

## Iberdrola joins Pro Bono España Foundation to provide free legal services to non-profit organisations

• The electricity company is the first major company to join the organisation.

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Iberdrola takes another step forward in its commitment to society. If this summer it launched its legal pro bono programme to encourage its Group's legal professionals to provide free legal services to non-profit entities that pursue general interest purposes (*legal pro bono services*), it has now become the first company to form part of the Pro Bono España Foundation, which strengthens the third sector through the law as a tool for transforming and multiplying social impact.

The Pro Bono España Foundation has pointed out that the incorporation of Iberdrola as the first member company "is an *important milestone for pro bono in our country and paves the way for the advancement of pro bono from the business sector in Spain*".

The Iberdrola group's Legal Services have developed the Iberdrola 'pro bono juridico' programme, which any Iberdrola legal professional may join on a voluntary basis and carry out the activity during working hours, provided that it does not affect the performance of their work duties or their personal work-life balance. Neither the company nor the professional will receive any remuneration from the beneficiary, and the service will be of the highest quality.

Iberdrola will also form part of Pro Bono España Foundation, a clearinghouse or channelling entity for the demand for pro bono legal services, which acts as an intermediary between social organisations in need of legal assistance and lawyers with the capacity to help. Since its creation in 2018, it has been working to promote pro bono practice and raise awareness among legal professionals about the social function of the legal profession. It already has a network of more than 40 law firms and multiple allied universities, to which Iberdrola has joined as the first member company.

Iberdrola points out that, in line with the Group's social commitment, this initiative is part of the ethical and professional responsibility required of legal professionals and represents a further contribution by Iberdrola to the fulfilment of its sustainability commitments in accordance with ESG (environmental, social and governance) criteria. It also responds to the concerns of Iberdrola's professionals, which have been heightened by the adverse social context.

The objective is to promote access to justice for those most in need, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to strengthen the commitment to the global agenda through the law as a tool for transforming and multiplying social impact.

