

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome! And thanks, many thanks, for visiting us!

It is a pleasure and an honour to introduce you to the *Muy Ilustre Academia de Cultura Europea* (Illustrious Academy of European Culture (*)).

The Academy of European Culture has the mission of developing common strategies of cooperation and development to reach a Europe characterized by civil liberties, participation and the guarantee of rights for all European citizens, in the face of the isolationist temptations making electoral inroads in certain countries of the European Union and beyond.

We aim to create a common space of ethical reflection on the tangible and intangible heritage derived from centuries of exchange among societies that ultimately recognize themselves through Human Values. Culture is the driver and guide of mankind.

Europe is made up of many peoples, each with their own traditions, cultures (art, science, humanities, technology, etc.), language and/or dialect... These are assets to be respected, preserved and protected, as each of them is unique. In addition to this, efforts must also be made to achieve a united Europe, by levelling, at a high standard, tax, occupational, judiciary and other affairs so that, without ever renouncing anything, we may all be governed by equal laws, avoiding the differences in our democracies, solidarity and economies, which still exist.

For such a daunting task, with ambitious content and wide-ranging subject matter, it is necessary to resort to a Foundation (Fundación de la Academia de Cultura Europea) an institution that lends support to and interacts with the aforementioned Academy, providing it with legal security and economic independence.

The Academy and the Foundation, from their diverse vantage points and independence, work hand in hand for the same purpose.

The Academy and its Foundation are aligned in the research and application of the dizzying developments in the field of artificial intelligence. This is an unavoidable pathway in today's world.

The Academy and its Foundation dream of achieving a united Europe, that is cultivated, sensitive, humane and democratic, where we all enjoy equal opportunities in peace and harmony. This is the Europe we want to leave to future generations.

Please bear in mind:

- **The name and logo of the “M.I. Academia de Cultura Europea” are registered in and protected by the Intellectual Property Registry, under the relevant headings, for the entire European Union.**
- **The Academy and its Foundation of European Culture were born in 2018, “European Year of Cultural Heritage”.**
- **The Academy and its Foundation grew thanks to a grant from the Ministry of Culture of the Declaration of Public Utility and General Interest. Among others advantages are the tax deductions of 30% for natural persons (income tax) and 35% for legal persons (corporate tax).**
- **Our guidelines for action are the “Charter of Paris for a New Europe” signed in 1990, by the OSCE and the “Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union” approved in 2000 in the European Parliament, Council of Europe and European Commission.**
- **We have over 25 years’ experience in the AEFE (www.aefe.es).**

No one is above anyone else. There can be no such thing as first and second-class citizens. We are all made of the same matter, feelings and needs.

We pledge to apply our calling, and firm and neutral will to achieve the goals we have set.

We invite you to join us in this exciting project!

It sounds ambitious..., because it is ambitious!..., It always seems impossible..., until it is done. attributed to Nelson Mandela.

Best regards,

**Jorge Castellà de Cot
President and Founder**

(*) We understand European culture as being the sum of its different national and citizen cultures that must be preserved. In lay terms, it is based on Greco-Roman civilisation and, in religious terms, on Christian, Arab and Jewish cultures.