

**European Research Council: Challenges and Opportunities**  
**10 Years of the ERC**  
**30 March 2017, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**CRAG Auditorium (CRAG Building, UAB Campus)**

In 2007, the European Commission launched the European Research Council, with the aim of furthering excellence in research in Europe through competitive funding for researchers of any nationality, working in any area of knowledge.

The Council's successful schemes (Starting Grants, Advanced Grants, Consolidator Grants, and Proof of Concept) are open to top researchers from all over the world who wish to conduct frontier research in one of the member states or associated countries of the European Union.

The event commemorating the tenth anniversary of the ERC is being held in honour of the UAB-CIE Sphere researchers who have been awarded these grants, and will also serve to encourage all those who are thinking of submitting an application for funding in the near future.

## Programme

- 11 a.m.      **Welcome address by Arcadi Navarro, Secretary of Universities and Research, Government of Catalonia**
- 11.15 a.m.   **ERC: a strategic vision**  
Núria Sebastián, former Vice-President of the ERC.
- 11.45 p.m.   **UAB-CIE Sphere success stories**  
Researchers from different areas of knowledge talk about their experiences.
- 12.30 p.m.   **Applying for funding under an ERC Call for Proposals**  
Esther Rodríguez: ERC contact person in Spain
- 1 p.m.        **Closing address by Armand Sánchez, Vice-Rector for Research and Transference of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona**