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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 firsthan the current status of research and innovation activities and to reinforce the City Council' commitment to supporting the local photonics incubator

Welcomed by ICFO Director Oriol Romero-Isart and members of the executive team, the visi began with a meeting focused on the progress of the joint project between ICFO and th Castelldefels City Council: theIncubadora 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

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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