

**FBE LEGAL EDUCATION COMMISSION**  
**Presidency: Madrid Bar Association**  
**REPORT**  
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**ACTIVITES OF THE LEGAL EDUCATION COMMISSION**

- **Renewal of the Presidency and Promotion of the Commission**

A letter from Raul Ochoa Marco, Board Member of the Madrid Bar Association responsible for Legal Education was sent to the FBE Presidency in order to be sent to the Bars members of the Federation.

The objective was to communicate the renewal of the Madrid Bar Association's Presidency, to promote the work of the Commission and to invite FBE members to participate.

- **Discussion topics**

From the Madrid Bar Association, we highlighted several legal education topics that we consider particularly relevant for our profession and that we would like to discuss with the members of the commission:

- The legal education provided by the law firms;
- The various models of access to the profession of lawyer in Europe and the non-existent but necessary harmonization of the criteria;
- Continuous legal education, in particular for Legal aid lawyers;
- Legal education for self-employment.

We consider this last topic to be particularly interesting. We have come to realize that the preparation of future lawyers was usually mostly oriented towards big law firms, even though they only represent a small percentage of the Legal professionals.

We consider that young lawyers would need an adequate legal education which would include some guidance as they start in this profession. In particular, it is essential that they reflect on the more relevant and specialized areas of Law in the current market.

We think that this legal education should be developed from the Bar associations, in order for the lawyers to benefit from a legal education which pave the way to the practise of Law as lawyers, and to be able to receive actual support depending on their situation, especially financially, for instance through agreements with the banks.

We believe that not only young lawyers but also older people who wish to join or rejoin the legal profession should have the possibility to be trained. In that sense for instance, at the Madrid Bar, we want to develop courses for older people that would be affordable and focused on areas that are especially relevant for them, areas that differ from those of the young graduates who, for example, do not need an additional legal education in the most basic fields of Law.

To exchange ideas and experiences with other European Bar Associations will provide us with a more global approach on those issues, allowing us to highlight the most efficient practices and design future projects, in order to facilitate the practise of Law by legal professionals and to offer the best service to the citizen.