

# Tarragona City Council grants a module in the Tabacalera Building to ICAC

The **free concession of the warehouse number 6 of the Tabacalera Building to ICAC** has been approved today, June 26, by Tarragona City Council plenary. This is a step forward to the new headquarters of our institute. This relocation will allow us to continue growing as a research, training, and knowledge transfer center. It will also strengthen our connection with the local context, as well as the city area, and the wider region.

Backed by a €5.3 million investment from the Government of Catalonia, the project encompasses the drafting of the executive plan, the building refurbishment, and new equipment. The future headquarters, spanning 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> across four floors, **will triple our current space** and greatly enhance the working environment for research, education, and outreach activities.

*We will build a major research center in classical archaeology next to the new Paleochristian Necropolis park and the MNAT headquarters will be an international benchmark," according to Josep M. Palet*

The new headquarters will be located just a few meters from the Paleochristian Necropolis, one of the city's most iconic archaeological sites. This proximity is expected to open **new opportunities for collaboration and synergies** between institutions in research, conservation, and outreach.

According to the mayor of Tarragona, Rubén Viñuales, the relocation of **ICAC to the Tabacalera Building plays a very important role in the new centrality** being created in the Francolí area.

From the ICAC, we would like to thank the institutional and political support that has lead to

this now-final step, as well as the trust placed in our work. We are very excited about this new phase and we will continue to provide updates on the next steps.