

The Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB)

DECISION TO AWARD:

4 RESEARCH GRANTS ON 'FISCAL FEDERALISM'

The IEB received 34 applications for the Research Grants on 'Fiscal Federalism' advertised in its Open Call. Three 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 one of the grants for a project focusing on Spain, and to award the remaining three 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 Spanish project selected by the directors of the research program was:

Spanish project

Francisco J. Delgado (University of Oviedo), **Matías Mayor-Fernández** (University of Oviedo) and **Santiago Lago Peñas** (*REDE, IEB, and University of Vigo*): *Determinants of local tax rates: an application to the Asturian municipalities*

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 one renowned expert in the field: Dennis Epple (Carnegie Mellon University).

The three international projects awarded are:

International projects

Marius Brühlhart (University of Lausanne & CEPR) and **Kurt Schmidheiny** (Pompeu Fabra University): *Competition for Firms: Zero-Sum or Positive-Sum Game?*

Helmuth Cremer (Toulouse School of Economics, IDEI) and **Catarina Goulão** (Toulouse School of Economics, INRA): *Social Insurance and Mobility*

Federico Revelli (University of Torino): *Tax mix corners and other kinks*

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