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# Preparing the future: developing research impact assessment capacity among stakeholders in Catalonia

The Department of  
Business and  
Knowledge and the  
Department of Health  
of the Catalan  
Government and the  
Agency for Health  
Quality and Assessment  
of Catalonia (AQuAS)  
created in 2018 the  
RIACat Group.

The mission of the  
RIACat Group is to put  
together a 3-year plan  
for the design,  
development and  
implementation of a  
country-based cross-  
discipline research  
impact assessment  
agenda.

The first action was to  
organize a 3,5 day  
course for policy-  
makers and research  
stakeholders on  
research impact  
assessment to put every  
stakeholder 'in the  
same page' and learn  
from international  
experiences.

## Introduction

- Over the last two decades, Catalonia has successfully implemented a research strategy to support outstanding excellence.
- Nevertheless, in current times, a scientific policy based only on excellence might turn outdated soon. Policy-makers are starting to realize that there is a need to set up a research impact agenda if wanting to keep successful rates in European competitions.

## 50 Participants

- Science policy-makers
- Other policy-makers (e.g. health, education, justice, agriculture)
- Assessment agencies (evaluators)
- University managers
- Research center managers
- Science dissemination
- Foundations



 **The International School  
on Research Impact Assessment**  
The learning materials of the RIACat Seminar are based on an adaptation of the materials and delivery of the The International School on Research Impact Assessment (ISRIA)  
More information is available at:  
[www.theinternationalschoolonria.com](http://www.theinternationalschoolonria.com)  
AQuAS was co-founder of ISRIA in 2013

## Assessment agenda

The **program** combined general learnings about RIA, international lessons, discussions about applications to Catalonia, and sessions of mutual learning for the co-design of an impact agenda

The **active learning** approach of the RIACat Seminar lead to the development of collective knowledge, useful for the design of an impact agenda for Catalonia

## Objectives of the RIACat Seminar

- To raise awareness about the importance of Research Impact Assessment (RIA)
- Familiarize participants with RIA concepts and options
- To understand the Catalan context and options for designing and implementing a RIA tool in Catalonia

