

## **The Plataforma Pymes joins the tribute to the victims of COVID-19 in Spain and in the rest of the EU**

From the Plataforma Pymes, a business organization that represents 2.1 million self-employed and SMEs, a defender of a new Inclusive Capitalism, we join and support the official tribute of Spain, which will take place on July 16, to all the victims, which has produced the COVID-19; both dead, and patients with and without sequelae and all their families and loved ones.

The Plataforma Pymes would like this tribute and recognition not only to be limited to Spain but to be extended to all the victims of the EU and Europe.

We do not wish to forget all the businessmen, workers and public officials in services declared to be essential in Spain, in EU Member States and in the rest of Europe, who, through their efforts and dedication, have provided their services during the hardest part of the confinement and the pandemic, putting their lives, and those of their families, at risk for the well-being of society.

In view of this tribute, the Plataforma Pymes would be proud to be able to attend this tribute in person, whenever invited, as a humble representative of a part of Spanish civil society, and in this way show its highest consideration for the victims and personnel committed to essential services throughout Spain, the EU and the rest of Europe, with a businessman belonging to its Board of Directors and affected by COVID-19 representing them.

Likewise, we consider it desirable that by that date the total number of deaths and affected persons in Spain, the Member States of the EU and the rest of Europe be known, in accordance with the new protocol established for that purpose by the WHO, so that no victim may be left out of this recognition.

It is necessary for all of Spain, the EU and the rest of Europe to exercise the necessary constructive self-criticism in a structured and systematized manner in order to learn from the errors and successes during this period and thus be prepared for future outbreaks, that would occur.

In this line of preparation for future possible outbreaks, the Plataforma Pymes also proposes that by July 16 Spain has signed with the ESM of the Euro Zone the credit of about 20,000 million euros, known as Pandemic Crisis Support to finance health costs of cure and prevention related to the Covid-19 and that would serve, therefore, as a basis for trying to prevent future victims of new outbreaks. Likewise, access to the ESM would serve as a token of the greatest respect for all the victims caused by Covid-19, both in Spain, the EU and the rest of Europe, as it is a financial instrument for restoring the damage caused to public health by the pandemic and preventing future ones, thus contributing to the health protection of the families and loved ones of all these victims in Spain, the EU and the rest of Europe.

The Plataforma Pymes in its updated proposal for a State Pact for a conditioned financial rescue of the Spanish economy, dated May 15, [available here](#), details its proposals, among others, for Public Health, based on the ESM credit and focused on the three TTT (Testing, Tracking and Tracing), in the scientific research of antivirals and vaccines through the Coronavirus Global Response movement and in the increase by Spain of its contribution to the Emergency Support

Instrument of the EU to accredit in a reliable way its participation in the Advance Purchase Agreements to be established by the EU on behalf of the Member States with vaccine producers to try to accelerate the production of the same, as methods to face future outbreaks of the virus.

To conclude, from the Plataforma Pymes we submit for consideration of all our stakeholders, state and supranational, the possibility that the tribute be held in another city of Spain other than Madrid, as the beginning of a movement of economic deconcentration that would favor in the medium and long term, the reduction of high population densities in certain densely populated metropolitan areas in Spain and the rest of Europe, which could contribute to strengthening Public Health, as it has been proven that densely populated areas with high mobility have contributed to the increase in community transmission of the virus. If the Plataforma Pymes's proposal is accepted, it could be considered that the tribute be held in a city representing the Spanish tourism industry, thus contributing to the transfer to European society of an image of strength of Spanish Public Health at the beginning of the summer tourism campaign.

May all those who have died for and related to Covid-19 in Spain and Europe rest in peace and a deep and emotional memory for the rest of the victims as well as their families and loved ones.