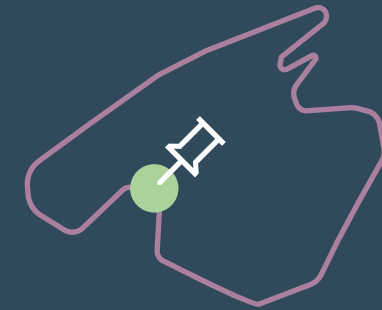




**Mallorca**  
Illes Balears

**Mallorca**  
*Medical Meetings*





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Palma International Airport with **175 direct flight connections** with major European cities.

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Variety of **modern high-quality infrastructures.**

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## MALLORCA AS A PLACE TO EXPLORE INNOVATION

Mallorca has everything you need to explore innovation, development and knowledge transfer. The island is one of the most firmly committed areas to the R&D&I industry as it forms part of the autonomous community with the best tax incentives in Spain.

Expenditure by companies in this sector is at an all-time high, while the number of technical and research staff based in Mallorca in the public and private sectors has continued to grow in recent years.

This firm commitment to research, technology and innovation has been consolidated in the approval of the 2018–2022 Science, Technology and Innovation Plan for the Balearic Islands, which aims to produce more quality knowledge.

One example is the University of the Balearic Islands (UIB), the main organisation offering R&D activities, which, among others, includes three combined-research schools with recognised prestige in Europe: the Mediterranean School for Advanced Studies (IMEDEA), the School of Interdisciplinary Physics and Complex Systems (IFISC) and the School for Agro-

environmental Research and Water Economics (INAGEA). One growing sector is biotechnology, whose main hub is in the ParcBit business park, which is part of the Biotechnology and Biomedicine Cluster on the Balearic Islands (BIOIB), with companies developing new drugs, manufacturing medicines and working on the genetic diagnosis of diseases.

Besides being internationally recognised for its expertise in the most innovative tourism sector and for having superb infrastructure for holding all kinds of events, Mallorca has a large network of venues for medical-pharmaceutical meetings. This includes a new conference centre just five minutes from the airport, which has permanent direct flights to the main European cities and is the third in passenger volume in Spain after Madrid and Barcelona.

**Francina Armengol i Socias**  
President of the Government  
of the Balearic Islands



Museu Fundació Joan March, Palma





Castell de Bellver, Palma

## WELCOME FROM THE BALEARIC MINISTRY OF HEALTH

At the Balearic Islands Ministry of Health and Consumption, we are deeply aware of how important it is to have an environment that is favourable to research and innovation. Our island is home to a prestigious healthcare network, made up of four public hospitals for acute patients and three community care hospitals, an extensive primary care network, a Blood and Tissue Bank Foundation that is renowned as one of the finest in Spain, and a network of prestigious private health centres. These are institutions with their own research commissions and which include Son Espases University Hospital, one of the leading university hospitals in Spain, which since 2016 has also had its own Faculty of Medicine.

Mallorca is strongly committed to attracting research talent and helping innovative scientific groups in their work, an initiative backed by the Balearic Islands Health Research Institute (IdISBa), which in 2019 was recognised for its excellence in research by the Carlos III Institute of Health, which leads the way in healthcare innovation in Spain.

There are currently more than 700 health researchers estimated to be working in the Balearic Islands.

The region is also supporting the promotion of key values such as scientific quality and excellence. By way of an example, on an island with 880,000 inhabitants, there are more than 50 research groups and around 700 researchers, helping to strengthen a scientific ecosystem that is in full expansion.

In summary, Mallorca is a secure environment strategically located in the Mediterranean, providing the very best services and with the ideal infrastructure to host all manner of meetings, events and conferences in the medical, pharmaceutical and general healthcare sectors.

**Patricia Gómez i Picard**

Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs



# PIONEERS IN HEALTHCARE


The good climate, safety, communications, the exceptional natural setting, its inhabitants' cosmopolitan, creative and innovative spirit...There are many factors that make Mallorca a perfect place for any type of healthcare initiative. If we combine all of this with an extensive healthcare network, renowned professionals, cutting-edge research centres and its people's great sense of solidarity, we can say that Mallorca is one of the top healthcare destinations in Europe. Four public hospitals, one of them a university hospital, and two private hospitals working with the state healthcare system, 46 primary healthcare centres, 15,000 healthcare professionals, some of whom are renowned worldwide, several research laboratories, a Blood and Tissue Bank...the healthcare resources in Mallorca are on a par with those found in any European capital city. The great work performed by the Blood and Tissue Bank Foundation has made the Balearic Islands self-sufficient and the last few years have seen the country's highest rate of tendon tissue transplants per million inhabitants. So, while Spain has been a world leader in organ donation for 25 years, **Mallorca exceeds the national average.**

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 Hospital Son Espases



 Blood and Tissue Foundation



# CONNECTED TO THE WORLD

Mallorca is very well connected to Europe and the rest of the world by air. The island's international airport is the third in Spain in number of passengers, only behind Madrid and Barcelona airports. 77 domestic and international airlines fly to and from this airport, offering direct flights to the main European cities. In total, there are 182 connections between Palma Airport and different destinations in Europe, Spain, North Africa and the USA too in summer, with a direct flight to New York. For more information: **[www.aena.es](http://www.aena.es)**

Palma Airport is strategically located just a 10-minute car journey from the centre of the capital and there is also public transport, with buses (EMT line 1) running approximately every 15-20 minutes, as well as direct routes to different destinations on the island (Tib/Aerotib). The comprehensive road network provides a safe, comfortable connection between the capital and all the other towns on the island.

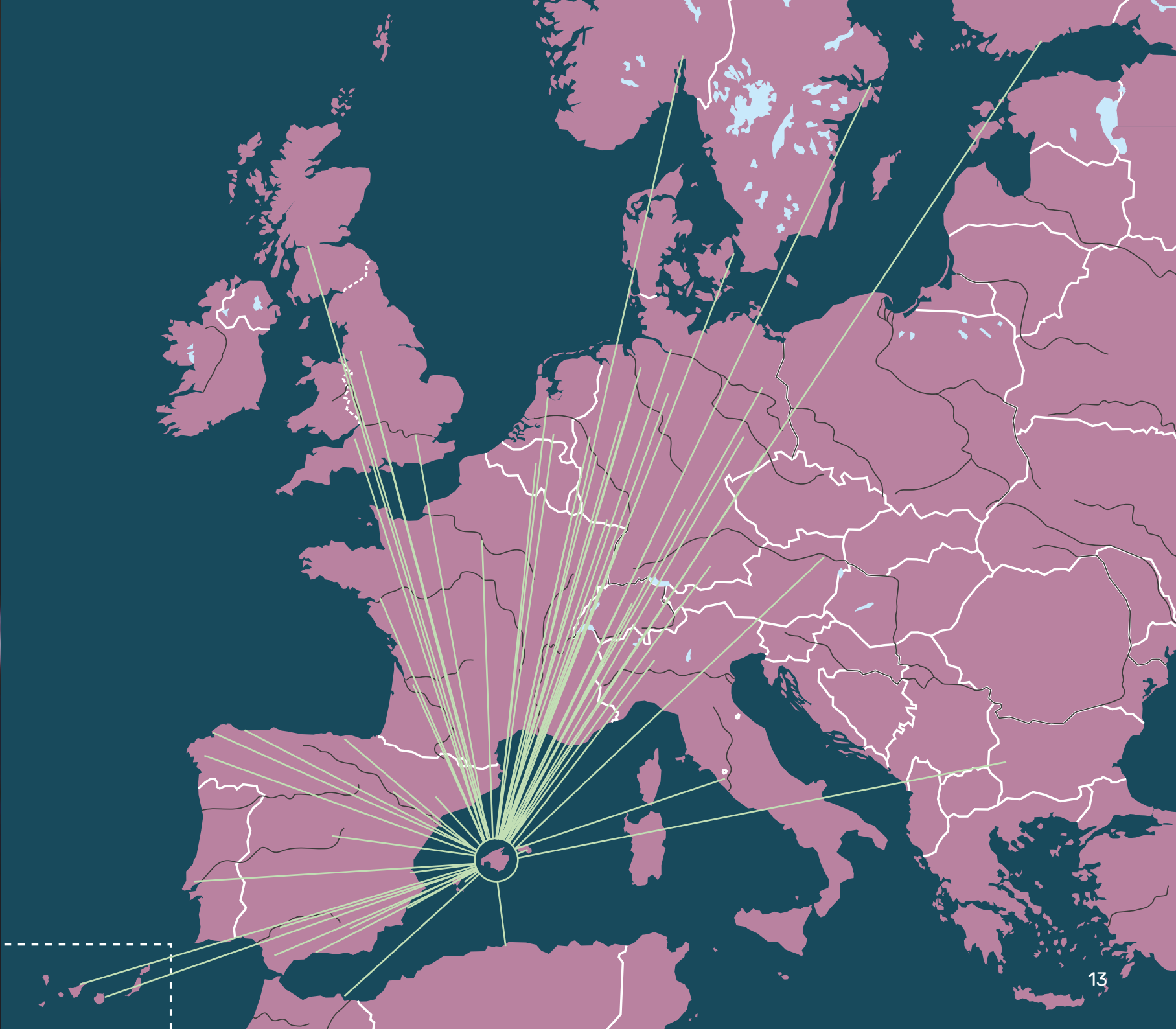
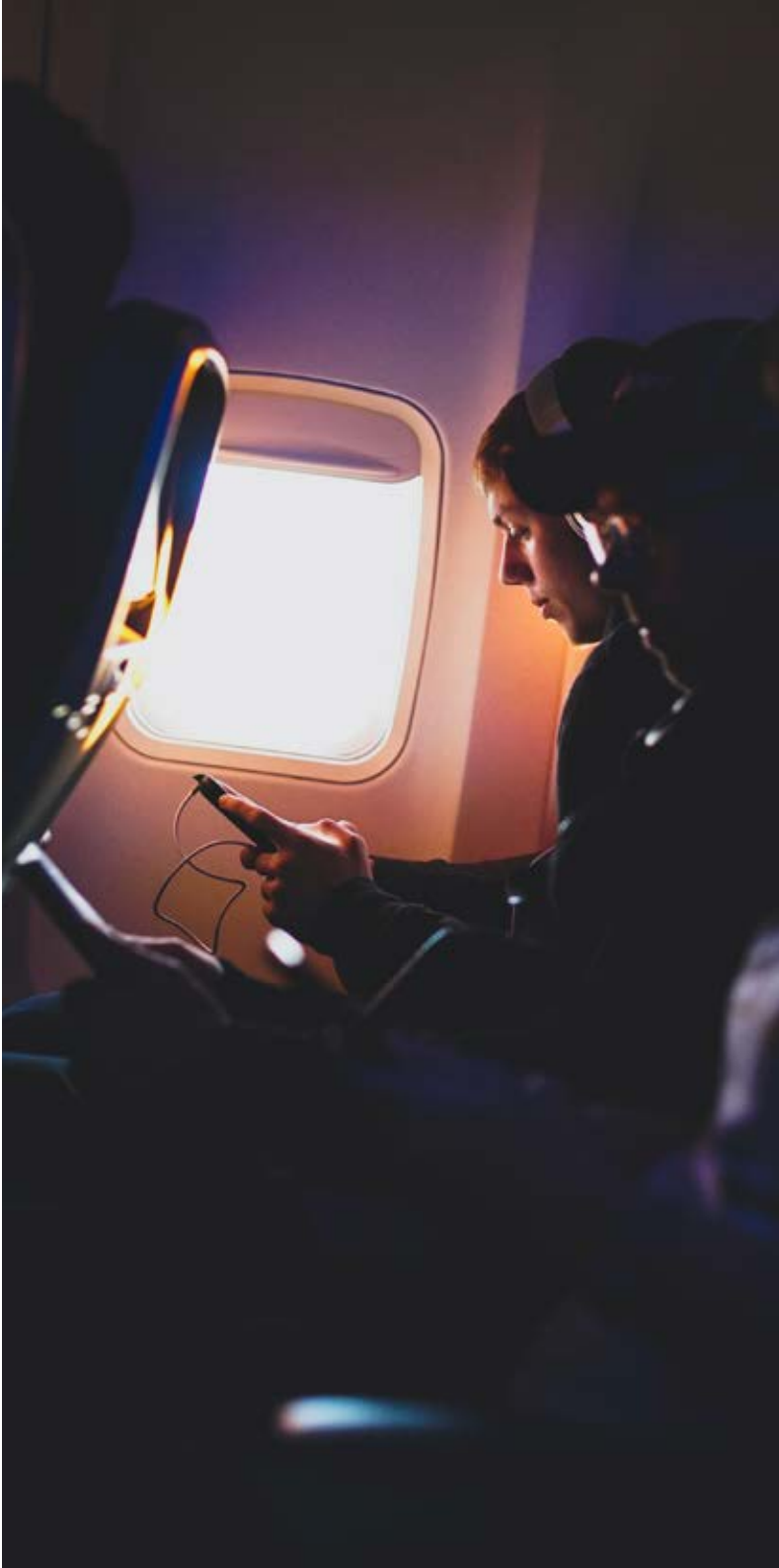
The huge amount of accommodation on the island, with over 460 4-star establishments with 153,850 beds and numerous additional services, is a further incentive to hold any kind of medical or pharmaceutical event there.



175 national and international direct connections



460 establishments 4-star category with 153.850 beds



# THE ENTIRE RANGE OF SCIENCE ONLINE



Instituto  
de Investigación Sanitaria  
Illes Balears



## IdISBa 2021

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Number of researchers*	815
Number of research groups	53

### COMPETITIVE PROJECTS

Number of own projects awarded	7
Number of public national projects awarded	11
Number of private national projects awarded	3
Number of total international projects awarded	6

### CLINICAL STUDIES\*

Number of clinical trials initiated	91
Number of active clinical studies	327

### PUBLICATIONS\*

Number of publications	633
Number of publications indexed with Impact Factor	580
% publications in Q1	53
% publications in D1	18
Cumulative impact factor	3.033
Average impact index	5,23

### TRANSFER ACTIVITIES

Patents	1
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Son Llàtzer



ParcBit  
Parc balear  
d'innovació  
tecnològica

iUNiCS  
Institut Universitari d'Investigació en Ciències de la Salut



## Blood & Tissue Bank Foundation

- » Self-sufficient in blood and human tissue donations.
- » Leader in human tissue transplants in Spain.
- » Accredited by CAT, ISO 9001:2015, GRIFOLS and Fact Network.
- » More than 20 awarded research projects and 6 national awards for blood donation campaigns.
- » Ongoing research projects and active publications in national and international scientific journals.
- » 110 employees
- » Facilities in Mallorca, Menorca and Ibiza.
- » 1 bus and 4 vans for blood donation campaigns.
- » Clean room for the manipulation of human tissues and research in sterile environment.
- » Teaching, Research and Knowledge Transfer Plan.



## Primary & Specialised Healthcare

Health Centers	46
Basic healthcare units	87
Public hospitals	4
Community care hospitals	3
Subsidised private hospitals	2



## Health Research Publications

- » 2,393 indexed publications in Web of Science (articles and review articles).
- » 1,158 publications in Journal Impact Factor Q1 (48.39 %).
- » 455 publications in Journal Impact Factor D1 (19.01 %).

Data including the following centers:

- Àrea de Salut d'Eivissa i Formentera
- Àrea de Salut de Menorca
- Atenció Primària de Mallorca
- Conselleria de Salut i Consum de les Illes Balears
- Fundació Banc de Sang i Teixits de les Illes Balears
- Hospital Comarcal d'Inca
- Hospital Universitari Son Espases
- Hospital Universitari Son Llàtzer
- Hospital de Manacor
- Institut d'Investigació Sanitària Illes Balears
- Servei d'Atenció Mèdica Urgent 061
- Servei de Salut de les Illes Balears

- » Language: English (2,200 documents: 91.93 % ; Spanish: 192 documents: 8.02 %)
- » International collaboration: 971 documents (40.58 %).
- » Open Access (Gold and Gold-hybrid): 928 documents (38.78 %)





## MEDICINE UNIVERSITY

Since 2016, there has been a University of Medicine in Mallorca, which joined the other 10 university faculties already there and it has a high rate of success and performance, estimated at around 95%, with training in nursing and physiotherapy also available. This university is located in the Son Espases University Hospital, a modern building of 172,000 m<sup>2</sup>, with state-of-the-art technology and installations that have been designed and equipped for research and teaching.

In this flagship hospital, along with the other healthcare centres on the island, training is given to an average of 230 residents a year and around 800 students receive education of some sort. For this purpose, the hospital has experimental operating theatres and plans to open a pioneering medical simulation centre. Of note too is the anatomical science testing room, which is of great value to the prosthetics industry. Son Espases has also opened a new Genetics and Genome Unit (GENIB) which represents another step towards the much-needed P4 medicine (predictive, personalised, preventive and participatory) which has become a benchmark the world over in the complex science of organ donation.



Universitat de les Illes Balears



## AN EXTENSIVE SCIENTIFIC MAP



Mallorca, with a surface area of over 3,640 square kilometres, is noteworthy for its numerous scientific and technical research centres which organise and run doctorate and post-graduate programmes and courses. The island is home to prestigious university research institutions such as the Instituto Universitario de Investigación en Ciencias de la Salud (*IUNICS - University Institute of Health Science Research*) and the Instituto de Física Interdisciplinar y Sistemas Complejos (*IFISC - Institute for Cross-Disciplinary Physics and Complex Systems*), the latter being accredited by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación (*State Research Agency*) as a María de Maeztu Unit of Excellence according to international standards.

The building that houses the IUNICS covers 2,819 square metres and 30 research groups work there, as well as working in the Son Espases and Son Llàtzer hospitals, investigating infectious and autoimmune diseases, kidney and cardiovascular disease, neuroscience, nutrition and haematology-oncology.

As well as these research centres, there are also the Instituto Mediterráneo de Estudios Avanzados (*IMEDEA - Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Studies*) and the Instituto de Investigación Agroambiental y Economía del Agua (*INAGEA - the Agro-environmental and Water Economics Institute*). It should be noted that both the IFISC and the IMEDEA are part of the main public research body in Spain and the third most important in Europe: the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (*CSIC - the Spanish National Research Council*).

There are other institutions that complete the scientific map of the Balearic Islands, such as the Real Academia de Medicina de las Islas Baleares (*Balearic Islands Royal Academy of Medicine*), the Academia de Ciencias Médicas y de la Salud de Cataluña e Islas Baleares (*Academy of Medical and Health Science of Catalonia and the Balearic Islands*), the Asociación Balear de Enfermería Comunitaria (*Balearic Association of Community Nursing*), professional associations for doctors and nurses and scientific-medical societies which represent doctors in emergency services and primary healthcare, among others.

Since 2019, the ADEMA University School has more than 2,500 square metres available for the provision of healthcare services, biotechnology, biochemistry, teaching and research. This centre is equipped with the latest digital technology in the dental and healthcare sectors. These facilities are for courses in Dentistry and the forthcoming degree in Human Nutrition and Dietetics.

All of these technical and human resources represent the commitment by the public and private sectors to strengthening Mallorca's position as a place which generates knowledge and attracts research talent. An extensive scientific map embodying the ideal place for any medical and pharmaceutical event.



 IUNICS



 IFISC



 IMEDEA





# RESEARCH AND BUSINESSES

The medical and pharmaceutical industries have found the perfect ally in Mallorca, as it is one of the regions in Spain that offers the best tax incentives and has a great number of experts and researchers who play an active role in the region, with the help of work contract tenders and grants for doctorates. In total, over 2,700 people in the region work in scientific and technological R&D (2020 data). In 2020, the Balearic Islands recorded an investment in R&D spending of more than EUR 137 thousand.

The Universitat de les Illes Balears (UIB - University of the Balearic Islands) is the main source of knowledge generation on the island, as it represents over 45% of R&D spending in the region and around 70% of the people who work in investigation. Specifically, to encourage relationships between the scientific university community, businesses and other socioeconomic agents, the Fundación Universidad-Empresa (FUEIB - University-Business Foundation) identifies research results and protects them with patents and other measures, in order to transmit them to the business sector.

The region’s economic development includes sectors that are reinforcing their ability to be economically competitive, such as the Biotechnological and Biomedical Cluster of the Balearic Islands (BIOBIB) and the Chemical Industry Cluster of the Balearic Islands (CliQIB).

The BIOIB, which is made of some twenty partners including the University, was awarded the Silver Label for Cluster Management Excellence by the European Secretariat for Cluster Analysis (ESCA) in recognition of the quality of its management. It provides a shared space and is an active player in a specific environment or ecosystem for innovation, which makes it possible to attract talent and resources, by strengthening existing institutions and businesses and encouraging the creation of new ones. Its aim is, ultimately, to contribute to the socioeconomic development of the geographical space or sector where it operates.

The CliQIB provides chemical technology solutions for the tourism industry in the setting of the Balearic Islands and has been awarded the Bronze Label for Cluster Management Excellence for its work on research into excellence. This cluster is made up of companies from the chemical industry, is part of both an industrial cluster network and this community’s knowledge and has been awarded by the Government of the Balearic Islands.

Both clusters have their head office in the Balearic Science and Technology Park (ParcBit) which promotes company growth based on knowledge and support in developing structural relations with the University and research centres, as well as offering a Technology Business Incubator.

Companies dedicated to science and medical and pharmaceutical technology with a head office in the ParcBit.

## Medical and pharmaceutical science and technology companies headquartered in Parc BIT

<b>BIOIB. Cluster biotecnològic i biomèdic de les Illes Balears</b>	Centre Empresarial Son Espanyol, local: PLANTA 2, LOCAL 9	Biotechnology
<b>CIRCE Crystal Engineering</b>	Edifici Disset, local: PO -A 10	Biotechnology
<b>Laboratoris Sanifit S.L.</b>	Edifici Europa, local: PLANTA 2	Biotechnology
<b>Laminar Pharma</b>	Edifici Naorte, local: BLOC A, P1, LOCAL 1 a 5 BLOC 8, P1, LOCAL 1 a 4	Biotechnology
<b>Syntax for Science S.L.</b>	Edifici Disset, local: PO - A2, A4	Biotechnology





## PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES

Around 20 biotech companies have been through the ParcBit incubation programme, eight of which still operate from this science and technology park: Laminar Pharma, Sanifit, Bipsin Bipsin & Mentalment, Alimentómica, Circe, Syntax for Science, Biodan and NuMat Medtech; the last two have a bio-incubation contract currently in force and the first in the list, Laminar Pharma, has been awarded the 'fast-track' designation from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration agency (FDA) for its LAM561 therapy, designed for cases of glioblastoma.

Mallorca is also home to international pharmaceutical groups such as Labo'Life, leaders in micro-immunotherapy. This laboratory, which has a 25-year history and head offices in Spain, Belgium, France and Italy, carries out its research and production of active substances using biotechnological techniques in Mallorca, the location of its main production unit for medicines based on low-dose immunology. In its Mallorca head office, Labo'Life produces 80% of the drugs it distributes to a great number of European countries and its staff includes over 70 experts specialising in different fields.



Sanifit is a Mallorcan biopharmaceutical company which was founded in 2007 as a spin-off from the University and in 2019 it secured the largest round of financing ever achieved by a Spanish biotechnological company, something it had already achieved previously in 2015. With offices in Spain and the United States, it specialises in the development of therapies to treat vascular calcification, particularly in patients suffering the adverse effects of dialysis.

Bionorica Extracts SL is a company that was founded in April 1995 and is located in the Consell Industrial Estate. Its activity focuses on the manufacture of pharmaceutical and cosmetic products, based on plant extracts and powders.

Mallorca holds a strong position of scientific and technological leadership, which has been achieved by encouraging innovation, fostering talent and boosting productivity levels and business competitiveness. The island is the ideal place to combine talent in research and innovation at any time of the year, with investment in R&D and ever-increasing activity in the fields of science and technology.



# MALLORCA, A SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTHY DESTINATION



The public institutions, companies and organisations in Mallorca have incorporated ethical and socially responsible management into their cross-cutting strategy in response to the challenges posed by the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agreed by world leaders in 2015 to eliminate poverty, protect the planet and ensure universal prosperity. This alignment with the 2030 Agenda, approved by the United Nations, makes Mallorca an ideal, sustainable destination for all medical or pharmaceutical meetings.

Both the Government of the Balearic Islands and the Consell Insular de Mallorca have taken measures to comply with these SDGs since 2016. A series of legal measures and public initiatives that apply sustainability to tourism and all businesses on the island:

- In 2016:** Sustainable Tourism Tax (ITS)
- 2019:** Waste and Contaminated Soil Law (Balearic Islands)
- 2019:** Law on Climate Change and Energy Transition & Sectorial Master Plan for Mobility (Balearic Islands)
- 2020:** Decree-Law against excessive tourism & Plan of Intervention in Tourist Areas of Mallorca (PIAT)
- 2021:** Sustainable Tourism Observatory of Mallorca
- 2022:** Decree-Law Circularity plan for touristic companies: Water, energy, food & waste (Balearic Islands)
- 2022:** Next Gen EU Funds: 5 Composting Plan Project Mallorca (up to 80.000 Tones) & 6 New Electric Public Buses in Palma
- 2022-2023:** Green Mobility in Public Transport:
  - 198 compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. 9 full electric buses with overnight charging. 9 hibrid-electric buses with fast charging.
  - 12 electric trains, 6 electric metro units.
  - New photovoltaic plant will supply 30% of total energy consumed.

The Council of Mallorca has joined the WTO International Network of Sustainable Tourism Observatories with its own platform ([www.stomallorca.com](http://www.stomallorca.com)) and 20 sets of indicators which monitor the economic, environmental and social impact of tourism. The Observatory of the Council of Mallorca has several agreements in place with public and private companies for data collection, including the Impulsa Balears Foundation, which groups together the key economic and social players in Mallorca. The observatory generates strategic knowledge and information to guide decision-making in the public and private sectors on the island.

Another clear example of sustainable management is the Parque de Tecnologías Ambientales (*Environmental Technologies Park*) of Mallorca, run by TIRME, the concession holder which has been contracted by the Council of Mallorca and has become a worldwide benchmark in waste management. In order to optimise the management of waste and its transformation into resources, TIRME develops and participates in several projects, such as monitoring the waste cycle (*FINHAVA Programme*), microalgae cultivation and the production of green hydrogen as transport fuel. In this way,

through different sustainable projects, the region's large companies take part in initiatives, by promoting projects that focus on the circular economy and care for the environment, and by helping to reduce both the carbon footprint generated by their activity and their impact on the most disadvantaged groups in society.

Sustainability, environmental protection and social policies are the key elements of CSR strategy for the island's public and private organisations, who seek to compensate the impact of their activities on society, and of any event held on the island of Mallorca.

All things considered, Mallorca's commitment to sustainability and health make it equally appealing as a destination for sports tourism, a type of tourism which appreciates the island's natural environment and seeks to connect with this setting through sport, whilst valuing its conservation.





## CONFERENCE ROOMS AND ACCOMMODATION

Mallorca has all the resources that professionals require when they are looking for the ideal setting for their upcoming medical, pharmaceutical or sports event. As a place to hold your next conference, the island has modern services and infrastructures, ready to handle science, healthcare, research and innovation, with the emphasis on quality and excellence.

There are different places on the island where professional meetings can be held at the highest level, with all kinds of facilities, locations and additional services. These spaces can be found in specialised venues such as the Palau de Congressos de Palma (*Palma Convention Centre*), the Palma Auditorium, the Sa Mònica Auditorium at Cala Millor, the Son Espanyol Business Centre or the UIB, among others; however, on the island we also have many versatile spaces located in hotel establishments, which means they can be used in conjunction with accommodation.

### CONVENTIONS CENTERS

PALAU DE CONGRESSOS DE PALMA DE MALLORCA	971 626 910	<a href="http://www.palmacongresscenter.com">www.palmacongresscenter.com</a>	Palma
AUDITORIO MANACOR	971 554 549	<a href="http://www.teatredemanacor.cat">www.teatredemanacor.cat</a>	Manacor
AUDITÒRIUM ALCÚDIA	971 897 185	<a href="http://www.alcudia.net/auditori/es">www.alcudia.net/auditori/es</a>	Alcudia
AUDITORIUM CAP VERMELL	971 819 467	<a href="http://www.firstsunmallorca.com">www.firstsunmallorca.com</a>	Capdepera-Cala Ratjada
AUDITÒRIUM DE PALMA	971 735 328	<a href="http://www.auditoriumdepalma.com">www.auditoriumdepalma.com</a>	Palma
AUDITORIUM PLAYA DE PALMA	971 267 654	<a href="http://www.auditoriumplayadepalma.com">www.auditoriumplayadepalma.com</a>	Palma
AUDITÒRIUM SA MÀNIGA	971 587 373	<a href="http://www.samaniga.com">www.samaniga.com</a>	Sant Llorenç
CAIXAFORUM PALMA	971 178 512	<a href="https://caixaforum.org/es/palma">https://caixaforum.org/es/palma</a>	Palma
CENTRO EMPRESARIAL SON ESPANYOL (AUDITORIUM PARC BIT)	971 226 030	<a href="http://www.parcbit.es">www.parcbit.es</a>	Palma
HIPOTELS CONVENTION CENTRE	971 587 512	<a href="http://www.hipotels.com/convenciones/">www.hipotels.com/convenciones/</a>	
HOSPITAL SON LLÀTZER	871 202 022	<a href="http://www.hsl.es">www.hsl.es</a>	Palma
HOSPITAL UNIVERSITARIO SON ESPASES	871 90 98 71	-	Palma
MELIÀ VICTORIA CONVENTION CENTER	912 764 747	<a href="http://www.melia.com">www.melia.com</a>	Palma
NUEVO PUEBLO ESPAÑOL CONGRESS PALACE PALMA	971 737 070	-	Palma
TRUI TEATRE	971 783 279	<a href="http://www.truiteatre.es">www.truiteatre.es</a>	Palma
UNIVERSIDAD DE LAS ISLAS BALEARES	971 17 30 00	<a href="http://www.uib.es">www.uib.es</a>	Palma

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