

Ceremony for the signing of the cooperation agreement between Fundació BCN Formació Professional and Barcelona Nautical Cluster

**The companies that make up the Cluster will be able to host vocational
training students eligible for curricular internships**

Training is one of the strategic lines of action of Barcelona Nautical Cluster

Barcelona - 24 November 2014. The CEO of Fundació Privada BCN Formació Professional, Ramón Paredes, and the President of Barcelona Nautical Cluster, Toni Tió, have signed a cooperation agreement to promote the link between vocational training and the companies from Barcelona's nautical sector. The sector has a high potential to generate employment and to create added value in the economy of the city, its metropolitan area and the whole country.

Under this agreement, the companies and organisations associated to the Nautical Cluster will be able to host students enrolled in vocational training courses to take part in practical training in the nautical sector. These companies will have the chance to extend the training of their students through Fundació BCN Formació Professional's own projects.

The agreement between both organisations provides for creation of an employment pool, with job offers from companies that are part of the Cluster offering vocational training students and graduates.

Commitment to expertise, R&D+i and training

The signing of this agreement reaffirms the Cluster's commitment to expertise, R&D+i and training, which is one of the organisation's main strategic lines of action. Here, Toni Tió, president of Barcelona Nautical Cluster, highlighted the importance of partnerships between the business and training sectors. "At the Cluster we are encouraging the development of curricula that respond to the needs of companies in the sector, not only to generate employment in the city but also to create exportable know-how and train qualified professionals to work abroad", he said.

Set up in October 2013, Barcelona Nautical Cluster's mission is to foster and promote the development of economic and business activities to foster the competitiveness of the nautical sector and turn Barcelona into an international benchmark. At present there are fifty members which together generate a turnover of approximately €100 million and employ around 1,500 people. The Cluster's four main lines of action are: Promotion & Internationalisation, Training, Business Opportunities and Legal Environment.

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