

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2026 PUBLICISING THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE “CARLOS V EUROPEAN AWARD – MARIO DRAGHI EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND MOBILITY GRANTS FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES” OF THE EUROPEAN AND IBERO-AMERICAN ACADEMY OF YUSTE FOUNDATION.

The European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation is a public non-profit entity with a cultural, scientific, research, and dissemination focus. It forms part of the foundational public sector of the Autonomous Community of Extremadura and is attached to the Vice-Presidency and Regional Ministry for the Presidency, Coordination of Government Action, Home Affairs and Emergencies of the Regional Government of Extremadura, in accordance with Decree 105/2026, dated 26^h May, which establishes the organisational structure of the Vice-Presidency and Regional Ministry for the Presidency, Coordination of Government Action, Home Affairs and Emergencies of the Regional Government of Extremadura

By means of Decree 54/2018, dated 8 May, the regulatory bases for the “Carlos V European Award” European Research and Mobility Grants for European Studies of the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation were approved (Official Journal of Extremadura (DOE), No. 92, 14 May 2018), which focus on the history, memory, and European integration, using as a framework and priority the profile of the individual, institution, project, or initiative awarded in each edition. The topic and research priorities are defined in collaboration with the awardee, adopting a multidisciplinary perspective. Article seven of the aforementioned decree establishes that the award procedure is competitive and that the call for applications shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation, with prior authorisation from the secretary general of the Presidency of the Regional Government of Extremadura. Therefore, in accordance with and by virtue of the provisions of Decree 54/2018, dated 8 May, the public call for the grants provided for in said decree is hereby announced.

In its 17th edition, the jury of the Carlos V European Award granted the prize to Mario Draghi “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. The jury also highlighted “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”. All these merits —and more that he possesses— make him, in the jury’s opinion, worthy of the Carlos V European Award in its 17th edition. Taking these arguments into account, and after consulting with the award mlaureate, the topic of the 17th edition of the European Research and Mobility Grants for European Studies will be: **“The European**

Strategic Autonomy: Industrial Competitiveness, Economic Governance, Pragmatic Federalism and Decision-Making Mechanisms in the EU”.

In accordance with the powers conferred by Article 23.1 of Law 6/2011 of 23 March on subsidies of the Autonomous Community of Extremadura, I hereby approve this call for applications, following prior authorisation by the Secretary-General of the Vice-Presidency and Regional Ministry for the Presidency, Coordination of Government Action, Home Affairs and Emergencies of the Regional Government of Extremadura, dated 26 March 2026.

BASES

FIRST. – Objective.

The present call’s objective is to offer 10 “Carlos V European Award” European Research and Mobility Grants for European Studies with an individual grant of €2,500, in accordance with Decree 54/2018, of 8th May, which approved the regulatory bases for the “Carlos V European Award” European Research and Mobility Grants for European Studies of the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation, which will fund:

- a) The study and documentary research within the European context to prepare the papers that are to be presented within the framework of the Carlos V European Award Doctoral Seminar of Multidisciplinary Studies on Contemporary Europe to be held at the Monastery of San Jerónimo de Yuste (Extremadura, Spain).
- b) The development of research papers undertaken within the framework of this call, which will later be published in a collective volume by the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation, with a renowned publisher.
- c) The mobility of researchers to conduct their research, to participate in the doctoral seminar where they will present their work, and subsequently to attend the presentation event for the publication of the research findings.

SECOND. - Orientation and priorities of the call.

The topic of this call will be **“The European Strategic Autonomy: Industrial Competitiveness, Economic Governance, Pragmatic Federalism and Decision-Making Mechanisms in the EU”**, taking into account Mario Draghi’s profile, career and contribution to the process of European integration, as well as the rationale and context set out in Annex III, which will be published on Yuste Foundation’s website together with this call for applications, and the priorities indicated below, without prejudice to the possibility for grant candidates to propose other innovative lines of research relating to its main theme.

The specific and horizontal priorities to be considered when developing and submitting

proposals are the following:

a) Specific priorities:

The contribution of the European Union, as a historic, political, economic and legal project, to building a European capacity for action and decision-making, strengthening its strategic autonomy, competitiveness and ability to address global crises and transformations, through:

- The concept and evolution of European strategic autonomy, understood in its economic, industrial, technological, energy, financial, trade and geopolitical dimensions, as well as its relationship with European sovereignty and the Union's ability to define and defend its interests.
- The historical development of European economic and monetary integration, the Single Market and Economic and Monetary Union, analysing the progress made, limitations encountered and lessons learned from successive economic and financial crises.
- The development of Economic and Monetary Union, the role of the European Central Bank and of the European Union's institutions and mechanisms in economic and financial stability, euro area governance and the common response to crises, as well as their contribution to strengthening European economic and monetary integration.
- Economic governance in the European Union: coordination of economic and fiscal policies, budgetary rules, economic and financial supervision, solidarity and common financing mechanisms, as well as the reforms needed to enhance Europe's capacity to respond to current and future crises and challenges.
- European competitiveness and its main determinants, including productivity, innovation, investment, research and development, job quality, human capital, and the ability of European companies and economies to compete in a changing international environment.
- European industrial policy and the strengthening of the Single Market, with particular attention to innovation, strategic technologies, supply chains, critical raw materials and other sectors essential to European strategic autonomy.
- The digital and green transitions and their implications for competitiveness, productivity, investment and the transformation of Europe's productive base.
- The European Union's energy security and autonomy, the diversification of energy sources and supplies, and the relationship between the energy transition, industrial competitiveness and European resilience.
- The international dimension of strategic autonomy, including the common commercial policy, global value chains, economic dependencies, geoeconomic competition and the Union's relations with the world's major powers and regions, particularly Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The mobilisation of public and private investment and the development of European financial instruments to support competitiveness, innovation, infrastructure, energy, the digital and green transitions, and other European public goods.

- The EU budget, own resources, common financing mechanisms and the possibility of developing European instruments capable of responding to shared strategic needs.
- The process of European integration and the different conceptions of European federalism, with particular attention to so-called “pragmatic federalism” as an approach aimed at deepening integration where European action provides clear added value, while preserving the diversity of the Member States.
- The European Union’s decision-making mechanisms, including unanimity, qualified majority voting, enhanced cooperation and other forms of differentiated integration, analysing their effectiveness, democratic legitimacy and ability to enable effective, agile and timely European responses.
- Relations between the European institutions and the Member States in economic, industrial and strategic policies, as well as the evolution of the institutional balance and the division of competences.
- The principles of subsidiarity, proportionality and solidarity as elements for shaping a Union capable of acting jointly without undermining the territorial, political and economic diversity of its Member States.
- The social dimension of European competitiveness, analysing the relationship between productivity, employment, social cohesion, social protection, well-being and the sustainability of the European social model.
- The role of human capital, education, training, research, mobility and young people in strengthening Europe’s strategic autonomy and competitiveness.
- Scientific research, universities and innovation ecosystems as essential elements for building strategic capabilities, reducing external dependencies and strengthening the Union’s international position.
- The relationship between deepening and enlargement of the European Union and their implications for the Union’s governance, competitiveness, cohesion and strategic autonomy.
- The role of the European Union as a global actor and its relations with the United States, China, Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and other powers and regions, taking into account changes in the global geopolitical, technological and economic balance.
- The relationship between strategic autonomy, democracy, the rule of law, fundamental rights and European values, analysing how the Union’s capacity to act both externally and internally can strengthen its political and social model.
- Analysis of the proposals and conclusions of Mario Draghi’s report on the future of European competitiveness and their implications for the Union’s economic, industrial and political integration, the main barriers to their implementation and possible solutions.

b) Horizontal priorities.

In keeping with the multidisciplinary and European character of these grants, the papers must incorporate the following cross-cutting approaches:

- The historical perspective, analysing the evolution of European integration and its

economic, industrial and financial policies, from the origins of integration to the present day.

- The economic perspective, examining competitiveness, productivity, innovation, investment, macroeconomic stability and the transformations of the Single Market and the Economic and Monetary Union.
- The political and institutional perspective, considering the division of competences, the institutional balance, relations between the Union and the Member States, and decision-making mechanisms.
- The legal perspective, analysing the Treaties, the competences of the Union, legislative and decision-making procedures, and the principles of subsidiarity, proportionality and solidarity.
- The geopolitical and international perspective, taking into account the transformation of the global economic order, strategic dependencies, technological and trade competition, energy security and the role of the Union as a global actor.
- The relationship between competitiveness, strategic autonomy and social and territorial cohesion, considering the distributive effects of economic transformations and the digital and green transitions.
- The role of young people, education, research, training and talent as essential factors for the future of European integration and the Union's strategic autonomy.
- Cooperation between European institutions, Member States, regions and local authorities, businesses, universities, research centres and civil society as a means of strengthening European capabilities and the legitimacy of the common project.
- Reflection on the future of the European project, including the prospects for deeper integration, institutional reforms, enhanced cooperation and other forms of differentiated integration aimed at improving the Union's effectiveness, legitimacy, solidarity and capacity to act.
- Analysis of the Union's capacity to anticipate and respond to crises, including the decision-making, coordination, financing and solidarity mechanisms developed or strengthened in response to economic, health, energy and geopolitical crises.
- The democratic dimension and European values, ensuring that the strengthening of the Union's strategic autonomy and decision-making capacity is considered alongside democracy, the rule of law, fundamental rights, transparency and accountability.

THIRD. - Requirements of the beneficiaries.

Those who fulfil the following specific requirements before the deadline for the submission of applications, apart from those generally established in Article 12 of the Subsidies Law 6/2011 of the Autonomous Community of Extremadura of 23 March, may become beneficiaries:

1. - Be nationals of a member country of the European Union or of one of the countries considered in this call or from third countries when proving that he/she is a permanent resident of one of the eligible countries before the date of the publication of this call.

Eligible countries of the call:

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, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Romania, Sweden.

Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo¹, Montenegro.

Eastern neighbourhood: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine acknowledged by international law.

Southern Mediterranean countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia.

Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Philippines, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar/Burma, Nepal, Pakistan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam, Brunei, Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Macao, Singapore and Taiwan.

Central Asia: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Middle East: Iraq, Iran, and Yemen; Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar.

Pacific: Fiji, Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, East Timor, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Australia, New Zealand.

Sub-Saharan Africa: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Ivory Coast, Eritrea, Esuatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Djibouti, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Latin America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.

United States and Canada: United States of America and Canada.

Other regions: Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and Vatican City State, Faroe Islands, United

¹ This designation is understood without prejudice to positions on its status and is in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 (99) and the ICJ's Opinion on Kosovo's declaration of independence.

Kingdom and Switzerland.

2. - Be enrolled in a doctorate programme of one of the universities of the eligible countries in the present call and be in the preparation stage of the doctoral thesis in History, Political Science, Economy, Law and other disciplines of Social and Human Sciences, as well as other branches of science, on a subject related with the aim and guidance established in the call.
3. - Not to previously be in receipt of a “Carlos V European Award” European Research and Mobility Grant for European Studies of the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation.
4. - Certify the knowledge of one of the two working languages (English or Spanish), with a B2 of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) level or higher in case neither of them are the applicant’s mother tongue.

FOURTH. - Concession procedure.

The procedure for awarding the grants established in this call is based on a competitive selection process and public call.

FIFTH. - Selection criteria.

1. To assess the applications, the results of the scoring conducted by a jury will be considered, taking into account objective merits as well as the quality and relevance of the proposals submitted in this call.

Applications will be evaluated up to a maximum of 100 points, according to the following criteria:

ACADEMIC MERITS	SCORE
University titles	1 point for every title complementing the degree or main bachelor’s degree Up to a maximum of 5 points
Average grade of the main degree’s academic record	Up to 10 points corresponding with the average grade
Academic awards, grants and aid granted to carry out research work and/or projects related to the subject and priorities of the call	0,5 points for each Up to a maximum of 3 points
International research placements (for each placement of at least 15 days)	Up to 3 months: 0,5 points More than 3 months: 1 point Up to a maximum of 5 points

Scientific publications related to the subject of the call and its priorities	0,5 points for each one Up to a maximum of 5 points
Professional experience related to the subject and the priorities of the call	0,5 points for each worked year Up to a maximum of 2 points
Linguistic competence (Any official language)	Level B1: 0,5 points Level B2: 1 point Level C1 or higher: 1,5 points Up to a maximum of 5 points
RESEARCH PROJECT	SCORE
Orientation of the paper	Up to 15 points
Adaptation to the subject of the call	Up to 10 points
Adaptation to the priorities of the call	Up to 10 points
Quality of the proposal's subject	Up to 10 points
Quality of the proposal's structure	Up to 10 points
Quality of the proposal's methodology	Up to 10 points

- The grants will be awarded to the applicants who obtain the highest scores in the evaluation. In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the applicant with the highest overall average mark in their academic record. If the tie persists, it will be resolved by drawing lots among the candidates.

SIXTH. - Applications and deadline for submission.

- Applications shall be formalised completing the form in annex I of the present call.
- Applications and the annex documentation shall be submitted via electronic means, completing the digital form published on the website: www.fundacionyuste.org (Menu: («Premio Europeo Carlos V»/Becas Premio Europeo Carlos V) and submitting the required documentation to the following email: becas@fundacionyuste.org

Applications may also be submitted at the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation's registry at the Monastery of San Jerónimo de Yuste, 10430 Cuacos de Yuste (Cáceres) or via the post office, in which case the application should be taken there in an open envelope so that the person in charge may state the date when it was presented and sent by certificate mail.

- The completed application form (Annex I) shall be accompanied by the following documentation:
 - A valid copy of the NIF and/or Passport.

- b) A copy of the permanent resident card (only nationals from different countries to those eligible in the call).
- c) A copy of the registration slip of the University's doctorate degree.
- d) A copy of the candidate's academic record.
- e) A copy of supporting documentation of the requirements and merits included in the application form.
- f) A recommendation letter of the director of the thesis.
- g) Declaration of Commitment (Annex II).
- h) Certification of English or Spanish skills, having a B2 level or higher. (Only in case it is not the applicant's mother tongue).

The European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation may request the comparison of the copies provided by the applicant at any time in a reasoned manner, and thus request the presentation of the original document.

- 4. The deadline for the submission of applications shall be 30 working days from the day following the publication of this call and its extract in the Official Journal of Extremadura.
- 5. If the application does not comply with the requirements demanded, the applicant shall be asked to rectify the error or present the mandatory documents in a period of ten working days and shall be warned that in not doing so his/her application shall be relinquished.

SEVENTH. – Organisation and instruction of the procedure.

- 1. The organisation and instruction of the procedure for the granting of aid regulated by the present call rests with the managing director of the European and Ibero- American Academy of Yuste Foundation.
- 2. The instructing body will review the submitted applications, undertaking any necessary actions ex officio to determine, understand, and verify the data on which the resolution proposal should be based. In this phase, compliance with the conditions imposed to qualify as a beneficiary of the grant will be verified, following the issuance of the corresponding technical report, which will be forwarded to the jury to be constituted for this purpose.
- 3. A jury for the analysis, assessment and ranking of the submitted application forms—in accordance with the established criteria— shall be constituted and appointed by decision of the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation's managing director and shall be composed by:

A president and between 8 and 14 members appointed among personalities from the academic and university fields and with professional careers related to the European Union and/or the subject and priorities of the present call, where one of the members shall serve as secretary.

The definite composition of the jury shall be published on the Foundation's website.

4. After the evaluation phase of the submitted applications, the jury will issue a report detailing the results of the evaluation and will attach a list of the applicants, ranked by score, along with those excluded and the reasons for their exclusion.
5. The instructing body, in view of the file and the jury's assessment, will formulate the final resolution proposal for the granting of the grants, which, properly justified, will be submitted to the competent authority to resolve the procedure. For this purpose, the jury's report will be binding. The resolution proposal will be accompanied by a list of the selected candidates for the grants, which will distinguish between selected candidates and reserve applicants, ranked in descending order of score.
6. The resolution proposal will be notified to the interested party at the email address they have provided, informing them of the availability of the provisional list on the website of the Foundation <www.fundacionyuste.org> (Menu: "Premio Europeo Carlos V" / Becas Premio Europeo Carlos V), allowing a period of ten working days to submit objections to the email address becas@fundacionyuste.org. After this period, if no objections are raised, the proposed resolution will be deemed definitive.
7. After examining any objections raised by the interested parties, if they are related to the evaluation carried out, the jury will send a valuation report to the instructing body so that, in light of it, the definitive resolution proposal can be formulated.
8. The resolution of the granting procedure corresponds to the person holding the presidency of the Executive Committee of the Foundation, following authorisation from the General Secretariat of the Vice-Presidency and Regional Ministry for the Presidency, Coordination of Government Action, Home Affairs and Emergencies of the Regional Government of Extremadura to proceed with the processing of the grants and grant them in accordance with the regulatory bases and this call.
9. The maximum period to resolve and notify the resolution of the procedure will be three months, counted from the day following the end of the application submission period. If the maximum period elapses without the resolution of the grant being communicated, the application may be considered denied.
10. The resolution of the procedure will be notified individually to each interested party. Likewise, the grant resolution will be published on the website of the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation: www.fundacionyuste.org and in the Official Journal of Extremadura (DOE), as provided for by Article 45 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.
11. The grant resolution must include the beneficiaries of the grants, the score of the application, as well as the obligations and commitments acquired by them.
12. Once the grant resolution has been notified, the beneficiary must accept it within a maximum period of 5 working days; if there is no express indication after this period, it will

be deemed tacitly rejected.

13. Additionally, the list of beneficiaries, as well as the reserve candidates, will be published, detailing the score obtained by each of them, prioritised by the score of the application.
14. Any renunciations that occur after the publication of the resolution, as well as failure to comply with obligations, unforeseen incapacity, or any other cause that implies the loss of the status of beneficiaries, may lead to the incorporation of a new beneficiary, following the order established in the list of reserve candidates and their scores. The resolution awarding the aid to the reserve candidate will be notified to the interested party, and the reserve beneficiary must accept it under the same terms established in point 12 of this section.
15. In the exercise of control functions and others involving administrative powers, as provided in the additional provision three of Law 6/2011, of 23 March, the resolution that concludes the granting procedure may be appealed to the holder of the General Secretariat of the Vice-Presidency and Regional Ministry for the Presidency, Coordination of Government Action, Home Affairs and Emergencies of the Regional Government of Extremadura within a month from the day following the notification of the act, without prejudice to the fact that interested parties may exercise any other resources they deem appropriate.

EIGHTH. - Funding and amount.

1. The funding for this call will be covered by the budget of the European and Ibero-American Yuste Academy Foundation for the 2026 financial year.
2. The amount of each grant shall be 2,500 EUR, where the total amount of the present call is 25,000 EUR.
3. This call is subject to the suspensive condition of the availability of adequate and sufficient funds in the budget of the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation for the 2026 financial year.

NINTH. - Obligations of the beneficiaries, payment and forms of justification.

1. The beneficiaries of the grants in the present call are subject to the obligations that are generally established in Article 13 of Law 6/2011 of 23rd March and should —following the deadlines of the present call— specifically:
 - a) Send an outline and a summary of their research work in English or Spanish. In case it is sent in Spanish, an English version should be provided of no more than 8.000 characters (including spaces).
 - b) Participate throughout the doctoral seminar organised at the Monastery of San Jerónimo

de Yuste (in Extremadura, Spain) during the date communicated sufficiently in advance to the selected candidates.

- c) Send the complete text of his/her paper in one of the two working languages, which will have a maximum length of 50,000 characters (including spaces and notes). The deadline for its submission as well as the norms and editorial rules for its publication shall be indicated to each beneficiary once the doctoral seminar has concluded.
 - d) Accept to become a member of Yuste's Euro-Ibero-American Alumni Network which gathers researchers who have participated in previous seminars.
 - e) Participate in the presentation of the collective publication which will include the final version of all the beneficiaries' papers.
- 2. The payment will be made according to the following timelines: two-fifths of the total after the final resolution of the grant award, one-fifth after the celebration of the Carlos V European Award – Mario Draghi Doctoral Seminar at the Monastery of San Jerónimo de Yuste, and the remaining two-fifths after the submission of the final version of the text for publication.
 - 3. The justification shall be carried out by the explicit certification of the submission of the final works (definite version), signed by the managing director of the Foundation.
 - 4. The European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation commits itself to paying the different payments of the grants in a maximum period of three months since the resolution of the call.

TENTH. EFFECTS

This call for applications shall take effect from the day following its publication in the Official Journal of Extremadura.

ELEVENTH. Reimbursement of the awarded grant.

- 1. Total or partial reimbursement of the awarded grant will be required, as well as the collection of interest on arrears accrued from the effective payment of the grant until the date on which the reimbursement is deemed necessary, in the following cases:
 - a) Concealing or falsifying data taken into account for the granting of the aid.
 - b) Cancellation of university enrolment.
 - c) Failure to complete the research work or non-compliance with any of the obligations outlined in Base Thirteen of Decree 54/2018 of 8 May.

- d) Any others provided for in Article 43 of Law 6/2011, of 23 March, on Grants of the Autonomous Community of Extremadura.
2. When the compliance by the beneficiary is significantly close to full compliance, and they provide evidence of unequivocal action towards fulfilling their commitments, the amount to be reimbursed will be determined according to the principle of proportionality. Compliance is considered significantly close to full compliance when the obligations established in sections a), c), and d) of the aforementioned Base Thirteen have been met. In the event of non-compliance with point b), a reimbursement of 20% of the total amount of the awarded grant will be required, and 10% in the case of non-compliance with point e) of that base thirteen.
3. The General Secretariat of the Vice-Presidency and Regional Ministry for the Presidency, Coordination of Government Action, Home Affairs and Emergencies of the Regional Government of Extremadura shall be the competent body for revoking the grant and requiring the beneficiary to repay the grant where any of the circumstances referred to above are found to apply.
4. The procedure for revocation and repayment shall be that established in Law 6/2011 of 23 March on Grants of the Autonomous Community of Extremadura.

Mérida, on 30th September 2026.

The president of the Executive Committee of the European
and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation.

ABEL BAUTISTA MORÁN.

ANNEX I
**APPLICATION FORM: “CARLOS V EUROPEAN AWARD-MARIO DRAGHI” EUROPEAN
RESEARCH AND MOBILITY GRANT FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES**

THE APPLICANT’S PERSONAL DATA

NAME:	
SURNAME/S:	
PHONE NUMBER/S:	
COMPLETE ADDRESS:	
EMAIL:	
NATIONALITY:	
PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH (day/month/year):	
PASSPORT NUMBER / DNI:	
RESIDENT CARD NUMBER: (in case you are not a national from any of the eligible countries in the call)	
UNIVERSITY WHERE THE DOCTORATE IS BEING COMPLETED	

- **University titles:**

YEAR	TITLE / DIPLOMA	DEGREE	UNIVERSITY	AVERAGE GRADE IN ACADEMIC RECORD (equivalent on a scale of 0 to 10)
	(MAIN ONE)			
+				

(+) Add more rows if necessary

- **Academic awards, grants and aid granted:**

NAME	AIM	GRANTING ENTITY	DATE
+			

- **Completed international research stays (minimum 15 days):**

RESEARCH CENTRE	COUNTRY	DATES	DURATION
+			

- **List of scientific publications related to the subject of the call:**

TITLE	PUBLISHER	PLACE OF PUBLICATION Journal, book, minutes, etc.	ISBN ISSN	DATE OF PUBLICATION	LINK / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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- **Professional experience related to the subject of the call:**

CONTRACTING ENTITY	POSITION/DUTIES	DURATION IN MONTHS
+		
TOTAL DURATION		

- **Linguistic competence.** In line with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) classification: Basic – A1 / Elementary – A2 / Pre-intermediate – B1 / Upper-intermediate – B2 / Advanced – C1 / Proficiency – C2.

	LEVEL (CEFR) - Include the mother tongue, duly specified
English	
Spanish	
Others	
+	

- **Title of the ongoing doctorate** (Describe content. Maximum length of 10 lines):

- **Title of the thesis:**

- **Name, surnames and contact data of the director(s) of the thesis:**

Mandatory: attach a support letter written by the director(s) of the thesis.

- **Date of the beginning of the thesis:**

- **Approximate date of the defence of the thesis:**

- **Current profession(s) and/or function(s)** (Name and address of the employer):

- **Title and orientation of the paper submitted in the present call.** (Summary of a maximum of 5.000 characters, including spaces).

TITLE: _____

SUMMARY:

- **Biographical outline of the candidate (CV)** (Text of maximum 10 lines in paragraph format).

Mr./Ms. _____, with DNI
/ NIE/ PASSPORT NUMBER _____, declares that:

- All the data in this application are true.
- That his/her payments with the National Treasury and with the Social Security are up to date.
- That he/she is aware and accepts the conditions of the call and fulfils its established requirements.
- That he/she fulfils all the requirements pointed out in Article 12 of the Subsidies Law 6/2011 of the Autonomous Community of Extremadura of 23 March.

In _____, on202_

Signature:

DATA PROTECTION: In accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 (GDPR) and Organic Law 3/2018 of 5 December on the Protection of Personal Data, the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation hereby informs you that the personal data provided by completing this form, or any other information required in the processing of this application, will be incorporated into an automated file for the purposes of processing the application. In accordance with the aforementioned Regulation and Law, and following the established procedure, you may exercise your rights of access, rectification, portability and erasure of your personal data, as well as your right to restrict or object to its processing, by contacting the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation at 10430, Cuacos de Yuste (Cáceres), or by email at protecciondatos@fundacionyuste.org. You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority (www.agpd.es) if you consider that the processing of your personal data does not comply with the applicable legislation.

ANNEX II

The undersigned (name and surname(s)) declares, on the basis of the present call's provisions, to commit him/herself—in case his/her application to be awarded a “Carlos V European Award” European Research and Mobility Grant for European Studies were accepted—to:

- I. Send an outline and a summary of his/her research work in English or Spanish—in case it is sent in Spanish, an English version should be provided— of no more than 8.000 characters (including spaces).
- II. Participate throughout the doctoral seminar organised at the Monastery of San Jerónimo de Yuste (in Extremadura, Spain) on the date communicated sufficiently in advance to the selected candidates.
- III. Send the complete text of his/her paper in one of the two working languages, which will have a maximum length of 50,000 characters (including spaces and notes). The deadline for its submission as well as the norms and editorial rules for its publication shall be indicated to each beneficiary once the doctoral seminar has concluded.
- IV. Accept to become a member of Yuste's Alumni Network, which gathers researchers who have participated in previous doctoral seminars.
- V. Participate in the presentation of the collective publication which will include the final version of all the beneficiaries' papers.

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ANNEX III

RATIONALE AND CONTEXT OF THE CALL

European integration has historically been linked to the ability of European states to address jointly challenges which, by virtue of their scale, exceed the capacity of individual countries to act alone. From its origins, European integration has involved pooling resources, competences and capabilities with the aim of consolidating peace, stability and prosperity, while enhancing Europe's capacity to act on the world stage.

Economic integration is one of the fundamental pillars of this process. The creation of the common market and, subsequently, the Single Market, the Economic and Monetary Union and the euro represented decisive advances in the construction of an integrated European economic area. At the same time, successive economic and financial crises have highlighted both the strength of integration and the limitations of a European architecture which, in certain areas, did not yet have sufficient instruments to respond collectively, swiftly and effectively to situations of major impact.

The euro area financial and sovereign debt crisis was a particularly significant moment. In this context, Mario Draghi's leadership as president of the European Central Bank made a decisive contribution to preserving the stability of the single currency and strengthening confidence in the European project. The jury of the Carlos V European Award recognised his ability to address one of the greatest crises experienced by the Union, his defence of the strength of the euro and the independence of the ECB, as well as his capacity for foresight, dialogue and the pursuit of solutions in the service of a united Europe.

Mario Draghi's career therefore provides a particularly significant starting point for reflecting on the relationship between economic governance, institutional capacity, decision-making and the European integration process. The recognition conferred by the Carlos V European Award also highlights the ethical dimension of economic governance and the need to place European principles at the heart of decisions affecting the future of the Union.

It is against this backdrop that the contemporary debate on European strategic autonomy has emerged. Growing economic and geopolitical competition, the transformation of global supply chains, dependencies on critical raw materials and technologies, energy security, the digital revolution, the green transition and changes in the international order have broadened the meaning of European autonomy.

Strategic autonomy should not be understood solely in terms of security and defence. It also encompasses the Union's ability to maintain and develop industrial, technological, energy, financial and trade capabilities that enable it to define its interests, reduce excessive vulnerabilities and act effectively in an increasingly competitive and uncertain international environment.

In this context, European competitiveness is of central importance. Productivity, innovation, research and development, investment, access to capital, the strength of the Single Market,

access to energy, technological capabilities and human capital are essential elements in ensuring Europe's prosperity and capacity to act.

Mario Draghi's report on the future of European competitiveness has helped to place these challenges at the heart of the European debate, highlighting the need to increase productivity and investment, close innovation gaps, make progress on decarbonisation and digitalisation simultaneously, and strengthen Europe's industrial and technological capabilities. The debate sparked by these proposals also raises fundamental questions about the ability of Member States and European institutions to mobilise resources, coordinate policies and take common decisions on the scale required.

Competitiveness, however, cannot be separated from the social dimension of the European project. Europe's ability to compete must contribute to quality employment, social and territorial cohesion, social protection and citizens' well-being. The economic, digital and green transitions create opportunities, but also entail costs and risks that must be addressed through European policies capable of combining innovation, competitiveness and social justice.

Strategic autonomy also depends on Europe's ability to mobilise public and private investment. The experience gained during recent crises, including European financing and recovery mechanisms, has shown that the Union can move towards common instruments when circumstances require it. At the same time, these experiences have prompted debate about the need for European public goods, common financial mechanisms and sufficient resources to address challenges that no Member State can tackle on its own.

All of this inevitably leads to the question of European economic governance. The coordination of economic and fiscal policies, budgetary rules, financial supervision, the banking union and capital markets union, solidarity mechanisms and the financing of strategic investment are all part of a complex system that is constantly evolving. Its effectiveness depends not only on the instruments available, but also on the ability of European institutions and Member States to reach agreements and implement them.

The question of decision-making is equally essential. The European Union combines different procedures and levels of decision-making, involving the European institutions, European consultative bodies and the Member States. Unanimity can provide safeguards in particularly sensitive areas, but it can also hamper swift and effective responses when interests diverge. Qualified majority voting, enhanced cooperation and other forms of differentiated integration may offer alternatives, while also raising questions of legitimacy, cohesion and institutional balance.

In this context, the idea of "pragmatic federalism" is of particular interest: a conception of European integration aimed at deepening common action where it provides clear added value, enables shared challenges to be addressed more effectively and strengthens Europe's capacity to act, without requiring complete uniformity among the Member States. This approach invites consideration of how greater European capacity can be combined with respect for national, regional and territorial diversity.

The debate on European strategic autonomy and competitiveness is therefore closely linked to the future of the integration process. A Union with greater economic, industrial, technological and financial capabilities also needs appropriate institutional and democratic mechanisms to exercise them. The question is not simply one of having more resources, but of determining how decisions are taken, who is politically accountable for them, and how their legitimacy and accountability are ensured.

The democratic dimension is particularly relevant. Strengthening the Union's capacity to act must be pursued in accordance with the values enshrined in the Treaties: democracy, the rule of law, fundamental rights, equality, solidarity and respect for diversity. European strategic autonomy can only be sustainably consolidated if it enjoys citizens' trust and if common decisions are perceived as legitimate, transparent and geared towards the European general interest.

Education, research, innovation and training are likewise fundamental components of this autonomy. The ability to develop technologies, generate knowledge, attract and retain talent, and educate and train future generations will largely determine Europe's future position. In this regard, young people are particularly important, as their participation and preparation are essential to ensuring the continuity and renewal of the European project, an aspect expressly highlighted by the jury of the Carlos V European Award in recognising Mario Draghi's career.

Strategic autonomy must also be considered from an international perspective. The transformation of relations between the major powers, technological competition, new trade dynamics, energy issues and geopolitical tensions require the Union to strengthen its capacity to act, while maintaining its commitment to multilateralism, international cooperation, the rule of law and a rules-based international order.

The central question addressed by this call can therefore be formulated as follows: how can the European Union strengthen its capacity to take decisions and act collectively in an increasingly complex international environment, enhancing its competitiveness and strategic autonomy without losing the diversity, democratic legitimacy and values that underpin the European project?

Building on this question, this call seeks to promote multidisciplinary academic research examining the economic, political, institutional, legal, social and geopolitical transformations that shape the future of the European Union. It aims to encourage studies that, from both historical and contemporary perspectives, contribute to understanding the challenges of European competitiveness, strategic autonomy, economic governance, decision-making mechanisms and possible avenues for deepening integration.

In keeping with the spirit of the Carlos V European Award, the research should contribute to the debate on how to build a Europe that is more competitive, resilient, capable of acting, democratic, committed to solidarity and cohesive, while strengthening its capacity to address the major challenges of the 21st century.