

The CNMV has created the Antonio Moreno Espejo Journalism Award for outstanding works on promoting the integrity and transparency of the stock market and defence of investor protection

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- The award will be a yearly reminder of the professional and vital career of Antonio Moreno Espejo and of the 27 years he worked at the CNMV
- The award's endowment is 15,000 euros
- Entities of the sector will collaborate in the promotion of the award, among them, Fogain, Inverco, IEAF, AEB, Cecabank, BME, EFPA or the Spanish Association of Fintech e Insurtech

The Board of the Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores (CNMV) has agreed to create a journalism award in memory of Antonio Moreno Espejo.

This initiative will recognize outstanding journalistic works promoting the integrity and transparency of the stock market, as well as protecting the interests of investors, values guiding the actions of the CNMV and which it fully encourages.

Antonio Moreno Espejo had been part of the CNMV since its creation in the late 1980s until his premature death last January. An economist by profession, he was the director of Authorization and Registration of Entities of the CNMV since 2002.

A loyal public servant and excellent person and colleague, he dedicated his professional life to fulfilling the mandate to protect investors, which he always understood as a duty to help the progress of markets, as well as to promote the ethical behaviour of its members.

The prize, with an endowment of 15,000 euros, will be awarded annually to a single category and may be granted *ex aequo* to several works.

Any journalistic work published in the Spanish media between the  $1^{st}$  of January and the  $31^{st}$  of December of the corresponding year, in any of the official languages, may be awarded.

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The criteria for awarding this prize will be the accuracy and technical quality of the work, the degree of transparencyin its promotion in the stock market and in the protection of investors' interests, as well as the contribution of the work to financial literacy.

The jury will be composed of three to five members and will be chaired by a member of the CNMV Board. The other members shall be individuals linked to institutions or associations related to the financial sector, including consumer or investor associations or experts of a recognized standing.

The works will be selected by the CNMV's Communications Office, on its own initiative or at the proposal of any person or entity and the decision will be made public in the second half of January of every year.

The CNMV has received much support for this initiative from numerous institutions related to the financial sector, such as Fogain, Inverco, the Spanish Institute of Financial Analysts (IEAF), BME, AEB, Cecabank, the European Financial Planning Association (EFPA) or the Spanish Association of Fintech e Insurtech who have expressed their willingness to cooperate in the promotion and development of the annual calls for the Prize.

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