

The Spanish Fintech and Insurtech Association (AEFI) signs an agreement with Roca Junyent, the association's new legal partner

- *AEFI and the law firm join forces to develop initiatives aimed at enhancing Spain's Fintech and Insurtech ecosystem.*
- *From now on, Roca Junyent will collaborate with AEFI by providing advisory services to the association.*

Madrid, 27 July 2021. The Spanish Fintech and Insurtech Association (AEFI) and Roca Junyent, a law firm closely linked to the Fintech sector in Spain, have signed a collaboration agreement whereby the firm becomes one of the association's legal partners, with the mission of providing legal advice and support services to the association as well as collaboration work to strengthen the Fintech and Insurtech ecosystem in our country.

Roca Junyent, a multidisciplinary law firm that has developed a solid area of specialised advice for the Fintech ecosystem, has a team led by Xavier Foz that has been collaborating since the sector took off in Spain with national and international companies from the different Fintech verticals, both in the regulatory validation of their business models and in the processing of authorisations and adaptation to new regulatory developments.

The law firm works with a value proposition based on guiding the client in an agile and practical way, providing the legal keys to consider in their business decisions, including a team made up of specialists in the financial sector, data protection, cybersecurity, prevention of money laundering and taxation, providing the firm with a broad ecosystem expertise.

With the signing of this agreement, the association incorporates an important law firm in legal matters in the Fintech sector in Spain as a legal sponsor of the AEFI, which will allow it to continue defending the common interests of Fintech and Insurtech companies and continue joining efforts to promote the different verticals of the sector in which the firm has solid experience including: payment methods and E-money, lending (consumer credit, mortgage, P2P, trade finance and intermediation), investment services such as roboadvisors and PFM, neobanks and embedded finance, blockchain solutions, cryptocurrencies and cryptoassets, tokenisations and NFTs, Regtech.

With this collaboration, Roca Junyent also consolidates its firm commitment and involvement in the regulatory Sandbox, in which they are advising one of the projects admitted in its first call. They will also continue to advise on financing rounds, joint ventures and alliances between fintech companies and financial institutions.

Rodrigo García de la Cruz, president of the Spanish Fintech and Insurtech Association (AEFI), states that "the incorporation of a legal partner such as Roca Junyent, a specialist in legal advice on the Fintech ecosystem in Spain, will allow us to join forces when building bridges together in order to promote best practices and continue advancing in the regulatory field".

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Xavier Foz, partner in the banking and finance department and head of the Fintech and Blockchain areas, points out "the importance for the firm of belonging to AEFI, a key association for the Fintech sector, to continue providing value in each and every one of the different verticals in which the firm advises and to continue collaborating in the development of this industry in Spain".

About AEFI

The Spanish Fintech and Insurtech Association was born out of a mission to create an attractive landscape for the development of Fintech and Insurtech startups and companies in Spain, representing the Fintechs through vertical groups led by specialist coordinators. The Association's aim is to collaborate, innovate and promote Spain as a FinTech and InsurTech pioneer; to build bridges within the country's FinTech ecosystem and to encourage interaction between the market's key players. The AEFI currently has 126 member companies and 28 international alliances.

About Roca Junyent

Roca Junyent, one of Spain's leading law firms, has around 210 professionals. With 25 years of experience, it has offices in Madrid, Barcelona and Girona, as well as associated offices in Palma de Mallorca, Lleida, Malaga, Seville, Bilbao, Burgos and Valladolid. It offers advice in all areas of law, with particular emphasis on commercial, banking, financial and fintech, procedural and tax law. Roca Junyent is the exclusive member in Spain of the international network Terralex. The firm has an outstanding international reputation, which has enabled it to be recognised by the most prestigious legal publications, such as Chambers & Partners and Legal 500.

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