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# Mayor of Castelldefels Visits ICFO

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On October 30th, the Mayor of Castelldefels, Manuel Reyes, visited ICFO to learn first-hand the current status of research and innovation activities and to reinforce the City Council's commitment to supporting the local photonics incubator.

Welcomed by ICFO Director Oriol Romero-Isart and members of the executive team, the visit began with a meeting focused on the progress of the joint project between ICFO and the Castelldefels City Council: the Incubadora d'Empreses Fotoniques i Xips Fotonics a Castelldefels. ICFO Vice Director Silvia Carrasco presented updates on the incubator's development, highlighting its role in fostering technology transfer, entrepreneurship, and high-value job creation in the city.

The delegation also visited several ICFO-linked spin-offs and start-ups hosted on site, including **Shinephi**, **Vitsolc**, **Qurv**, and **Quside**, where company representatives showcased how publicly supported research is being transformed into market-ready photonic and quantum technologies.

The visit reinforced the strategic collaboration between ICFO and the Castelldefels City Council to position the city as a hub for photonics and deep-tech innovation, combining world-class research with municipal support for entrepreneurship and industrial growth.

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Roland Terborg, co-founder of ShinePhi, giving a brief introduction of the company

Stijn Goossens, co-founder of Qurv, explaining the company's goals and objectives

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Miquel Rude from Quside explaining the technology

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Representative of Vitsolc giving a brief introduction about the company