



## **Minutes of the International Commission for the Evaluation and Monitoring in 2016 of the International Campus of Excellence Projects**

### **Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport. Spain**

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We, the members of the International Commission for the Evaluation and Monitoring in 2016 of the International Campus of Excellence (CEI) projects awarded in the 2011 call of the Spanish CEI Program, have proceeded to make the final evaluation of the 9 CEI projects awarded in 2011.

The CEI assessment exercise has been made following the Procedure designed by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport MECD, 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 Decision's Proposal. Each CEI was reviewed independently by two assessors and then a consensus report drafted and shared with the CEI. Responses from the CEI to this initial assessment informed the final grading

We have appreciated the overall quality of the progress of most of the 9 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.

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, while projects of international level go ahead of those of regional level.

#### **Final evaluation of CEI 2011 Projects**

##### **A. Good Progress**

CEI – MAR. For this campus, the International Commission considers that given its progress and international scope it should be upgraded to the CEI category.

CEIR Aristos Campus Mundus, CEIR CYTEMA

CEI Campus Habitat 5U, CEIR Campus Energía Inteligente.

##### **B. Reasonable Progress**

CEIR Triangular E3.

CEIR Hidranatura

CEI Horizonte 2015, CEIR e-MTA.



The International Commission considers that all these 9 projects deserve the definitive qualification as International Campus of Excellence of either international level (CEI) or regional level (CEIR).

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

- In order to ensure the sustainability of the definitive CEI/CEIR labels awarded to the CEI 2011 projects we strongly recommend to MECD to provide further funding support to the existing CEI/CEIR aggregations, which otherwise will face serious difficulties to survive.
- We emphasize, as previously stated by the International Commission, that the map of university campuses of international and regional level is almost completed if the excellence model is to be respected.
- With respect to CEIs with common university partners, we recommend that in order to consolidate Campuses of Excellence in specific locations, each CEI should assess the potential for collaboration with other projects, either with the CEI label or not, especially when each CEI has university partners in common.
- We recommend that universities should not disperse their efforts by participating in several CEIs. The real added value of each university partner of multi-university CEI should be carefully checked in next assessment exercises.
- 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 and a full meeting of the International Commission, thus enriching the developmental role of the evaluation process.

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