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The Network of Science and Technology Parks of Catalonia (XPCAT)

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The Network of Science and Technology Parks of Catalonia (XPCAT) brings together large **areas of production, transfer, dissemination and use of knowledge**, and acts as a point of contact between the research community and the companies to **generate innovation**.

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Mission

The purpose of the association is:

- **Collaborate**, through the empowerment and dissemination of Science and Technology Parks, in the renewal and diversification of productive activity, technological **progress and the economic and social development** of Catalonia.

- Act in coordination as an **intermediation structure** of the Science-Technology-Business System in Catalonia.

- Collaborate in the development of **research and innovation plans** that are promoted in Catalonia.

Focus

XPCAT develops activities aimed at:

- **Coordinate projects** between its members.
- **Participate** in national and international **innovation projects**.
- **Advise other parks** and areas of Innovation in their creation and implementation.
- Organize **Open Innovation activities** to generate innovation for companies (Corporate Venturing tools).
- To **support** the **internationalization** of their companies.

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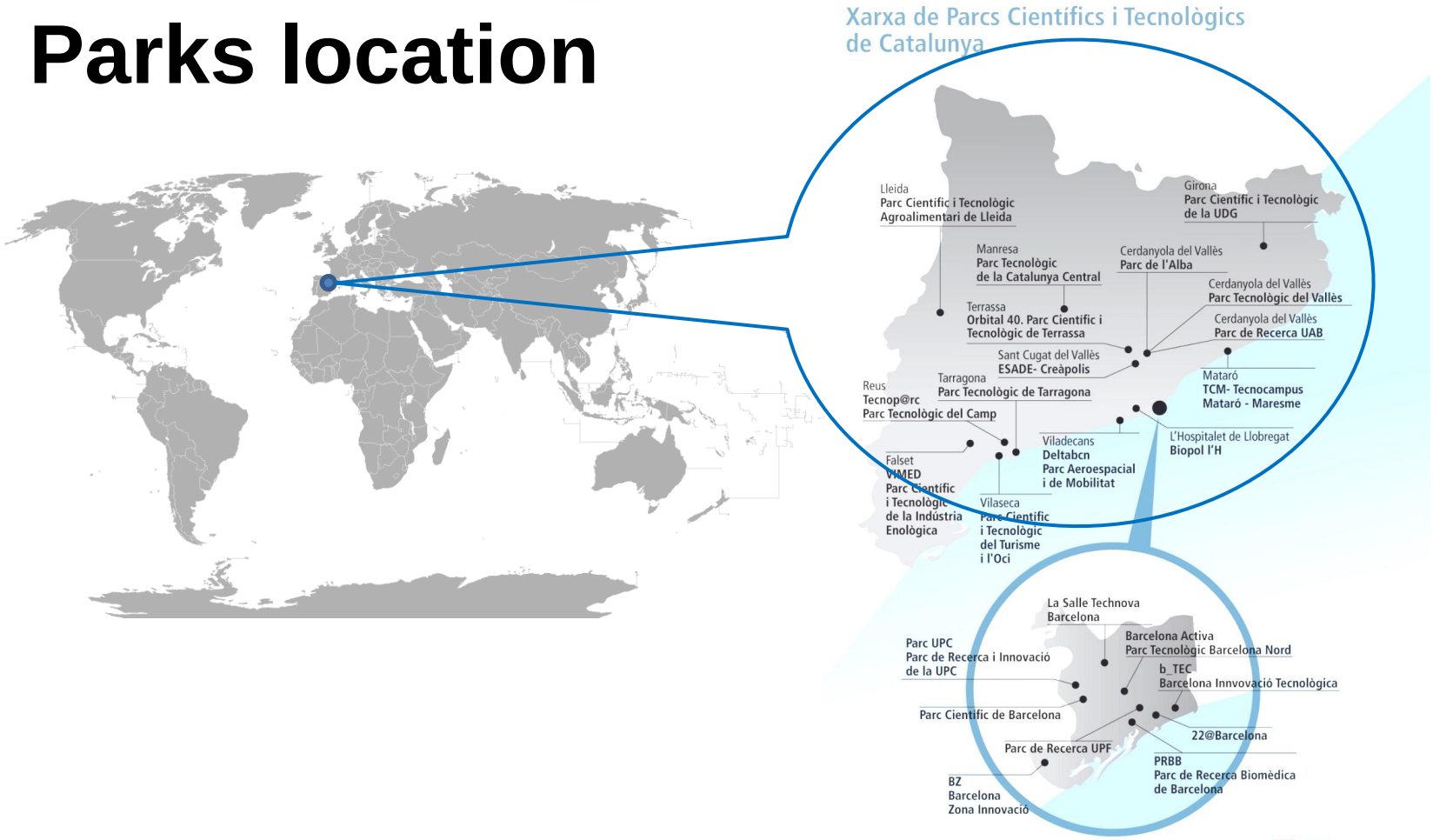
Parks location



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SOME DATA (2020)

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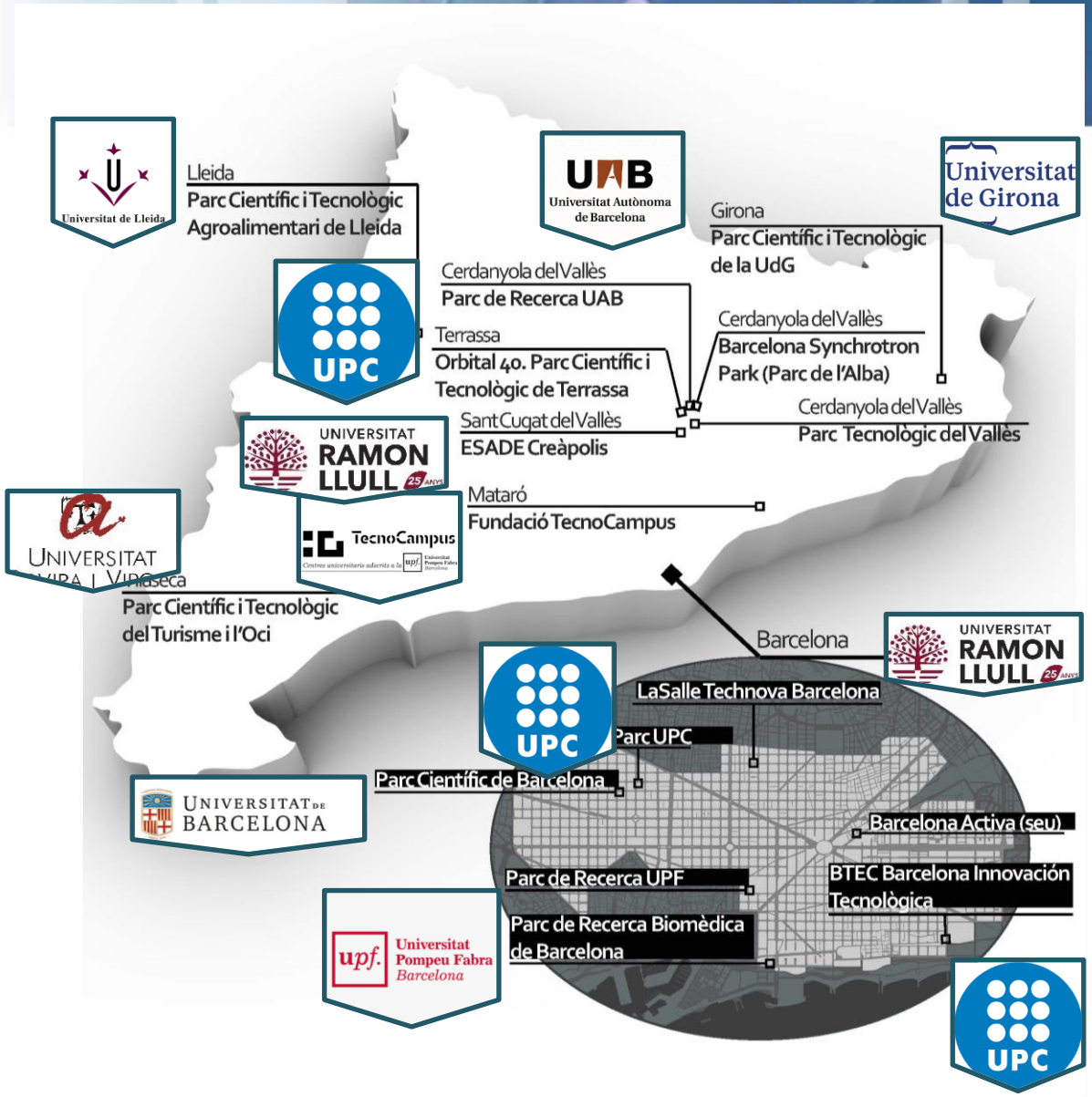
The network currently consists of **16 science and technology parks**, almost all of which are owned by the university or have a strong link to the university.



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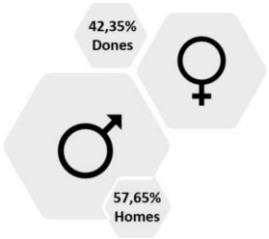
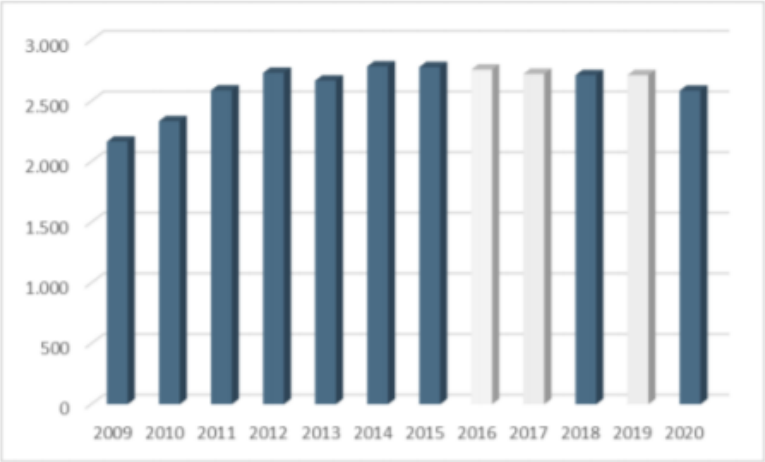
During 2020, the number of people working in Catalan science and technology parks reached **92.048 people**, almost half of whom are R&D workers.



There are currently **2.585 companies** located in these science and technology parks.



Number of companies located in the parks

The total turnover of the companies located in the parks was **11.876 M€** in 2020.

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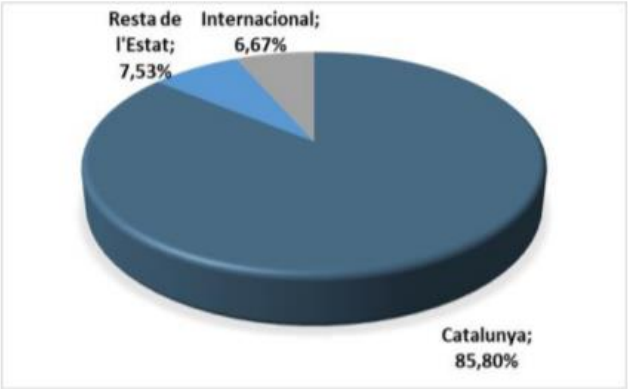
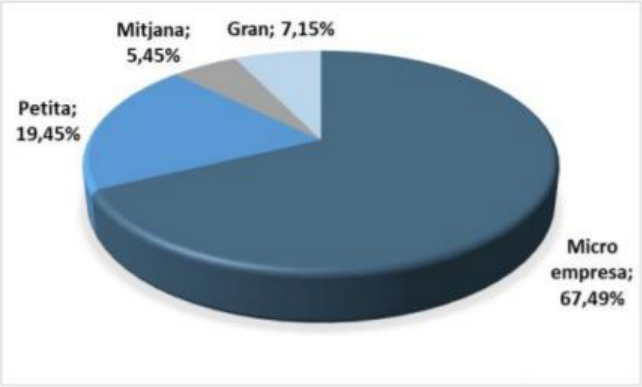
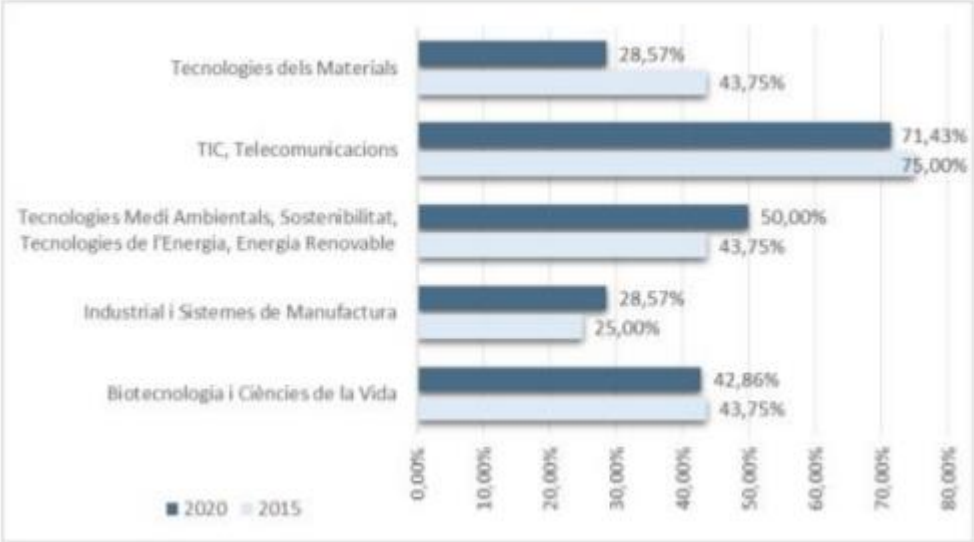




- 85,80% come from Catalonia
- 67,49% start ups

In relation to the sectoral areas, the most relevants are:

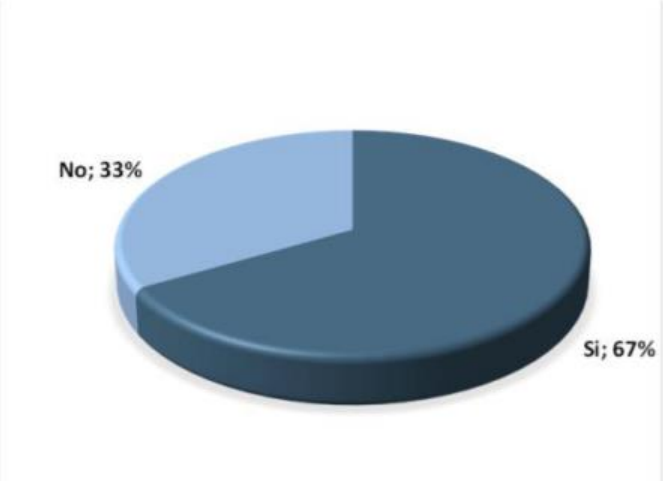
- ICT
- Energy and sustainability
- Biotechnology and health
- Material technologies
- Advanced manufacturing

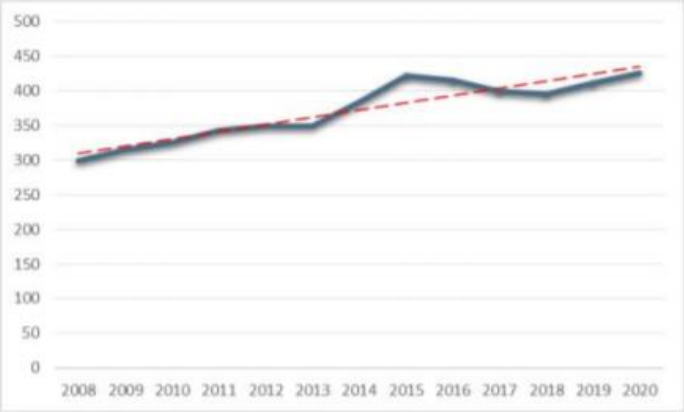


One of the main objectives of the science and technology parks is the creation, the consolidation and growth of innovative companies based on the knowledge and technology.

Many Catalan parks offer incubation and acceleration services.

- 67% of the parks have at least one incubator.
- In 2020 the parks incubated 426 companies.





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Thanks !

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