BIOSTATNET: advancing in the research of excellence in biostatistics at national and international level

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In 2010, BIOSTATNET was established as a thematic network with the goal of creating a competitive framework for cohesion and coordination of Biostatistics research, teaching, and transfer in Spain. Its mission is to serve as a central hub connecting Biostatistics researchers from various research projects within the state RDI plan.

Inspired by Carmen Cadarso, who acted as the PI of the network till she passed away in 2022, and firstly structured in 8 nodes coordinated by her and Susie Bayarri (later by Carmen Armero), Maria Durbán, Guadalupe Gómez, Jesús López-Fidalgo, Antonio Martín, Vicente Nuñez-Antón and Pere Puig, the network has been consolidating as a functional and efficient structure, and has allowed: a) to coordinate research and teaching in Biostatistics in Spain with international projection, b) to promote appropriate training in Biostatistics; and c) to promote its transfer and applicability in life and health sciences.

With 10 nodes and more than 250 researchers, the network is currently undergoing a period of change, with new nodes being created and new leaders on board. The aim is to continue the work that has been done and bring fresh blood into the network. Here, we will present the main characteristics of the network, including its nodes and research, the types of activities undertaken by the network, and the process for becoming a member.

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