

***Institutional declaration***  
***UFRES Institutional Committee meeting***  
***October 17, 2018***

The members of the Institutional Committee of the Franco-Spanish University (UFRES) gathered at the Rector's Office Ramon Llull University on October 8, 2018, approve the following statement.

The decisive support is renewed by the Conferences of Rectors of Spanish Universities (CRUE), the Conférence des présidents d'université (CPU), the Conférence des Directeurs des Ecoles Françaises d'Ingénieurs (CDEFI) and the Spanish and French governments represented by their corresponding ministries: Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, (MCIU) Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche et de l'Innovation, (MESRI) and Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères (MEAE).

The UFRES project is considered as a strategic project in the current European context, which will promote actions that add value to the already extensive and fruitful collaboration between Spanish and French universities.

In spite of the difficulties that have occurred this year, a list of actions that can be carried out in 2018 has been prioritized and a calendar for 2019 will be proposed, where a call for collaboration projects is contemplated within the framework of UFRES activities.

The commitment of financing for the year 2019 is assured by the Ministries, under the condition of an approved state budget, with the presentation by UFRES of a reasoned relationship of the actions that will be developed.

It is considered a priority to establish a commission between UFRES and Ministries to advance in the recognition of degrees, in relation to the European Higher Education Area.

Likewise, support will be given to actions aimed at involving private companies and organizations that have interests in both countries in the project to study possible patronages.

Workshops, seminars and other activities that were previously designed should be carry out, if possible, this year.

It is considered very important to establish a web page that includes the activities of UFRES and serves as a presentation of it.

UFRES should be provided with a minimum organizational structure that allows its effectiveness. It should be developed with the help of the operating committee that will implement the Institutional Committee agreements.

All attenders appreciate the efforts made by people who have been and are involved in UFRES and hope that in this new stage, the project can be consolidated and contribute in this way, not only to a greater confluence of our countries in the academic issues, but also to serve as a European platform for relations with Spanish and French speaking countries.

At the same time, this project was born with the vocation of affirming itself in a Europe committed to training, knowledge and the social values that characterize it.

In Barcelona October 17, 2018