



The First Vice-President of the Government of Spain and Minister for the Economy and Digital Transformation visits ICFO

VP Nadia Calvino showed interest in the scientific and societal impact of photonics and quantum technologies.

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ICFOians are leading projects of strategic national importance in different areas and the motivation to learn about these projects was the basis for the 18th May visit of the 1st VP of the Government of Spain and Minister of the Economy and Digital Transformation, Ms Nadia Calvino.

Accompanied by Mr Jaume Martorell, Commissioner for the Spanish PERTE Chip (Strategic Project for Microelectronics and Semiconductors within the Spanish Plan for Recovery, Transformation and Resilience), the Vice President learned about some of ICFO's key areas of expertise, including projects related to **quantum secure communication and quantum integrated photonic chips, quantum computation and simulation and the European Quantum**

Flagship Program. She praised the institute's capacity for talent attraction and its commitment to carry out research at the world frontier, as well as its very proactive attitude in impacting the national economy through technology transfer and the creation of spin-offs. We are proud to have a research center of reference like ICFO. It is essential to have an infrastructure with so much world-class talent, commented Calvino after the visit. Ms Calvino visited the laboratory that hosts QUIONE, the quantum computer-simulator that is being built at ICFO under Prof Leticia Tarruell's leadership. She also met with Dr Silvia Carrasco, Head of the Knowledge and Technology Transfer unit of the institute, to learn about ICFO's Launchpad, and with Dr Carlos Abellan and with Ms Vanessa Diaz, CEOs of the companies QUSIDE and LUXQUANTA, respectively, as part of her interest in the economic impact and job creation based on research made at ICFO. The visit will leave a long-lasting memory, as all personnel who had the chance to interact with Ms. Calvino were impressed by her knowledge of the topics being discussed and for her eagerness to support them throughout Spain.



Calvino, Abellan (Quside), Diaz (LuxQuanta) and Carrasco (KTT ICFO) discuss tech transfer



VP Nadia Calvino with ICFOians



Quione project visit



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