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Short CV

Francesc Xavier Grau Vidal is full professor of Fluid Mechanics at Rovira i Virgili University (URV) and a full member of the Institut d'Estudis Catalans. He holds an undergraduate degree and a PhD in Industrial Chemistry from the University of Barcelona (UB). His research has focused on physics, modelling the transfer of heat, matter and quantity of motion in industrial flows and in the environment, with scientific stays at the Institute of Fluid Mechanics of Toulouse (IMFT) and at Stanford University's Department of Mechanical Engineering. This research activity has led him to supervise 12 doctoral theses, author more than 150 publications and act as principal investigator of more than 70 projects and contracts, most of them in collaboration with industry. In the field of university management and policy, he has been a department director at the URV, as well as its vice-rector and later rector, and director of the URV Chair for University and Knowledge Region. He was also executive vice-president of the Vives Network of Universities, first vice-president and deputy vice-president of CRUE Universidades Españolas, president of the EuroMed Permanent University Forum and academic director of the Global University Network for Innovation. He was also the Government of Catalonia's Secretary for Universities and Research. As secretary, he promoted the drafting and approval of the Catalan Agreement on the Knowledge Society.