

## An Innovative Public Sector in 2017 – New Solutions to Complex Challenges

### EPISA2017080 Digital Justice

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The Digital Justice Program provides electronic case management of legal affairs submitted to Courts, as well as the implementation of new working methodologies that improve the efficiency of the legal processes.

The technological solution includes a set of components that, thanks to its interoperability with the *Minerva Procedural Management System*, allows the Judicial Bodies under the Ministry of Justice jurisdiction to electronically manage data and electronic judicial documents. Communications (claims, pleadings, notifications and administrative files) and the operations of signing, viewing and consulting documents are entirely electronic, eliminating the use of paper in the process and granting greater guarantees to all legal acts.

The designed model generates documentation directly in electronic format, allows to add new digital information, such as the recordings of trials and information sent by professionals, and incorporates a system to exploit the stored documentation with the necessary security guarantees, facilitating control and follow-up of issues.

### Results

- ▶ **Electronic procedural communications have been extended and consolidated**, significantly reducing entry and exit of paper documents in the Judicial Offices, which is a key element in the implementation of the Electronic Judicial File. The Judicial Bodies present notifications electronically as well as the following groups of legal professionals: legal services of Public Administrations, Lawyers, Solicitors, Social Graduates, Attorney General, State Security Forces and Bodies, public and private Health Centres, penitentiary institutions, citizenship, legal entities, etc. **Since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, more than 127 million electronic communication acts have been exchanged.**
- ▶ **Between February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 and September 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 the electronic processing of legal proceedings** has been implemented in **100% of the Provincial Courts and Superior Courts of Justice**, as well as in **88% of the single Judicial Bodies** under the Ministry of Justice jurisdiction (**578 of 659**). Regarding Central Organs, Digital Justice has been implemented in the **Labour Chamber of the Spanish Supreme Court**. To complete its implementation, until June 2018 the solution will be deployed in 30 judicial parties, the rest of Chambers of the Spanish Supreme Court and the in the Spanish National Court.

Currently, more than 78% of pleadings are presented electronically, more than 10 million documents have been digitally signed and 6.1 million consultations and downloads of documents and proceedings have been carried out electronically.

Also, work is being done on the provision of mobile workplaces so that Judges, Lawyers of the Justice Administration and Prosecutors can access the Electronic

Judicial File with all its functionalities, including electronic signature, from any location and at any time with the necessary security guarantees.

