

Fundación Cepsa and Fundación General CSIC, working together to promote bioplastics, biofuel, and green hydrogen

- **[Fundación Cepsa](#) and the [FGCSIC](#) meet to learn first-hand about [ComFuturo](#) projects**
- **In 2018, Fundación Cepsa began its collaboration with the ComFuturo program, aimed at creating a pool of researchers that combines outstanding scientists with initiatives in innovation and entrepreneurship**
- **"At Fundación Cepsa, we want to contribute to transforming society. Through this program, we encourage young research talent and support project development at CSIC centers, with the aim of promoting a fair and inclusive ecological transition for all," said Teresa Mañueco, vice president of Fundación Cepsa.**

[Fundación Cepsa](#) and the [FGCSIC](#) have organized a meeting to learn first-hand about the projects being developed by some of the **researchers in the third edition of the program [ComFuturo](#); specifically, **research** focused on **capturing atmospheric CO₂** and converting it into **biofuel**, led by **Gustavo Javier Chacón**; research by **Carlos del Cerro** into **producing bioplastics** through biotechnological applications; and research by **Jonathan Ruiz** that is attempting to use new materials in electrolyzers that will allow **green hydrogen** production to be scaled in an optimized way.**

Fundación Cepsa began collaborating in 2018 in the second edition of this program, created and managed by FGCSIC since 2014. Its purpose is to **encourage young research talent** and make it possible for them to find **solutions to society's major challenges** through their ideas and projects. The aim of this program is to create a pool of researchers that combines **outstanding scientists** with **innovation and entrepreneurship** capabilities and initiatives.

"At Fundación Cepsa we promote programs that enhance research development, employability, and education. Through ComFuturo, **we encourage young research talent** and support project development at CSIC centers, with the aim of achieving a **fair and inclusive ecological transition for all**," said Teresa Mañueco, vice president of Fundación Cepsa.

Ramón Torrecillas, **general director of the FGCSIC**, said that "being able to count on the commitment of entities like **Fundación Cepsa** is essential. Coming from the industrial sector, they support and complement the **professional development of**

ComFuturo researchers, offering them **specialized training** and the possibility of doing short stays at their facilities."

The day ended with a **visit to the Cepsa Research Center facilities**. **Fundación Cepsa** was represented by its vice-president, **Teresa Mañueco**; its director, **Cristina Ortiz**; and its head of Coordination and Reporting, **Rocío Navarro**. Representing the **FGCSIC** was its director general, **Ramón Torrecillas**, and the director of Science, Strategy, and CSR, **María Sanz**. **Rafael Larraz**, Cepsa's R&D director, also participated in the meeting, together with **Joana Frontela**, who, as its director, represented **Cepsa's Research Center**. Among others, **Charo Rodríguez**, coordinator of the Energy Transition area, was also in attendance.

"**Fundación Cepsa has made pursuing a fair ecological transition the cross-cutting theme** of our strategic lines, which are focused on promoting **social, scientific-educational, and environmental support** projects," said Mañueco. "Our positioning is aligned with Cepsa's 2030 Strategy 'Positive Motion,' with which our founder wants us to become a **benchmark in the energy transition and a leader in sustainable mobility and energy**."

The collaboration between the two entities is not only limited to the ComFuturo program. Another initiative jointly spearheaded by them is **Conectamos I+I**, which **promotes connecting academic research and industrial interests** and strengthening the **alignment** between the **needs and benefits of the public and private sectors**.

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Fundación General CSIC is a private non-profit organization whose primary **objective** is to promote **public-private collaboration** in the field of **scientific research and innovation**. Its purpose is to

enhance the value of scientific knowledge, especially of the knowledge generated at the CSIC, in order to help it reach the market in the form of **innovative products or services** that provide significant **social and economic benefits** and increase the welfare of our society.