

WA4STEAM presents the first Edition of its "WA4STEAM Awards"

- Eva García Ramos received the “Best Female Entrepreneur in STEAM award”, in recognition of her achievements across a professional career spanning more than 25 years.
- Acurable, dedicated to medical devices for home use, received the “Best Startup in STEAM Award” with a special mention from the jury to Esther Rodríguez, its founder, acknowledging her scientific achievements.
- Wayra received the special WA4STEAM award, in recognition as the entity that has best embodied the values of the association since its inception 5 years ago.
- The awards ceremony took place during the 'WA4STEAM Futures Forum' held in Barcelona to mark the celebration of the associations 5th anniversary.


Barcelona, 16 November 2023. [WA4STEAM](#), the international association of women Business Angels dedicated to increasing the presence of female entrepreneurs in STEAM and women investors, has presented the winners of the first edition of the "W4STEAM Awards" during a ceremony commemorating its 5th anniversary.

The event kicked off with the opening remarks of **Lluís Juncà**, Director General of Innovation, Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship of the Generalitat de Catalunya.

Eva García Ramos, entrepreneur and founder of **Wivi Vision**, received the "Best Woman Entrepreneur in STEAM" in Spain award, for her multidisciplinary profile and her extensive professional career in different sectors.

Acurable, the medical device startup for home use, has been awarded in the category "Best startup in STEAM" that recognizes the most outstanding startup in the STEAM area, founded or co-founded by a woman.

The jury, composed of **Gemma Beltran**, Director of Technology Companies-Investors / DayOne, CaixaBank; **Marta Antúnez**; director of Wayra Barcelona; **Laura Caballero**, Associate Director of IESE's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation; **Fernando Zallo Olaeta** director of Esade Ban and **Oscar Sala**, entrepreneur and investor awarded **A special mention to Esther Rodríguez**, co-founder of Acurable, for her professional trajectory.



The **special WA4STEAM award**, collectively voted by its members, to recognised the of the ecosystem that has best embodied the values of the association throughout its 5 years of history, was presented to **Wayra. CDTI**, Center for the Development of Industrial Technology, received a special mention for its contributions to entrepreneurship and support to the investees of WA4STEAM. The award was collected by Javier Ponce, its director.

The awards were presented at the '**WA4STEAM Futures Forum**', an event, organised by the association to celebrate its 5th anniversary, and held at the **Cibernàrium Auditorium in Barcelona**. Over 100 investors, entrepreneurs and other participants in the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Spain attended the forum.

Marta Huidobro, president of WA4STEAM, emphasized during the event's opening that *"this conference will help us reflect on the evolution of the ecosystem and innovation to build the future we want with much more female presence in investment and entrepreneurship in STEAM."*

The future of artificial intelligence and innovation, up for debate.

The awards ceremony was preceded by 2 round tables.


'**Conversations on the future of the Economy, Investment, Artificial Intelligence and Innovation**', moderated by **Regina Llopis**, Honorary President of WA4STEAM, featured **Juan María Nin**, recently appointed President of the Círculo de Empresarios as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao Foundation. Global Advisor Chairman of Metyis and Vice-Chairman and CEO of CaixaBank from 2011 to 2014; **Martin Lueck**, co-founder and research director at Aspect Capital; and **Beatriz Sanz Saiz**, Global Data and AI Partner Leader at EY Consulting. Discussions focused on the great global impact of generative artificial intelligence tools and how ethical considerations were essential for their proper application.

The second round table, "**The present and future of innovation**" was moderated by **Salomé de Cambra**, co-founder of WA4STEAM, and included the participation of **Enrique Blanco**, Global CTO of Telefónica; **Mariona Sanz**, Head of innovation and business development at Barcelona Supercomputing Center; and **Anabel Sanz Molinero**, Head of the technology and business development office at the Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG). The participants shared their perspectives on innovation and the impact they anticipated on the different environments where they operate. All participants highlighted the pivotal role that talent management plays in driving innovation.

Montse Basora, Director of Entrepreneurship at Barcelona Activa, gave the closing remarks of the event, that finished with a cocktail for all attendees to celebrate the awards and WA4STEAM 5th anniversary.

The event was sponsored by **Amazon Web Services, AWS** with also enjoyed the collaboration of **Barcelona Activa**.

About WA4STEAM



WA4STEAM is a non-for-profit association of women business angels that provide seed capital and support to STEAM start-ups led by women.

WA4STEAM aspires to be a relevant member within the international ecosystem of business angels and entrepreneurs in STEAM helping women-led STEAM projects become profitable enterprises.

WA4STEAM's main objective is to increase the number of women business angels and of women entrepreneurs in STEAM.

WA4STEAM's members are more than business angels driven by profitability and aim to become strategic partners, nurturing women future leaders and role models.

The broad skill set of its members, its dual approach to investing, driven by socio-economic profitability and technological impact, together with its strong values, make WA4STEAM a unique organization.

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