



Minutes of the International Commission for the Evaluation and Monitoring of the International Campus of Excellence Projects awarded in 2009 and 2010

Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport.

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We, the members of the International Commission for the Evaluation and Monitoring of the International Campus of Excellence (CEI) projects awarded in the 2009 and 2010 calls of the Spanish CEI Program, have proceeded to make the assessment of the progress of the 23 CEI projects awarded in 2009 (9 projects) and 2010 (14 projects).

The CEI assessment exercise has been made following the Procedure designed by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, mainly by remote evaluation of the Progress Reports and web portals of each individual CEI project. A specific evaluation was made for each individual CEI project, resulting in individual assessment reports containing the following sections: Overall Assessment, Strengths, Weaknesses, Potential Impact, Recommendations, Score and Proposal on the decision to be taken on each individual CEI project.

We appreciated the overall quality of the progress of the 23 projects and the significant effort made by the Spanish universities to develop the CEI projects even in a context of increasing difficulty due to funding problems and uncertainty on the future of the program in the present economic situation.

Based on the analysis of all the documents from the progress reports and the feedback of the CEI projects to our initial assessment and after virtual discussions on specific aspects of the individual projects, the International Commission has reached the following conclusions, which are endorsed by all the members of the commission.

We have agreed on classifying the progress of the CEI projects as follows. Please note that within each category, projects with the same score are listed alphabetically.

CEI 2010 Projects of international level

A. Good Progress:

Campus Energía: Energía para la Excelencia.

Health Universitat de Barcelona Campus (HUBc).

EUSKAMPUS. Una Universidad, un País, un Campus

CEI Montegancedo I2Tech

Campus UPF – Icària Internacional

Campus IBERUS: Campus de Excelencia Internacional del Valle del Ebro



The International Commission considers that after the good progress shown in this initial period these six projects should send annual reports next year, as foreseen in the monitoring and follow up of the CEI program.

B. Reasonable Progress

Andalucía TECH
VLC/CAMPUS – Valencia, Campus de Excelencia Internacional

The International Commission considers that VLC/CAMPUS and Andalucía TECH should submit a progress report next year addressing the weaknesses detected and explaining how the recommendations will be implemented.

CEIR 2010 Projects of regional level

A. Good Progress

Campus BioTic Granada
Campus do Mar "Knowledge in depth"
Campus de Excelencia Internacional Catalunya Sud

The International Commission considers that after the good progress shown in this initial period these three projects should send annual reports next year, as foreseen in the monitoring and follow up of the CEI program.

Requalification of regional to international CEI level

Campus BioTic Granada. The International Commission, while recognizing the good progress made by this project, considers that it should keep the category of regional excellence awarded in October 2010, in order to have more time to fully develop its potential and relevance within the regional context at European level.

B. Reasonable Progress

Campus MARE NOSTRUM 37/38
Studii Salmantini
CEI Canarias: Campus Atlántico Tricontinental

The International Commission considers that Campus Mare Nostrum 37/38 should submit a progress report next year addressing the detected weaknesses and explaining how the recommendations will be implemented, while a new assessment is proposed in 2013 for Studii Salmantini and CEI Canarias Campus Atlántico Tricontinental, to check real advances in the degree of implementation of the project, addressing the weaknesses and recommendations, after two years (half of the total duration of the project).

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CEI 2009 Projects of international level

A Good Progress

Campus Carlos III
UAB-CEI
Campus Vida
CEI UAM-CSIC

The International Commission considers that for these four projects, after two consecutive assessments in 2011 and 2012, no further actions are needed. It is recommended that the projects submit their final report in 2014 to decide on the final and definitive qualification of the campus.

B. Reasonable Progress

Barcelona Knowledge Campus
Campus Moncloa

The International Commission considers that these two projects should submit a progress report next year addressing the remaining weaknesses and explaining how the recommendations will be implemented

CEIR 2009 Projects of regional level

A. Good Progress

Cantabria Campus Internacional

The International Commission considers that for this project after two consecutive assessments in 2011 and 2012 no further actions are needed. It is recommended that the project submits their final report in 2014 to decide on the final and definitive qualification of the campus.

B. Reasonable Progress

CeiA3
Ad Futurum

The International Commission notes the significant improvement made by the CeiA3 project since last year assessment in 2011. Both projects CeiA3 and Ad Futurum should submit a progress report next year addressing the remaining weaknesses and explaining how the recommendations will be implemented.

In addition to this classification the International Commission would like to make the following remarks:

- We emphasize, as previously stated by the International Commission, that after three consecutive calls, the map of universities campuses of international and regional level is almost completed if the excellence model is to be respected.

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- The existent CEI should assess their potential of collaboration with other aggregation projects, either with the CEI label or not, especially with those with common university partners.
- We would also like to stress that projects awarded with the regional CEI level should have a minimum period of two years to develop their programs before submitting a new proposal to pass to the international level.
- We strongly recommend continuing the assessment exercise of the progress of the projects selected in the three calls both on an annual basis and with a final evaluation in 2014-15. Based on the outcome of this evaluation some of the already awarded labels could be removed allowing some room for new projects.
- We recommend that for future CEI assessment exercises, the present procedure should be complemented with in-situ visits to gain direct interaction with the practitioners, thus enriching the assessment capabilities of the exercise.

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