09:30 AM Arrival of participants, registration, and coffee
Room 5.1 Fira Barcelona

10:00 AM **Inaugural session of the Forum**

- Barcelona City Council: Mr. Jaume Collboni – Mayor of Barcelona
- Spain–India Council Foundation: Mr. Juan Ignacio Entrecanales – President Spain-India Council Foundation
- Indian Authority: Ambassador Shri Jayant N. Khobragade – Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Spain and the Principality of Andorra
- Spanish Authority: Video intervention by Minister José Manuel Albares – Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Cooperation

10:20 AM **Keynote Speaker**

- Dr. Nilanjan Ghosh – Vice-president Observer Research Foundation Kolkata and Development Studies

10:30 AM **Session 1: Technological innovation as a driver of development in the health sector**

Dialogue on opportunities for scientific and technological collaboration in artificial intelligence, biotechnology applied to health, digital health, and biomedicine.
Participants: tech companies, universities, R&D laboratories, Incubators / accelerators

Moderator: Mr. Robin Singh, Director of the ACCIÓ Trade & Investment Office in Mumbai.

Speakers:

- Ms. Rutuja Pol – Partner, Ikigai Law
- Mr. Rahul Singh – Founder, GrowBeyond
- Mr. Jorge Juan Fernández García – Chief Innovation Officer, Hospital Clínic Barcelona
- Mrs. Alba Jené – Bioinformatics Unit Coordinator, Barcelona Supercomputing Center

11:15 AM **Coffee Break**

11:45 AM **Session 2: Sustainable infrastructures and public–private cooperation**

Case studies and opportunities in developing infrastructures that minimize environmental impact through energy efficiency.
Participants: Companies and other operators in the supply chain

Moderator: Mrs. Shreyashee Nag, Senior Director – Business Development at HCLTech

Speakers:

- Dr. Nilanjan Ghosh – Vice-president ORF Kolkata and Development Studies
- Mr. Soumya Bhowmick – Fellow and Lead, World Economies and Sustainability at the Center for New Economic Diplomacy (CNED) at Observer Research Foundation
- Mr. Jordi Torrent - Director of Strategy, Port of Barcelona
- Mr. Alejandro Jiménez - Global Director for Business Development, ACCIONA Infrastructures

12:45 PM **Session 3: AI governance, talent and knowhow: towards a knowledge economy and Spain–India innovation ecosystems**

Debate on how AI governance, talent development, and knowledge generation can drive a knowledge economy.

Exchange of experiences in Spain–India innovation ecosystems, with participation of think tanks, labs, startups, universities, investment funds, and public innovation policy-makers.

Moderator: Mr. Pau Solanilla – Partner, Harmon Corporate Affairs

Speakers:

- Ms. Meghna Bal – Director, Esya Center
- Mr. Pranjal Sharma – Economics Analyst, Advisor and Author
- Mr. Jordi Arrufí - Program Director at Mobile World Capital Barcelona

13:45 PM **Networking / working lunch**

16:15 PM **Open session at the Smart City World Congress (main Congress venue): "India as a Global Urban Power: Geopolitics, Digitalization, and Smart Cities"**

India is not only a key actor in the new global order but also an emerging power in designing sustainable, digital, and scalable urban solutions. This session will explore how urban transformation has become a tool of soft power and strategic projection in contemporary India. From national programs such as the Smart Cities Mission to urban innovation ecosystems reshaping cities like Pune, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad, India offers vast opportunities for collaboration with Europe in areas such as AI, water management, sustainable mobility, and digital governance.

Moderator: Mr. Pau Solanilla – Partner, Harmon Corporate Affairs

Speakers:

- Mr. Dhaval Desai – Vice-president and Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation
- Dr. Nandan Dawda – Fellow, Observer Research Foundation
- Mrs. María Galindo – Secretary for Digital Policies, Generalitat de Cataluña
- Mrs. Elena Gómez Castro – Ambassador on Special Assignment to the Indo-Pacific