

ReDIB renewed in the ICTS Map (2025–2028): strengthening distributed biomedical imaging infrastructure in Spain

ReDIB begins 2026 with a major milestone: **renewed inclusion in Spain’s national Map of Singular Scientific and Technical Infrastructures (ICTS) for the 2025–2028 period**, approved by the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (MICIU) together with the autonomous communities.

This renewal reinforces a central direction for the new ICTS period: **a stronger emphasis on “ICTS distribuidas” (distributed ICTS)**—national networks that provide coordinated access to advanced capabilities across multiple sites. In health and biotechnology, this distributed model explicitly strengthens national capacity in fields including **biomedical imaging**.

For ReDIB, this renewal is both recognition and a mandate:

- **Recognition** of the network as a trusted national access mechanism for high-value preclinical and clinical biomedical imaging services.
- **A mandate** to operate increasingly as a *single, coordinated infrastructure*—harmonizing access, logistics, and user experience across **four nodes**.

From the node perspective, the renewal also highlights continued investment in leading-edge multimodal capability (e.g., integrated molecular/functional imaging platforms and associated radiochemistry and preclinical infrastructure).

Read more: [ICTS Map approval](#) (MICIU) and [ICTS overview](#) pages.



COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

Workshop spotlight: MRI with Hyperpolarized Agents (BiolmaC, Madrid)

In September, ReDIB supported a focused workshop on [MRI with hyperpolarized agents](#), hosted at BiolmaC (Madrid). The program convened academic and industry experts to discuss **recent advances, biomedical applications, and collaboration opportunities**, with strong emphasis on interactive discussion and networking. (

This workshop is part of ReDIB's ongoing commitment to convene the community around emerging capability areas, and to translate technical advances into accessible infrastructure services. Look for more event in the future at [ReDIB.net](#).

ReDIB at BSIFS2025: strengthening bridges between imaging science and industry

In December, ReDIB participated in [Big Science Industry Forum Spain 2025 \(BSIFS2025\)](#) at IFEMA (Madrid), representing the ICTS community at the shared ICTS booth and presenting a poster highlighting ReDIB's role in science-industry connection and technology transfer.

Poster highlights (2021–2024) included:

- **178 scientific-technical collaborations** involving **338 entities** across **27 countries**
- **Knowledge transfer outputs: 215 indexed journal articles** and **22 patents / IP rights**



ReDIB will continue using these venues to increase visibility, build partnerships, and accelerate user pathways from ideas to executed imaging studies.

Network updates

Governance and advisory refresh: ReDIB's organization and responsibilities have been re-structured across leadership and management functions. In parallel, the **Scientific-Technical Advisory Committee** has been expanded, bringing additional external perspective from leading academic medical centers and research institutes in Spain, Europe, and the US. Collectively, this committee broadens ReDIB's strategic guidance across **bioengineering, translational imaging, and clinical environments**, strengthening scientific quality, relevance, and national/international alignment.

See the whole team @ [ReDIB.net/team](https://redib.net/team).

New and upgraded equipment across the network (selected highlights): ReDIB continues to expand capabilities—while keeping a balanced, network-wide view of growth. Selected highlights include:

- **BiolmaC (UCM): facility and equipment modernization completed in 2025**, reinforcing its position as a reference infrastructure for preclinical biomedical imaging. Read the [article](#).
- **CIC biomaGUNE: new MILabs VECTor multimodal platform (PET/SPECT/CT/Optical Imaging) strengthening integrated preclinical workflows and multimodal study design.**
- **CNIC (TRIMA): Molecubes modular PET/SPECT/CT capability**, including the **β-CUBE** preclinical PET imager within a modular benchtop imaging ecosystem designed for stand-alone or combined operation.

2025 Competitive Open Access calls: thank you to applicants and evaluators ReDIB launched and closed the **second 2025 Competitive Open Access call (ReDIB2502)**, with the call calendar spanning applications (Oct–Nov 2025) and execution in early 2026.

Across 2025, the network supported a **total of 17 high-quality projects across all four nodes**. Many thanks to the evaluation committee for rigorous review, and to all applicants for the excellent proposals and continued trust in ReDIB.



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LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

With ICTS renewal secured and governance strengthened, ReDIB's 2026 priorities will

- tighter “one-network” coordination for Competitive Open Access,
- continued community-building via targeted technical workshops,
- new technologies in imaging infrastructures and artificial intelligence,
- and increased visibility with science-industry stakeholders.

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