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Regulation and Defense of the Profession

- New legal framework with the Law on the Right to Defense.
- New CGAE regulation on professional protection, to better protect lawyers.

Minister of Justice, Félix Bolaños, conveys to the President of the CGAE his commitment to ratify the Convention on the Protection of Lawyers



President Salvador González at the plenary session where the Regulations on professional protection was approved.

- Active participation in the drafting of the European Convention on the Protection of Lawyers, and in encouraging the Spanish Government to ratify it.
- Strengthening of professional secrecy through an interpretative circular.

Organizational progress

Creation of the **Advisory Council on Innovation, Advocacy, and Digital Justice**: to lead the digitization of the justice system and analyze the technological changes that are taking place.

Descárgatelo:



White book on AI in Spanish and English



Approval of the 2026 budget
with 96% support



+ 44,000 professionals training in **Digital Skills** through Upro, with certification as **Digital Lawyers** (150 hours)

Training and Digitization with



Replacement of SIGA system and completion of **ACA plus in the cloud**

Situation of alternative mutual fund members



President Salvador González at the PETI Committee

- The CGAE succeeded in getting the European Parliament to continue studying and addressing the situation.
- The PETI Committee: *"We urge the continuation of constructive dialogue aimed at solutions that are fully in line with European Union legislation, policies, and recommendations."*
- The CGAE has asked the Spanish Parliament to speed up the processing of the reform that will enable mutual society members to transfer to the RETA (Special Scheme for Self-Employed Workers)



European Parliament

Crisis management for natural disasters



The legal working group of the Special Commission of Unión Profesional, coordinated by the General Council of Spanish Lawyers, aims to develop proposals for the prevention of and response to natural disasters.

It will include measures of interest to the profession, such as the regulation of the suspension of procedural deadlines.



CGAE in Europe



European reports published in 2025 reflect progress in efficiency, digitization, and access to justice.

The 2025 EU Justice Scoreboard ranks Spain as the country with the second most procedural rules allowing digital technology in courts in civil/commercial, administrative and criminal cases.



5 European training projects in European Law →

- **HELP IV** - Human Rights Training for Legal Professionals (2025–2028)
- **TRADICIL** – Training Lawyers in the Digitization of Justice and European Civil Law (2025–2027)
- **TRAVAR**: Training of lawyers in European Criminal Procedural Law (2024–2026)
- **UpJudCoop**: Training in Mutual Recognition Instruments (2023–2026)
- **LAWYEREX2**: Multilateral Exchange of Lawyers (2022–2025)



First coordination meeting of the Spanish delegation to the CCBE chaired by Salvador González



Noemí Alarcón and President Salvador González, after the vote



CCBE

- CCBE issued a statement on Spain's proposal in support of the Rule of Law & the need to protect judicial independence and fundamental rights
- Several milestones were achieved in the CCBE through the Committees where Spain holds the presidency: drafting of a Guide for lawyers on the New Pact on Migration and Asylum & participation in the High-Level Forum on the future of EU Criminal Law.
- With Noemí Alarcón newly elected Vice-President of the CCBE, the CGAE will contribute to the priorities and values of the EU for lawyers in the European agenda.

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Abogacía
Y DERECHOS HUMANOS

- The Spanish Bar Association, which until now held the presidency of the International Observatory on Lawyers at Risk, has transferred it to the Consiglio Nazionale Forense.
- The Foundation's XII Annual Human Rights Congress addressed the defense of lawyers at risk. The prizes were awarded to:



César Sivo
Persons Prize



Carmen Díaz Bermejo
Nacho de la Mata Prize



XDS
Convive Fundación CEPAIM
Communication Prize



Bar of Istanbul
Social Initiative Prize

Human Rights Foundation