CERCA evaluation

The periodical assessment of the activity and operation of any system is an essential mechanism for defining and applying policies based on strategic planning.

In the case of research centres, assessment is a fundamental practice, habitual in the world’s most advanced and renowned systems. International standards are well defined in this respect and assessments are usually carried out by an independent panel of renowned experts.

Following a mandate from the Catalan Parliament and, subsequently, from the Government, the CERCA Institute has coordinated the assessment of CERCA research centres with the aim of analysing fulfilment of each one’s mission in the last three years. As a result of this action, undertaken between February 2012 and December 2013, more than 500 high added-value recommendations were made to be applied mainly by the management of each centre in the next four years, before the next assessment.

This report is the result of the extensive exercise of scientific policy and evaluation of the yield of public Money unprecedented in Catalonia.