The plan to boost innovation in social sciences and humanities kicks off with a visit to Leiden University

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On February 26th and 27th, a delegation consisting of researchers and transfer managers from the seven CERCA centers in social sciences and humanities (CED, CREI, IBEI, ICAC, IPHES, ICRPC, and ICP) visited Leiden University in the Netherlands.

The main objective of the visit was to personally interview Dr Jessica Meijer, Head of Innovation and Business Development at LURIS, the transfer unit of Leiden University.

Dr Meijer has been working with the heads of each center during January to prepare an action plan that lays the groundwork and promotes innovation and the impact of these centers on society, incorporating it into their strategic agenda.

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During the trip, participants had the opportunity to learn about the operation of **Digital Scholarship** specializes in the application of digital technologies in the academic and research fields.

The **Digital Humanities Lab** was also been introduced, a platform that offers advanced

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equipment and specialized personnel to meet the demands of researchers and students.

The plan to boost innovation in social sciences and humanities is part of the **knowledge transfer promotion program of the CERCA System**, which began this year with funding from the Directorate General of Transfer and Knowledge Society (Government of Catalonia).



A moment of one of the meetings of the CERCA centers commission during their visit to Leiden University. Photo: provided (iCERCA).

ICAC-CERCA representatives were **Josep Maria Palet**, the institute's director and an active member of various transfer projects of the GIAP research group (which he co-directs), and **Marta Flórez**, responsible for the Transfer Area, have participated.

In this mission to Leiden, they were accompanied by Marta Fontanals (Knowledge Transfer

Technician, IPHES), Antoni Rojas (Projects and Communication Manager, ICRPC), José Antonio Fuentes (Managing Director, ICP), David Basanta (Project Manager, ICP), Teresa Cusidó (Project and Knowledge Transfer Manager, CED), Amalia Gómez (Project and Knowledge Transfer Technician, CED), Anna Rios (Business Manager, CREI), Aina de Oleza (Project Manager, CREI), Anaclara González (Research Unit Coordinator, IBEI), Laia Mestres (Institutional Relations and Equality Manager, IBEI), Toni Bassaganyas (Project Manager, ICERCA), Anna Bellmunt (Project Manager, ICERCA), and Yolanda Rovira (Administrator and Coordinator of the Impact Program at the CERCA Institution).

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A group of representatives from the seven CERCA centers in the fields of social sciences and humanities has undertaken a visit to Leiden University as part of the plan to boost innovation in social sciences and humanities driven by iCERCA. Photo: provided (iCERCA).

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