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CARLOS V EUROPEAN AWARD

Since 1995, the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation awards the Carlos V European Award in order to reward the work of people, organisations, projects or initiatives that, with their effort and dedication, have contributed to the general knowledge and enhancement of Europe's cultural, social, scientific and historical values, as well as to the process of European construction and integration. During the award ceremony, the Monastery of San Jerónimo de Yuste gathers European and Ibero-American personalities. The Carlos V European Award represents the spirit of building a united, just, equal, solidary and free Europe.

The solemn award ceremony becomes an act of State supported by His Majesty King Felipe VI, who holds the Honorary Presidency of Yuste Foundation.

Carlos V Award ceremony, where the Award was delivered to Mario Draghi (2024)



THE NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED

The European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation has received 18 proposals from 6 European countries (Belgium, Spain, and France), where 17 of the proposals were eligible and 10 the total number of candidates nominated for the 18th edition of the Carlos V European Award. Additionally, 214 letters of support have been received from 22 countries across Europe, Africa, and the Americas (Germany, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Spain, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Romania, Tunisia, and Uruguay).

Countries where the nominations were sent from

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF PROPOSALS
Belgium	1
Spain	16
France	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS	18
TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE PROPOSALS	17
TOTAL NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS	10

Countries of origin of the letters of support



JOSEP BORRELL FONTELLES



Aeronautical engineer and economist by training. From 1984 to 1996, he held various ministerial positions in the Government of Spain. Between 2002 and 2003, he participated in the drafting of the EU Constitutional Treaty as a member of the Convention. In 2004, after being elected as a Member of the European Parliament, he was appointed President of the European Parliament until 2007.

In June 2018, he was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, EU, and Cooperation in the government of Spain. After the 2019 European elections, he was elected as the High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union.

THE DECISION OF THE JURY

In this 18th edition, the jury has decided to award the Carlos V European Award to His Excellency Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles, Vice-President of the European Commission and High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the Union (2019–2024) and President of the European Parliament (2004–2007), “for his career, activity, fervent defence of peace, democracy, and European values, as well as his contribution to European integration and his efforts in advancing the EU’s external action in various fields, contributing to strengthening the European Union’s role and leadership in the world during particularly delicate times, tirelessly addressing the multiple external crises that have posed, or continue to pose, serious risks to the European Union.

His management of the Covid-19 pandemic and coordination of the Member States’ efforts within Team Europe, alongside international partners, made vaccines accessible to other regions and developing countries. He has also contributed to the implementation of the EU’s Strategic Compass to reinforce its security and defence policy and enhance European strategic autonomy, setting out the path to ensure the EU’s future stability.

He also responded firmly and proportionately to the war that broke out on European territory in 2022 following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine—an ongoing threat to peace in the EU—by unwaveringly defending peace within Europe and strengthening the Union’s cohesion in the face of such challenges. His commitment to multilateralism in tackling today’s major global challenges has also helped foster key strategic alliances that strengthen the EU’s relations with many regions worldwide with which we share common values, such as Latin America and the Caribbean. Moreover, as Europe’s moral compass, he has provided a resolute response to other global geopolitical challenges, including the escalation of violence in the Middle East and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza”. All these achievements—and many more—make him, in the jury’s view, a worthy recipient of the Carlos V European Award in its 18th edition.

MEMBERS OF THE CARLOS V EUROPEAN AWARD JURY



María GUARDIOLA MARTÍN

President of the Regional Government of Extremadura and of the Board of Trustees of the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation. President of the jury of the Carlos V European Award. Spain.



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Mariano RAJOY BREY

Former President of the Government of Spain (2011-2018). Spain.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In order to reward the work of people, organisations, projects or initiatives that have contributed to the general knowledge and enhancement of Europe's cultural, social, scientific and historical values as well as the process of European construction and integration through their efforts and dedication, the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation instituted the Carlos V European Award, whose seventeenth edition is now announced, governed by the following **BASES**:

ONE. Purpose and beneficiaries of the Award

The European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation, in accordance with its statutes and founding principles, announces the "Carlos V European Award", which aims to reward those people, organisations, projects, or initiatives that have contributed to the general knowledge and enhancement of Europe's cultural, social, scientific, and historical values or to the unification of the European Union through their efforts.

TWO. Award procedure

1. The Carlos V European Award will be granted by the Board of Trustees of the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation, following a proposal by a jury appointed by the Executive Committee. The jury will consist of prominent figures from the political, academic, scientific, institutional, social, and cultural spheres of Extremadura, the rest of Spain, and Europe, including former award recipients and members of the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste.
2. The president of the jury shall be the president of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.
3. The jury shall award a single nomination by a majority of votes. In case of a tie the presidency's vote shall decide.
4. When accepting the award, the winning candidate must undertake to personally attend the award ceremony and participate in the activities and events organised by the Foundation during the days immediately preceding and following the award ceremony. The recipient must also commit to participating in the European Doctoral Seminar, which will be held under the name of the winning candidature at the Monastery of San Jerónimo de Yuste. This seminar is organised in connection with the call for applications for the European Carlos V Award Grants bearing the name of the winning candidature, which will be announced after the award is granted. Furthermore, the recipient must attend the presentation of the publication of the doctoral works and the subsequent diploma ceremony. It will be understood that the winning candidature forfeits the award if, without just cause, they express their intention not to personally attend the award ceremony or, in fact, fail to do so.
5. The award cannot be declared void.

6. If the winning nomination does not accept the Award, it will be offered to the nomination that took second place. In case of a tie the presidency's vote shall decide.

THREE. Nomination submission requirements

1. Nominations for the “Carlos V European Award” may be submitted in Spanish or English upon proposal of:

- a) Winners of previous editions.
- b) Members of the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste.
- c) Spanish embassies in the world.
- d) Diplomatic representations in Spain of the Member States of the European Union, of EFTA countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA), or of countries which are candidates, or potential candidates, for accession to the European Union, mentioned in the following point.
- e) Institutions, public, cultural, scientific, university or socioeconomic entities, as well as anyone interested, from the following countries:

- European Union (EU) Member States: Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Slovenia, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Romania, and Sweden.
- Countries belonging to the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), members of the European Economic Area (EEA): Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway.
- Countries that are candidates and potential candidates for accession to the European Union: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo¹, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Turkey, and Ukraine.

FOUR. Submission of the nomination and deadline

1. Nominations will be formalised by sending the official form, which is published on Yuste Foundation's website: <https://www.fundacionyuste.org/premio-europeo-carlos-v/convocatoria-2025/>. Every proposal submitted must be accompanied by an evidencing report, which must be as complete as possible, and shall include, among other documents supporting the application, a dossier —when the application concerns an organisation, project or initiative— and a curriculum vitae when the application concerns of a natural person, along with an evidencing report regarding the merits that the application is based on.

2. As many documents that may add relevant data and supplementary information on the nomination, as well as other supports, may be enclosed with the proposal.

3. All the documentation may be submitted via the following link: <https://www.fundacionyuste.org/premio-europeo-carlos-v/convocatoria-2025/>, by registered mail, or delivered personally at the European and Ibero-American

Academy of Yuste Foundation's headquarters office:

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Extremadura
Spain

4. Nominations must be submitted from the day following the publication of this call in the Official Journal of Extremadura (DOE)² until 17 February 2025.

FIVE. Incompatibilities

1. Nominations will not be admitted in any case, when they propose the award in the following cases:

a) Posthumously.

b) To State institutions or public authorities from the countries of origin of the nomination proposed.

c) To people, organisations, projects or initiatives that nominate themselves.

2. It is managing director of the Foundation's responsibility to verify compliance with the requirements of this call, rejecting applications that do not meet the requirements set out in the third and fourth bases.

3. The documentation submitted will not in any case be returned, nor will correspondence be held on it.

SIX. The "Carlos V European Award" ceremony

The "Carlos V European Award" will be awarded at the Monastery of San Jerónimo de Yuste on the occasion of the celebration of Europe Day in 2025, in an event presided over by His Majesty the King of Spain or by a Member of the Royal Family to whom He may delegate.

SEVEN. Economic endowment

The current edition of the "Carlos V European Award" is economically endowed with the amount of thirty thousand euros.

EIGHT. "Carlos V European Award" grants

The European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation will convene, on the occasion of the delivery of the Carlos V European Award, the European Research and Mobility Grants on European Studies, which are linked to the proposal awarded with the Award. These grants are addressed to European researchers who are preparing a doctoral thesis related to the selected topic in coordination with the winning candidate.

¹ Understand this name without prejudice to the differing positions of its status and in line with the United Nations' Security Council Resolution 1244 (99) and with the ICJ's opinion on Kosovo's declaration of independence.

² <http://doe.gobex.es/>

CARLOS V EUROPEAN AWARD RECIPIENTS

1995 - Jacques Delors



Jacques Delors received the Carlos V European Award on 6th June 1995 at a ceremony presided over by His Majesty King Juan Carlos I. The jury presented the award to Jacques Delors “taking into account his open and tolerant spirit and his support of a European model of society based on the defence of democratic values and human rights”.

1998 - Wilfried Martens



Wilfried Martens received the Carlos V European Award on 25th June 1998 at a ceremony presided over by Her Royal Highness, Princess Cristina. The jury presented the award to Wilfried Martens “as recognition for his work in the European Parliament during a difficult period in European construction marked by the economic crisis and doubts regarding progress in integration processes, as well as for his political commitment to the idea of Europe within the process of European Union construction”.

2000 - Felipe González Márquez



Felipe González Márquez received the Carlos V European Award on 9th October 2000, in a ceremony presided over by Their Majesties, the King and Queen of Spain. The jury of the award highlighted “that Spain’s accession to the EEC, after more than twenty years of waiting, on 1st January 1986, meant the integration of Spain into its natural framework, the definitive consolidation of democracy, and the overcoming of a long-standing distance from Europe. The figure of Felipe González and the government he led catalysed and directed the expectations of a vast majority of Spaniards, of all political orientations and social classes, who longed for full integration into Europe, with all the rights and duties of other Member States”.

2002 - Mikhail Gorbachev



Mikhail Gorbachev received the Carlos V European Award on 3rd June 2002 at a ceremony that was presided over by His Royal Highness, Prince Felipe of Asturias. This award recognises “the contribution of the former Soviet president to the reinforcement and consolidation of European values and the defence of democracy, human rights and the rule of law and, consequently, his contribution to general understanding and promotion of the cultural, scientific and historical values of Europe”.

2004 - Jorge Sampaio



Jorge Fernando Branco de Sampaio received the Carlos V European Award on 13th October 2004 at a ceremony presided over by Their Royal Majesties, the King and Queen of Spain. The jury delivered the award to him “for the merits he was given in his public service in favour of general understanding, the struggle for humanitarian values, the enhancement of the historical and cultural values of Europe, his work with the European Council’s European Commission on Human Rights and for his contribution to unifying European cities, from the south-western Iberian Peninsula”.

2006 - Helmut Kohl



Helmut Kohl received the Carlos V European Award on 20th June 2006 at a ceremony that was presided over by Their Royal Majesties, the King and Queen of Spain. The jury emphasised the former German Chancellor’s commitment to “the unity of European countries as a guarantee of peace and stability on the Old Continent” and his “contribution to the aggrandisement of Europe”.

2008 - Simone Veil



Simone Veil received the Carlos V European Award on 18th June 2008 at a ceremony that was presided over by Their Royal Majesties, the King and Queen of Spain. The jury noted that “the recipient is an example of the defence of social issues, she is a fighter and creative in the way she conducts politics. She is a woman known for her clarity regarding the world of ideas and who unanimously receives this award in recognition of her courage and tenacity especially in times marked by great upheaval”.

2011 - Javier Solana



Javier Solana Madariaga received the Carlos V European Award granted by the European and Iberoamerican Academy of Yuste on 11th February at a ceremony presided over by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Asturias. The jury decided to reward the work of Javier Solana “for his track record, his commitment to international European policy and his work promoting peace and democracy as High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union”.

2014 - José Manuel Durão Barroso



José Manuel Durão Barroso received the Carlos V European Award on 16th January 2014 at a ceremony that was presided over by His Royal Highness the Prince of Asturias. The jury of the Carlos V European Award decided to award José Manuel Durão Barroso’s work, president of the European Commission, for “his career and commitment to the European unification policy, his efforts in promoting citizen participation in the European integration process, and his dedication to bringing Europe closer to its citizens, always seeking the common good above individual interests”.

2016 - Sofia Corradi - Mamma Erasmus



Sofia Corradi received the Carlos V European Award on 9th May 2016 at a ceremony that was presided over by His Majesty the King of Spain. With this award, the jury wished to recognise “her career and, above all, her great commitment and contribution to the process of European integration by means of the design and implementation of the ERASMUS initiative of the European Union, as well as her work and endeavour on behalf of academic mobility, focussing on young European students as a guarantee of tomorrow and the future of Europe”.

2017 - Marcelino Oreja Aguirre



Marcelino Oreja Aguirre received the Carlos V European Award on 9th May 2017 at a ceremony that was presided over by His Majesty the King of Spain. With this award, the jury wished to recognise “his lifelong contribution to the process of European construction and integration, something to which he has dedicated his efforts in the various posts he has occupied both in national and European organisations: including Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and European Commissioner. His contributions in the fields of academia and civil society have been equally active and fruitful. Also of note is his tireless work in promoting the concept of Europe and praising European values, especially those related to European cultural diversity and the protection of human rights”.

2018 - Antonio Tajani



Antonio Tajani received the Carlos V European Award on 9th May 2018 at a ceremony that was presided over by His Majesty the King of Spain. The jury wished to recognise his work “for an almost 25-year political career devoted to the European Union and its institutions as guarantors of peace, democracy, human rights, equality, solidarity, and the values it represents”. The jury has also emphasised that in the various positions Antonio Tajani has held in the European Parliament and the European Commission, “he worked towards a more competitive Europe that ensures an effective and sustainable strategic growth model”.

2019 - Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe



The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe received the Carlos V European Award on 9th May at a ceremony that was presided over by His Majesty the King of Spain. The jury of the 13th edition of the Carlos V European Award decided to grant the award to the programme of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe since it «promotes and makes the European values of cultural diversity, respect for respective identities, intercultural dialogue and the exchange and knowledge of countries and of History possible».

2021 - Angela Merkel



Angela Merkel received the Carlos V European Award on 14th October 2021 at a ceremony presided over by His Majesty the King. The jury decided to bestow the award in “recognition of her long political career in the service of Europe, having been a strong advocate of the European integration process and of Europe’s important strategic role in the international sphere”.

2022 - European Disability Forum



The European Disability Forum received the Carlos V European Award on 11th May 2022 at a ceremony that was presided over by His Majesty the King of Spain. The jury decided to award the prize to «an European NGO that brings together organisations representing 100 million people with disabilities and their families across Europe. The EDF celebrates its 25th anniversary this year; a time it has employed defending the rights of people with disabilities and promoting their inclusion, caring for those who need it most and who suffer multiple discrimination for having different capacities, valuing their dignity as people and the great value they are to society. Through its work, the EDF promotes a more inclusive Europe and a more social, just and egalitarian Europe, and contributes to the process of European integration, to the values that the European Union defends and to ensuring that all citizens can live together in this common area on an equal footing and without being discriminated against because of their social capacities. It thus favours a more humane Europe that focuses on the well-being of its citizens, providing strong legal frameworks to defend inclusion, accessibility, freedom of movement, independent life, dignity, non-discrimination, active and effective participation in society, respect for difference as part of human diversity and other fundamental rights and freedoms».

2023 - António Guterres



António Guterres received the Carlos V European Award on 9th May 2023, at a ceremony that was presided over by His Majesty the King of Spain. The jury decided to award the prize “for his proven, extensive and long-standing life career devoted to social commitment, the process of European construction, the promotion of multilateralism and human dignity as the core of his work, addressing global challenges and crises. He has been a key figure in facing a period of unprecedented change and with terrible consequences for Europe and the world. With his tenacious work, he has promoted actions to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic, to the war in Ukraine, to address the climate emergency and achieve ambitious reforms with which to face the challenges of the 21st century. Also noteworthy is his determination to fight against one of the greatest challenges facing Europe and humanity, climate change, promoting sustainable development and placing the 2030 Agenda as the global roadmap focused on people and the planet”.

2024 - Mario Draghi



Mario Draghi received the Carlos V European Award on 14th June 2024 in a ceremony presided over by His Majesty the King. The jury decided to grant him the award for “his leadership at the helm of the European Central Bank, which allowed the European Union to face one of the greatest crises it has experienced since its inception.

He implemented a series of decisive and risky measures that, amidst the recession in the European economy, maintained the strength of the euro and the autonomy of the ECB, while also saving the single currency, enabling Europe to emerge strengthened from this crisis. It is also worth highlighting his exemplary promotion of European ethical principles as central axes of economic governance, emphasising his extraordinary capacity, foresight, and dialogue in the service of a united Europe, as well as his attention to and support for youth as guarantors of Europe’s future, tasks that go beyond the strictly economic sphere”.

CARLOS V EUROPEAN AWARD RESEARCH GRANTS

On the occasion of the Carlos V European Award ceremony, the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation will announce 10 European Research and Mobility Grants for European Studies of the Carlos V European Award in order to:

- Support the development of research on European subjects.
- Set up a network of expert researchers at European level and enable their mobility so that they may participate in different encounters.
- Publish and disseminate the academic contributions carried out by the selected beneficiaries.

The grants are related to the winner of the Carlos V European Award and the research theme thus adapts itself to the winner’s curriculum. The call for these grants is addressed to European researchers who are currently working on a doctoral thesis in any one of the different disciplines of human and social sciences.

The researchers will participate in the Carlos V European Award Doctoral Seminar and their work will be published by the prestigious publishing house of scientific works Peter Lang. They will become part of the “Red Alumni” (Alumni Network) of the Yuste Foundation which comprises former grant alumni. Many of them currently occupy key positions in the most important European institutions or universities.

The main aim of the Network is to exchange knowledge so that researchers jointly study and work on specific subjects that may affect the future of Europe and can thus look for possible solutions to the problems that arise. More than 100 researchers from different countries such as Italy, Cyprus, Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, Spain, France, Russia, Portugal, Mexico, Peru, Cuba and Brazil, who belong to disciplines such as sociology, economy, politics, history, communication and law, among others, have benefitted from the grants.

EUROPEAN AND IBERO-AMERICAN ACADEMY OF YUSTE FOUNDATION

Committed to Europe

The European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation is a public non-profit-making body of cultural, scientific, research and disseminating nature, which is integrated in the Extremaduran Regional Government's foundational public sector.

The Foundation has its registered office at the Monastery of San Jerónimo of Yuste, the place chosen by Charles V as a retreat to reflect during the last years of his life, thus making it one of the key places of Europe's history and memory.

Objectives

To contribute to the momentum and consolidation of the existing linkages between Extremadura, Europe and Ibero-America under the principles of loyalty, respect for the respective identity, mutual benefit and solidarity.

Aims

To support the promotion of democracy, the respect for human rights, the furtherance of international peace and concord, as well as the development of all peoples and nations in the world through the promotion of culture, research, the dissemination of knowledge and social integration.

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