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To the Spanish education authorities

Informatics Europe, the European association of university departments and industrial research lab in Europe (<https://informatics-europe.org>), has recently become aware of the current Spanish legislative process concerning pre-university education, where after approving the educational law LOMLOE, several laws of lower rank (i.e., royal decrees) are being elaborated for the different educational stages. In particular, we have become aware of the royal decree draft for Higher Secondary Education (“Bachillerato”).

We have received a request of support to the allegations jointly presented by the Sociedad Científica Informática de España (SCIE) and the Coordinadora de Directores y Decanos de Ingeniería Informática (CODDII), among others, to the “Bachillerato” draft, arguing for the existence of an independent, mandatory subject matter on “Informatics”.

Informatics Europe is happy to express support for this request.

We fully agree with the importance of having a good Informatics education in high school as an essential step to enable any European country to develop economic prosperity and to enhance its competitiveness in the global digital society.

We think it is necessary to enable the forthcoming generations of European citizens to know the fundamentals of the science and technology underlying the virtual world where they will live, with a special concern on the education received by girls, who currently are marginal in the informatics profession.

With kindest regards

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