

The Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB)

DECISION TO AWARD:

6 RESEARCH GRANTS ON 'FISCAL FEDERALISM'

The IEB received 51 applications for the Research Grants on 'Fiscal Federalism' advertised in its Open Call. Ten of the applications corresponded to projects studying 'Fiscal Federalism in Spain'.

As a result, and in accordance with the conditions of the Open Call, the directors of the IEB's Research Program on Fiscal Federalism (Núria Bosch & Albert Solé-Ollé) decided to reserve two of the grants for projects focusing on Spain, and to award the remaining four to international projects.

In both cases, the projects awarded were selected on the basis of:

- The CVs of the researchers
- The scientific merit of the project
- The relevance for policy-design

The two Spanish projects selected by the directors of the research program were:

Spanish projects

Roberto Fernández Llera & M^a Ángeles García Valiñas (U. de Oviedo): *Efficiency and elusion: both sides of public enterprises in Spain*

Juan González Alegre (European University Institute): *Fiscal decentralization and intergovernmental grants: the European Regional Policy*

In view of the number of high quality applications for the international projects, the selection was made by a committee comprising the directors of the research program and by two renowned experts in the field: Robin Boadway (Queens University) & David Wildasin (University of Kentucky).

The four international projects awarded are:

International projects

Jonathan Rodden (Stanford U.): *The political economy of equalization*

Toke Aidt (U. of Cambridge) & **Jayasri Dutta** (U. of Birmingham): *Fiscal federalism and electoral accountability*

Mario Jametti (U. of Lugano) & **Marcelin Joanis** (U. of Sherbrooke): *Determinants of fiscal decentralization: political economy aspects*

Peter Egger (University of Munich), **Marko Koethenburger** (U. of Vienna) & **Michael Smart** (U. of Toronto): *Electoral rules and fiscal equalization*