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## A STRATEGIC SPAIN WITHIN AN AGILE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

At CEOE, European affairs have always been a priority. We have been working to ensure that Spanish businesses of all sizes and sectors have a voice in the EU, by participating in honest and constructive dialogue with different institutions and collaborating, to achieve collective objectives in favour of the Spanish economy and citizens. Therefore, CEOE seeks to contribute with several proposals to the strengthening of Spain's voice at the European institutional level and to the effective development of a European agenda in favour of competitiveness:

### TURN SPANISH CHALLENGES AND STRENGTHS INTO EUROPEAN PRIORITIES

- Spain leads in quality, productivity, environmental and social commitment, development, and innovation across various sectors including **tourism**, the **textile industry**, **retail trade**, the **agri-food** sector, **infrastructure**, those that make up the **blue economy**, **culture and sport**. Together, we must promote them, ensuring their relevance is transferred to the European institutional framework as critical factors for the transformation and resilience of the Spanish and European economies.
- Hence, it is imperative that **the challenges and strengths of the Spanish economy** take a centre stage in the European political and legislative **agenda**. This prioritisation must be accompanied by the necessary institutional space, both within the framework of the new College of Commissioners and the European

Commission's organisational chart, as well as in terms of representation in the European Parliament.

- Building on the momentum and prolific work carried out during the Spanish Presidency of the Council, a **strong and proactive stance in Council negotiations should be maintained for this new cycle**. In this sense, **strengthening collaboration with other Member States** on initiatives or policies of shared interest would be a positive development.

### A CONSISTENT AND AGILE INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE

- The **structure of the next European Commission** must align with identified challenges, ensuring vice-presidencies that strengthen and coordinate matters related to the relaunch of competitiveness and the strengthening of the Single Market. There is a need for improved coordination and agility between the different Directorates-General to guarantee the **development of quality and consistent legislation and policies**, as well as swift legislative implementation.
- In the 10th European legislative term, configuring and defining the competences of the different European Parliament Committees should ensure an adequate and balanced distribution of matters, avoiding ambiguities and overlaps. Likewise, we advocate for an active membership of **Spanish MEPs** in those

parliamentary committees addressing **fundamental matters for the Spanish economy.**

**STRENGTHEN PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS  
ALSO AT THE EUROPEAN LEVEL**

- Just as at national level, public-private partnerships are essential at European level. Therefore, CEOE and its members offer their support to consolidate **Spain's voice in the EU, strengthening both dialogue and the proactivity of Spanish stakeholders.** Enhancing

**collaborative efforts between Spanish policymakers, social partners and business representatives at the European level** to understand the needs and proposals of the Spanish business community would increase our influence in the EU. This would enable Spain to act swiftly in the decision-making process, leveraging the knowledge and experience of the private sector to advocate for the country's collective interests.