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Celebration of the Sofia Bar

Today we celebrate the birth of the Sofia's Forensic Order.

It is an important occasion and event for the city and for the nation: 120 years of experience and consolidated tradition.

The Sofia Bar has been an important actor in the history of European legal culture.

European advocacy has been - in the various national experiences - the creator of the rights of liberty and the supporter of their development.

Below are the phenomena that have been made possible by the activity of the advocates:

- The affirmation of freedom and constitutional charts;
- The transition from absolute monarchies to constitutional monarchies;
- The assertion of the rights of liberty to the whole people.

The birth of Forensic Orders in Europe, matched with the affirmation of culture, judges freedom and contrasts with despotism.

The passage of extraordinary importance was the change FROM the list or role of lawyers admitted to the Courts, TO the establishment of Orders with guarantees of independence and freedom.

In the modern constitutional charts - and in the Italian one of 1946 it is specified in clear letters - the state exercises its function through the legislative power; executive power and judicial power.



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This power is exercised in the Courts through the Order of the Judiciary and the Order of Advocacy.

So, the Order of Advocacy is an essential element for the exercise of jurisdiction with the function of guaranteeing and evolving propulsion of the interpretation of norms.

We celebrate the 120th Years of the Order of Sofia with the awareness of the Purpose of Advocacy: Free and Independent Activity to Ensure Equality and Justice.

Sofia, 22nd November 2017.