

Statement on the suspension of MWC 2020 and the 4YFN

With the suspension of the MWC 2020 and the 4YFN, the Ministry of Business and Knowledge of the Government of Catalonia expresses its respect for the decision of the organizing body, GSMA. The Government is aware that it has been a complex decision and that, before taking it, all possible options have been carefully analyzed. In this sense, we welcome the commitment of GSMA with Catalonia and with the 2021 edition of the MWC and the 4YFN to be held in Barcelona.

The Government of Catalonia stresses that the MWC is currently the most important technological event in the world, with the participation of more than 100,000 professionals and that makes Barcelona one of the main digital hubs in the world. The event has become one of the key elements of this ecosystem in Catalonia, contributing to its international position and placing Catalonia in an unbeatable position to become one of the main technological laboratories in Europe.

The Government of Catalonia wishes to emphasize that no cases of Covid-19 have been reported in Catalonia and that the Catalan health system is prepared to deal with any eventuality that may arise. However, the GSMA has decided to cancel the congress due to a global force majeure and, above all, the logistic and mobility effects caused by the displacement of thousands of travelers.

The Government of Catalonia, together with the other administrations involved and GSMA, have strengthened their commitment to Catalonia and have announced that they will start working on the 2021 edition of the MWC and the 4YFN and beyond, convinced of their success.