

The Board of Trustees of "la Caixa" Banking Foundation meets for the first time following the appointment of its new trustees

José María Álvarez Pallete, Isabel Gabarró, Joaquín Gay de Montellá and Pablo Isla sat on the Board of Trustees for the first time at a meeting held at the CosmoCaixa Science Museum.

Barcelona, 28 April 2022 - The Board of Trustees of "la Caixa" Banking Foundation held its **first meeting today in Barcelona following the changes it approved last February.**

The entity's highest governing body was joined today for the first time by **José María Álvarez Pallete, Isabel Gabarró, Joaquín Gay de Montellá and Pablo Isla**, who were appointed to the Board of Trustees to replace César Alierta, Salvador Alemany, Antoni Fitó and Javier Solana, whose terms of office came to an end.

During the session, they have addressed, among other matters, the initiatives that the entity is carrying out in the last weeks to **support those affected by the war in Ukraine.**

These initiatives include the agreement with the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration to implement the **Ukrainian Host Families Project**, aimed at organising and coordinating the refugee host family network. A project which has already received more than 2,260 applications from families. The "la Caixa" Banking Foundation plans to allocate an **investment of 2.5 million euros to the start-up and development of this initiative over the coming year.**

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This project with the Ministry joins the various initiatives being promoted by "la Caixa" Banking Foundation to support people affected by the conflict in Ukraine in different ways, including **contributions of 1 million euros to UNHCR and 1.5 million euros to the work carried out by the Red Cross.**

The Board of Trustees also analysed the progress of **the Foundation's job creation programme, Incorpora, which in the first quarter of 2022 generated more than 8,800 jobs**, 17.25% more than in the same period of the previous year, as well as contributing to the creation of 376 self-employment projects. The Board of Trustees also discussed **the organisation's new programme of grants for social projects**, which this year includes regional calls for proposals, and which has increased its budget to **45 million euros, doubling the previous year's budget.**

The highest governing body of the Foundation, which has a global budget of 510 million euros for 2022, was also informed today concerning the **progress of the restoration process of the historic tapestry that Joan Miró and the textile artist Josep Royo created in 1980 for "la Caixa"**, which is being carried out in full view of the public at CaixaForum Barcelona. The tapestry, which left the headquarters on Avenida Diagonal for the first time in 40 years to undergo its restoration, provides an insight into the history of the Miró star that forms the present-day emblem of the institution.

Taking advantage of the fact that the meeting was held at the CosmoCaixa Science Museum, the members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees also had the opportunity to take a closer look at the recently inaugurated The Sun exhibition and the permanent Micrarium space.

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