately preceding those extraordinary calls for proposals — the increase in AES funding under the ordinary calls for proposals stands at 34.7% (€142.3 million in 2019 vs. €191.9 million in 2025).

FUNDING FOR STRATEGIC HEALTH ACTION: TRENDS FOR THE PERIOD 2013–2025



STATE PROGRAMME FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

State sub-programme for training, attraction and retention of research and innovative talent

Pre-doctoral contracts for training in health research, aimed at the initial training of researchers in health sciences and technologies through the completion of a doctoral thesis. There are two modalities, both of which will last for a maximum of four years, for the duration of your time on the PhD programme.

- » **A. PFIS contracts:** pre-doctoral contracts for training in health research. Aimed at researchers whose group leaders have been awarded a health research project or an AES International Collaboration Project under the 2024 call for proposals.
- » **B. i-PFIS contracts:** Health research institutes-industry PhD programmes in health sciences and technologies. This initiative aims to promote public-private partnership by delivering part of the training programmes at the workplaces of business organisations and accredited Health Research Institutes.

Río Hortega contracts (CM): The aim of this initiative is to recruit, exclusively within publicly-owned healthcare organisations, professionals who have successfully completed the Specialised Healthcare Training programme (FSE).

Sara Borrell contracts (CD): aimed at newly graduated PhD researchers in the field of health sciences and technologies, for a three-year period to further develop their training.

Miguel Servet (MS) contracts: for PhD graduates between 2013 and 2020 who have completed or are in the third year of a Sara Borrell contract, or have completed or are in the second year of the Río Hortega programme and have been awarded a PhD degree.

They are provided with additional funding for research expenditure, and beneficiary R&D centres receive additional funding to create permanent jobs.

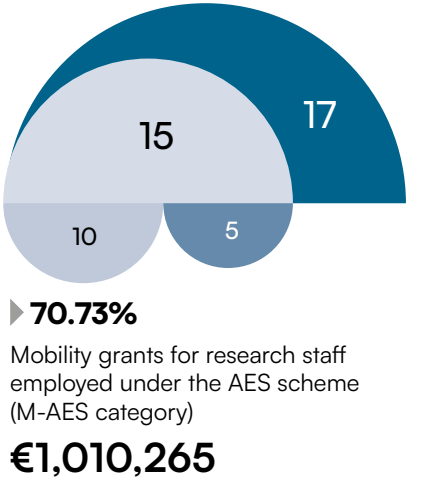
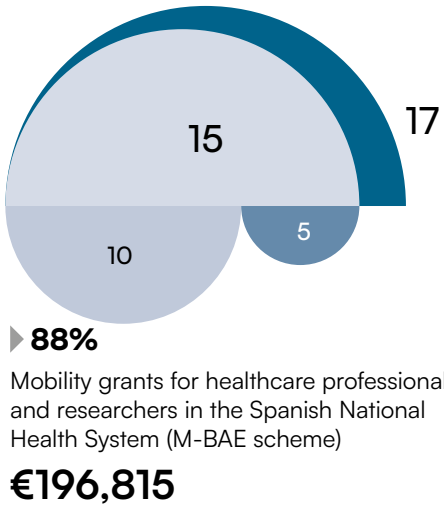
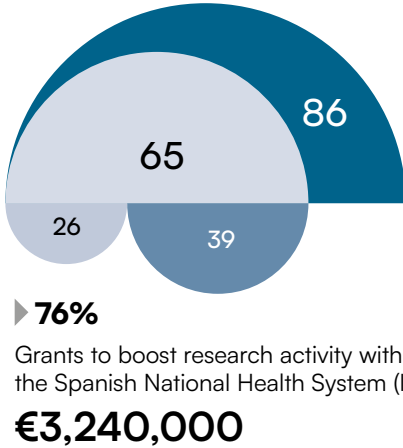
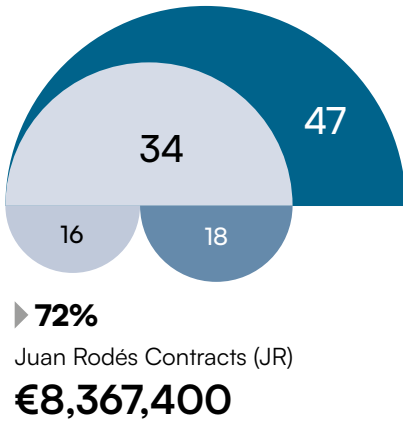
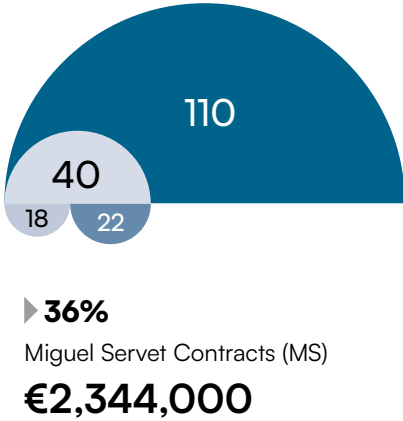
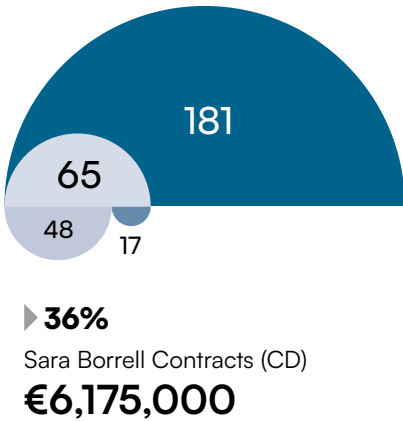
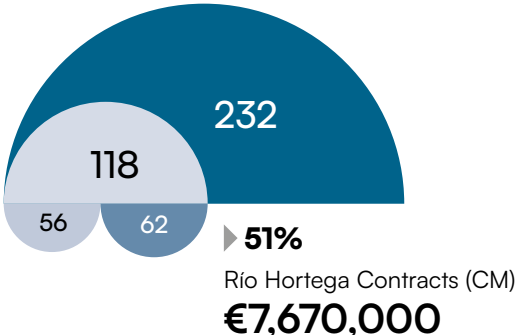
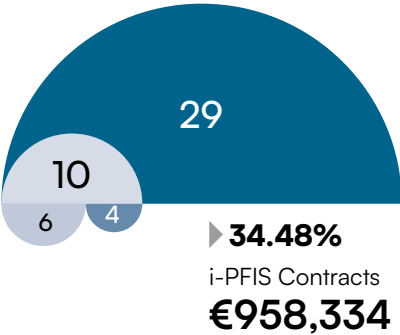
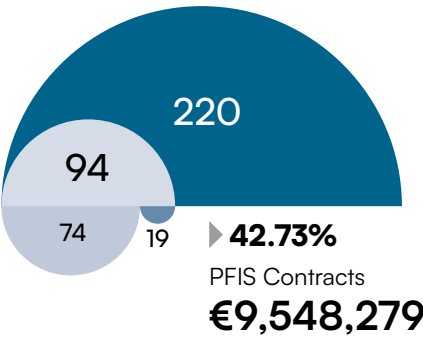
Juan Rodés (JR) contracts: for medical staff with experience in health sciences and technologies, holding both a Specialist qualification and a PhD, and who have completed or are currently undertaking a Río Hortega contract under the 2022 or 2023 AES calls. They are carried out in public healthcare centres that form part of an accredited Health Research Institute. The contracted staff member will be required to combine clinical practice with research.

Additional funding is provided to beneficiary institutions that can demonstrate the creation of permanent clinical research positions.

Contracts for the intensification of research activity within the Spanish National Health System (INT), aimed at specialist doctors or university graduates in Nursing, Dentistry or Physiotherapy who carry out 50 per cent of the clinical-care work performed by professionals in public healthcare centres while also conducting research. Grants may be for one or two years, depending on the number of years remaining for the implementation of the active project on which the application is based.

Mobility grants for healthcare professionals and researchers in the Spanish National Health System (M-BAE scheme), intended to fund placements for healthcare professionals and researchers in the Spanish National Health System at prestigious national or international institutions, lasting between 60 and 365 days.

Mobility grants for research staff employed under the AES framework (M-AES category), intended to fund stays at foreign R&D centres or at Severo Ochoa Centres of Excellence and María de Maeztu Units of Excellence, for individuals on PFIS, i-PFIS, Río Hortega, Sara Borrell, Juan Rodés or Miguel Servet contracts, and lasting between 60 and 365 days.

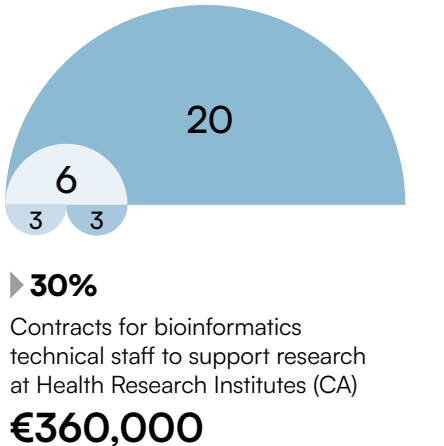


No. of applications accepted No. of applications funded Women Men Success rate

State sub-programme for training and recruitment of technical and R&D&I management personnel

Health Research Management Contracts at Health Research Institutes (GIS). For the recruitment of staff to carry out activities supporting R&D&I management at Health Research Institutes, for a period of three years.

Contracts for bioinformatics technical staff to support research at Health Research Institutes (CA), intended for the recruitment of staff to carry out scientific and technical activities at Health Research Institutes for a period of two years.



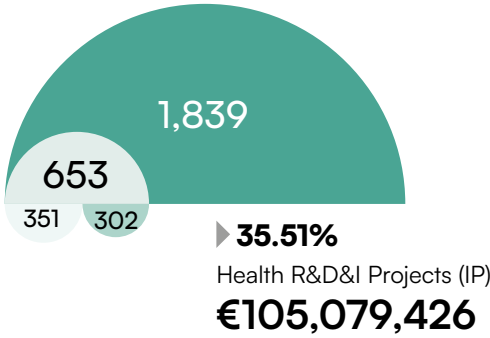
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STATE PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

State Sub-programme for the Generation
of Scientific and Technical Knowledge and
Experimental Development

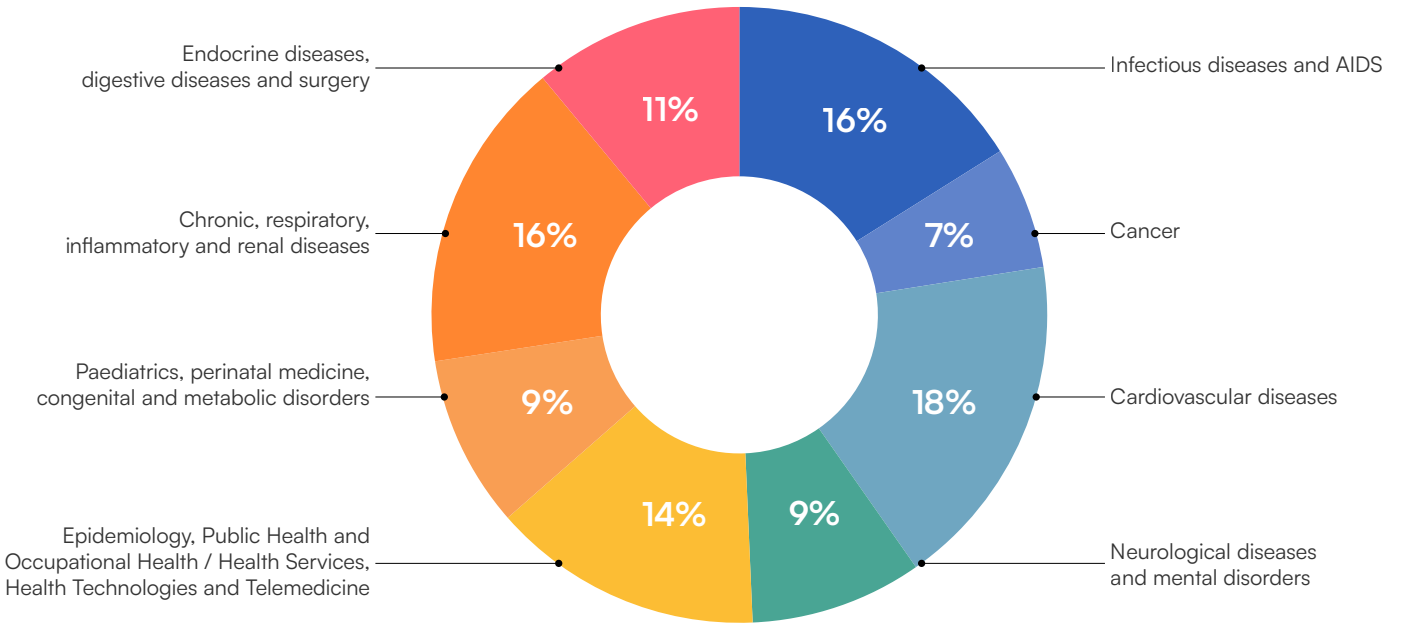
Health R&D&I Projects (PI). Health R&D&I projects (PI) are the main source of funding for research within the Spanish National Health System (SNS) and at research centres linked to this sector, with the aim of funding long-term research programmes. Their duration is for 3 years.

No. of applications accepted Women Success rate
No. of applications funded Men



HEALTH RESEARCH PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER STRATEGIC HEALTH ACTION 2025:
BREAKDOWN BY SUBJECT AREA

AREA	APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED			FUNDED				SUCCESS RATE (%)
	W	M	TOTAL	W	M	TOTAL	SUM	
Cancer	161	165	326	48	57	105	23,018,750.00	32.21
Cardiovascular diseases	72	77	149	16	26	42	8,404,868.05	28.19
Neurological and mental disorders	155	130	285	63	53	116	18,725,082.18	40.70
Infectious diseases and AIDS	68	70	138	31	28	59	8,470,221.08	42.75
Epidemiology, Public Health and Occupational Health / Health Sciences, Healthcare Technology and Telemedicine	216	123	339	64	29	93	8,272,353.75	27.43
Paediatrics, perinatal medicine, and congenital and metabolic disorders	84	75	159	35	24	59	10,347,213.18	37.11
Chronic, respiratory, inflammatory and renal diseases	135	121	256	52	55	107	15,893,812.50	41.80
Endocrine and digestive disorders and surgery	110	77	187	42	30	72	11,947,125.00	38.50
Total	1,001	838	1,839	351	302	653	105,079,425.73	35.51



State Sub-programme for Institutional Strengthening

Inclusion of new groups in the CIBER Consortium. Aimed at strengthening the CIBER Consortium by bringing new groups into its thematic areas.

In 2025, a grant was applied for and approved in the field of respiratory diseases.

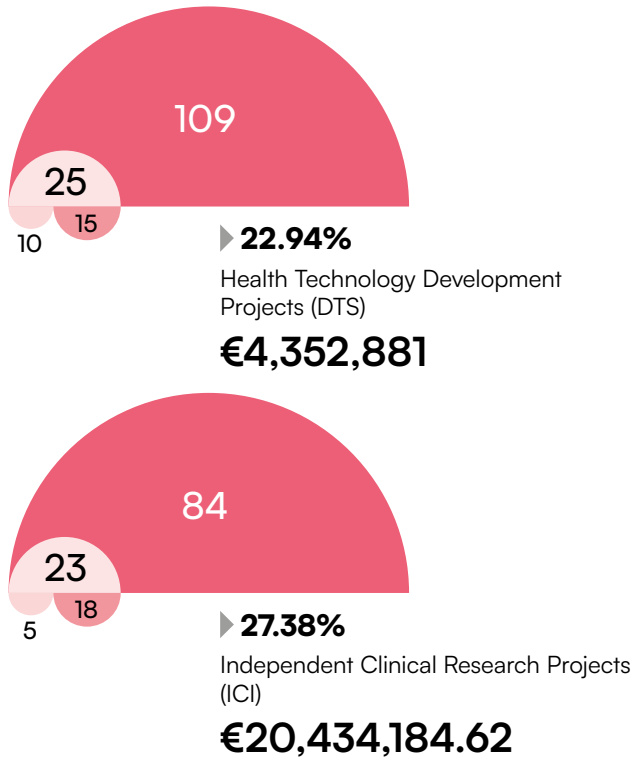
STATE PROGRAMME ON TRANSFER AND COLLABORATION

State Sub-programme to Promote Knowledge Transfer

Health technology development projects (DTs). Healthcare technology development projects (DTs) are applied research projects aimed at promoting innovation in National Health System (SNS) healthcare centres and the transfer of innovative solutions, while also enabling partnerships between research organisations and companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical and healthcare technology sectors. Two formats:

- » **A. Proof-of-Concept (PoC) Projects:** validation of proposals to achieve a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 3 or 4, with a duration of 2 years.
- » **B. Prototype Technology Validation (PTV) projects** for projects aimed at achieving a TRL level of 5 or 6, with a duration of 3 years.

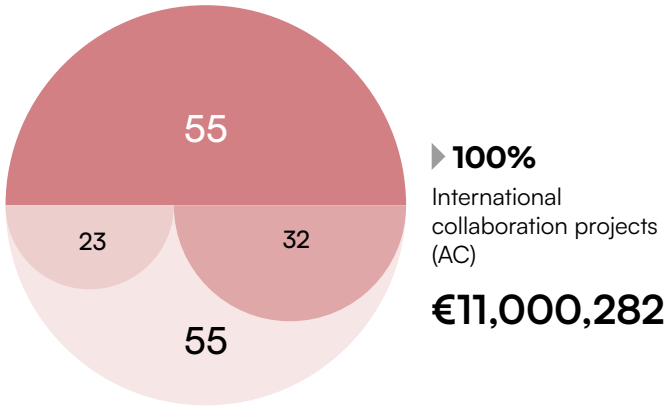
Independent Clinical Research Projects (ICI). The purpose of this action is to promote academic research into clinical trials involving medicinal products for human use and/or advanced therapies (gene therapy, cell therapy or tissue engineering) that will lead to tangible benefits for patients and provide evidence to the health authorities to support their implementation within the Spanish National Health System (SNS). Each project lasts for 4 years.



No. of applications accepted Women Success rate
No. of applications funded Men

State sub-programme to promote collaboration within and between the public and private sectors

International collaboration projects (AC). The aim of this initiative is to promote the internationalisation of Spanish National Health System (SNS) R&D&I and SEICTI stakeholders, by directly funding the participation Spanish organisations in international consortium-based research projects that have successfully applied for joint competitive European calls for proposals under multilateral research and innovation programme agreements. The ISCIII acts as funding body for the Spanish side, provided that the Spanish side has been selected for funding by the decision-making body of the relevant European programme.



● No. of applications accepted ● Women ► Success rate
● No. of applications funded ● Men

Financial monitoring of the AES and management of European funds

ECONOMIC MONITORING OF THE AES

Within the ISCIII, the unit responsible for the financial monitoring of grants for biomedical and health sciences research under the AES is the Monitoring Unit of the **Sub-Directorate-General for Cooperative Research Networks and Centres** (SGRCIC). This work involves a range of tasks, which can be grouped into three key areas of action:

- a. The review and verification of the financial justification for such grants, which involves assessing the expenditure set out in the justification submitted by the beneficiary organisations, in accordance with the SGRCIC’s own procedures established on the basis of the relevant regulations. It also covers, where applicable, the procedures for the repayment of unused and/or ineligible funds, for claiming interest on late payments, and for reimbursement.
- b. Monitoring the implementation of grants that have been awarded and are currently in force, which involves processing and deciding on all requests for changes and amendments in order to address the various needs that may arise for beneficiaries throughout the entire grant implementation period.
- c. Communication strategy implemented with the aim of optimising beneficiaries’ compliance with their obligations regarding the implementation and accountability of grants. A specialist technical officer from the SGRCIC is therefore assigned to each beneficiary centre, ensuring continuous, specialist support and personalised, efficient communication to provide a swift and accurate response to any enquiries via the designated channels, whether by telephone or email. The strategy is also complemented by the preparation and annual updating of guidance documents, which are made available to beneficiaries.

Specifically, in 2025, the execution and/or financial accountability of the following grants under the State Sub-programmes for Knowledge Generation, Knowledge Transfer, Scientific and Technical Infrastructure and Equipment, and Internationalisation of the AES were monitored:

- » R&D&I projects in healthcare.
- » Technological Development Projects in Healthcare.
- » International Collaboration Projects.
- » Complementary Actions under International Joint Programming.
- » Independent Clinical Research Projects.
- » Unique Scientific Infrastructures of the Spanish National Health System.
- » Acquisition of Scientific and Technical Equipment and Infrastructure.
- » Outcome-Oriented Collaborative Research Networks in Health
- » ISCIII platforms supporting R&D&I in biomedicine and health sciences.
- » Precision Medicine Infrastructure linked to Science and Technology.
- » Precision Personalised Medicine Research Projects.
- » R&D&I projects related to personalised medicine and advanced therapies.
- » MSCA Individual Actions — ISCIII-HEALTH Seal of Excellence.
- » ERC-Seal of Excellence ISCIII-HEALTH projects.
- » The FORTALECE programme, aimed at accredited Health Research Institutes.
- » State Network Consortium for the Development of Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (CERTERA).

With regard to the activities of the State Sub-programmes for Training, Recruitment and Mobility under the AES, in 2025 the SGRCIC carried out checks and reviews of the financial justification for the following:

- » Pre-doctoral Contracts for Training in Health Research.
- » Rio Hortega contracts.
- » Health Research Management Contracts at Health Research Institutes.
- » Miguel Servet contracts.
- » Sara Borrell contracts.
- » Juan Rodés Contracts.
- » Grants to Boost Research Activity within the National Health System.
- » Contracts for Bioinformatics Technical Staff to Support Research at the Health Research Institutes.
- » Mobility Grants for Research Staff.

Within the deadlines set for this purpose, beneficiaries submit their financial statements via the AESEG IT application, using the relevant expenditure records, which will be allocated to the various budget headings according to their nature. Each of these entries must be accompanied by supporting documentation for the expenditure in question, in the form of payslips, invoices or documents of equivalent probative value, the relevant payment documents, or any other additional documents that may be required depending on the type of expenditure, such as agreements, publications, photographs of capital equipment, approved internal rates, certificates of attendance at events, etc. **In 2025, beneficiaries submitted financial justifications for more than 3,900 cases, with a total value exceeding €175 million.**

In numerical terms and for the 2025 financial year, the SGRCIC Monitoring Unit’s commitment to the efficient and transparent management of grants, in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements, is reflected in the following achievements:

- » In the area of the management of eligible expenditure, **3,953 cases, worth more than €144 million, were reviewed** over the course of 2025. The purpose of this review is to verify that the expenditure records submitted each year for the various grants strictly comply with the eligibility criteria set out in the regulatory framework, the call for applications and the grant award decision, as well as in the applicable national and EU legislation.
- » With regard to monitoring the implementation of current grant schemes, a total of **10,737 requests** from grant beneficiaries have been processed and resolved via the AESEG application. Owing to the dynamic nature of research activity itself, these requests covered a wide range of issues, such as: transfers between budgetary lines, requests for extensions to implementation and/or reporting deadlines, changes to the composition of the research team (changes to the principal researcher, new appointments, departures and changes to team members’ working hours), adjustments to the recruitment, employment status and working hours of staff funded by the grants, changes to the beneficiary institution,

changes to the working methodology, and the formalisation of withdrawals from grants.

- » Finally, with regard to the **financial closure of cases, 1,068 cases were finalised in 2025**, following a thorough review of the final financial justifications, the assessment of the expenditure submitted and, where applicable, the receipt of any unused and/or ineligible funds and any applicable late-payment interest, in accordance with current regulations.

MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN FUNDS (ERDF AND ESF/ESF+)

Cohesion Policy helps strengthen the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the European Union. In this regard, on 30 June 2021, the European Commission published the legislative package on Cohesion Policy for the 2021–2027 multi-annual financial framework, on which the European Parliament and the Council had reached a political agreement on the Commission’s proposals for 2021–2027 on 25 June 2021, with the aim of redressing imbalances between different countries and regions and meeting the Union’s political priorities, in particular the green and digital transitions.

The ISCIII carries out the functions assigned to it in its capacity as an Intermediate Body for two of the Cohesion Policy funds:

- » **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**, under its Multi-regional Programme for the 2021–2027 programming period (POPE).
- » **European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)**, under its Operational Programme for Employment, Education, Training and the Social Economy 2021–2027 (EFESO).

Contributions from these funds help co-finance many of the grants awarded by the AES under the State Programme to Promote Scientific and Technical Research and its Transfer, in the case of the ERDF, and under the **State Programme to Develop, Attract and Retain Talent**, in the case of the ESF+.

The designation of the ISCIII as an Intermediate Body for these programmes means that it is responsible for carrying out various tasks relating to the management of funds. The SGRCIC is responsible for coordinating and organising fraud risk analysis, carrying out management verifications of operations co-financed by each of the Funds at the ISCIII, collecting mandatory indicators for each grant, acting as the point of contact with the relevant Managing Authorities, assisting those Authorities in the preparation of the management declaration, participating in the Monitoring Committee for each of the programmes on behalf of the ISCIII, as well as ensuring compliance with its Evaluation Plan, and contributing to and responding to the audit controls to which the organisation is subject.

The funding allocation for ISCIII under **ESF+** for the 2021–2027 programming period is €65,416,000.00, and in 2025, the first certification was issued for a grant sum of €8,227,987.72. Under the **ERDF**, the financial allocation for ISCIII for the 2021–2027 programming period is €109,999,998, and in 2025, funding amounting to €27,115,865.44 was certified.

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Science
communication
and outreach



SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

Communication

NEWS REPORTS	PRESS RELEASES	ISCIII WEBSITE
152 news items published on the ISCIII website 	102 press releases sent to the media	>960,000 Total visits to the ISCIII website 

Science outreach

OUTREACH NEWS	SCIENCE OUTREACH	
10 SCIENCE NEWS published on the ISCIII website	20 THE CONVERSATION articles published by ISCIII researchers (start of the agreement signed in 2024)	17 MUY INTERESANTE articles published by ISCIII researchers (start of the agreement signed in 2024)
SCIENCE OUTREACH TALKS	SCIENCE CULTURE ACTIVITIES	
21 PROMOTIONAL TALKS delivered in schools	+600 PARTICIPANTS in Science Culture activities open to the public 	

Social media



X	YOUTUBE	BLUESKY
 30,616 FOLLOWERS 	 2,920 SUBSCRIPTIONS 	 648 PUBLICATIONS 
LINKEDIN	493 more than 2024 ----- €67.3m views ----- 71 published videos ----- 11 live broadcasts	INSTAGRAM
 37,100 FOLLOWERS  ----- >900,000 impressions ----- 25% more followers than in 2024		 115 PUBLICATIONS  ----- >357,000 views ----- 269 stories

Science Outreach Activity Highlights

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

11/02

United by science: Girls and women researchers blazing a trail

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMxSpU1n6qY&t=2s>

11/02

Women Scientists Who Inspire Competition

<https://www.isciii.es/documents/d/guest/libro-concurso-infantil-dibujos-11f-2025>



SCIENCE BETWEEN THE LINES

27/02

Science between the lines. Ana Alastruey. My family and other animals

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGn9RUMRisk>

22/04

Science Between the Lines. Antonio de la Vieja. I, Robot

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpCkrS271FI>

15/04

Science between the lines. Diego Megías. The old guard

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piAvFG2uSto>

22/04

Science Between the Lines. Mónica Torres. Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yh060DVHio>



ISCIII EUROPEAN RESEARCHERS' NIGHT 2025

11/02

Scientific trail: Research to improve health

- » “Discover the Microscopic World Around Us”
- » “Our Microcosm and the Bacterial Game of Thrones”
- » “Challenging Age: An Intergenerational Gathering”
- » “Arthropods as Disease Vectors: Bringing Medical Entomology to the Public”
- » “BioDetectives: Discovering the Effects of Pollutants Using Daphnia and Zebrafish”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2CrkJA1-ws>



SCIENCE AND INNOVATION WEEK



3 to 16/11

Activities

- » “The Air You Breathe: How to Measure it and Assess its Suitability”
- » “Arthropods as Disease Vectors: Bringing Medical Entomology to the Public”
- » “Who’s Who?: Discover your Little Warriors at the ISCIII”
- » “Beyond the Podium: Succeeding Through Health and Without Doping” (6 November 2025)
- » “Exploring the Kingdom of Fungi: “A Journey Through The Microscope in a Mycology Laboratory”
- » “Become a Mad Scientist for a Day”
- » “Escape Room: Assess, Decide... and Escape!”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dT_7iE3ImQ

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2025 Highlights



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

20/01

Visit of a delegation of French researchers to Spain

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Q9L_wogSyY

24/01

Visit of a delegation from the Chinese Embassy in Spain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfYKeP5BSY>

27/01

Presentation of the Strategic Health Action Plan 2025

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xL8wHn3UUWw&t=8348s>

29/01

Visit by representatives of the European ERINHA Infrastructure on Highly Pathogenic Agents research

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDIB1J_JjPs

FEBRUARY

25/02

Fostering Ibero-American Scientific Collaboration for a Sustainable Future

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XxuUeAwwqc&t=2025s>



MARCH

10/03

Visit from the Embassy of France in Spain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Vare8hKUZc>

14/03

Five Years Later: Memory, Learning and the Future in the Context of COVID-19

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiAIP7umVzA&t=17s>

19/03

Visit from the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjQFi6U79x4>

MAY

14/05

Visit of the Association of Academic Medical Centres in Germany

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GBAw5xPDJo>

21/05

Visit of the FioCruz Foundation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFYdF3leqHI>

26/05

Open Government Week 2025 at the ISCIII

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_rldbY_Szk

APRIL

02/04 and
09/04

We are ISCIII Conference

<https://www.youtube.com/live/luzzwkJVRO0>

<https://www.youtube.com/live/DePmDTifimA>

24/04

International Immunology Day 2025 at the ISCIII

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DoyaqlkoG8>

13/05

Visit by the Korean Institute for the Development of Human Resources in Science and Technology

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

JUNE

10/06

Visit by the National Transplant Organisation (ONT)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jw7H-MKj9yA>

13/06

Myths and Evidence Surrounding the Menopause: A Meeting with Female Scientists and Healthcare Professionals

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXWSryabAg0&t=7s>

JULY

17/07

2025 Conference on European Health Research Infrastructures

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vc-hDB5gJo>

27/07

European Project Kick-off

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O011K95ICtc>

29/07

Closing Ceremony for the Master's in Public Health

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3t9L4PzYe68>

OCTOBER

17/10

Malnutrition and Dysphagia: Comprehensive Strategies for Healthcare Professionals and the General Public

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=th43tfdxvqU&t=1643s>

NOVEMBER

05/11

9th Conference on Vaccinations organised by the Spanish Society of Epidemiology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nlli5HizMEM&t=6216s>

21/11

Equality Conference. Online Violence Against Women

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdiENke_540

11/11 and 12/11

8th Congress on Bioethics and Research Ethics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LiMlyb957U>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41kffjusv_U

26/11

2nd National Conference on Congenital Toxoplasmosis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugajj5pHtkQ>

DECEMBER

04/12

Visit of the Spanish Agency for Medicines and Health Products (AEMPS)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0s2gfC28KM4>

10/12

Funding Opportunities in the Field of Biomedicine and Health in 2026

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGmyGcmpHRM&t=637s>

30/12

2025 Summary at the ISCIII

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdQnX7BO6ws>





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