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ALIANZA FUTURISTA FILES 20 FORMAL PETITIONS TO REGULATE HUMAN CRYOPRESERVATION IN SPAIN

Spain's 17 autonomous communities, Ceuta, Melilla and the Government of Spain will have to process and take a position on the proposal. The initiative uses Spain's Right of Petition: acknowledgement within ten days and, if the petition is admitted, a reasoned response within a maximum of three months.

Madrid, 10 August 2026 — Alianza Futurista, a Spanish political party and think tank founded in 2013, today filed **twenty formal petitions** seeking to advance the regulation of human cryopreservation in Spain: one with each of the **seventeen autonomous communities, Ceuta, Melilla and the President of the Government of Spain**.

The petitions were filed under **Article 29 of the Spanish Constitution and Organic Law 4/2001 regulating the Right of Petition**. The law requires acknowledgement of receipt within **ten days**. If a petition is not rejected as inadmissible, with reasons, within the statutory period, it is deemed admitted for consideration; once admitted, the competent authority must respond and notify its decision within a maximum of **three months** from the date of filing. Failure to comply with the duty to respond may be challenged before the administrative courts.

Human cryopreservation consists of preserving the body or brain at ultra-low temperatures after legal death, with the aim of preserving the possibility of future revival if scientific advances were one day to make it feasible. In Alianza Futurista's view, the practice currently lies in a **regulatory vacuum** in Spain: it is not expressly prohibited, but neither is it recognised as a final disposition of the human body. Mortuary health regulations generally

provide for burial, cremation and use for scientific or educational purposes, while freezing is regulated as a temporary preservation technique.

A concrete response to the European response

The initiative is a direct follow-up to the three institutional letters Alianza Futurista sent on 6 July 2026 to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Government of Spain. In its [reply of 20 July](#), the European Parliament communicated, with regard to cryopreservation, that the European Commission had concluded that the issues raised “currently fall outside the competences of the European Union and remain primarily the responsibility of the Member States”.

“Europe has told us clearly that national authorisation is a matter for the states. So we have formally asked every competent administration what it intends to do. We are not asking anyone to fund or promote cryopreservation. We are asking that the law not prevent informed, free adult citizens from choosing it.” — Sergio M.L. Tarrero, President of Alianza Futurista

A regulatory route that could be fast

The petitions identify a relevant legal feature: in **sixteen of Spain’s seventeen autonomous communities**, the rule governing the final dispositions of a body has the rank of a regional government decree and can be amended by the respective executive without a parliamentary vote. In Murcia, the relevant rule is a health department order. Alianza Futurista therefore asks first for regulatory amendment and, where necessary, for the executive to initiate legislation.

In Ceuta and Melilla, whose statutes do not grant formal legislative powers in health matters, the petitions ask the cities to act within their regulatory powers and, where a change at state level is necessary, to use the initiative their statutes grant them before Congress or the Government.

A common framework for all of Spain

The [petition to the President of the Government](#) also asks for a legal and bioethical review of regulation; a **basic nationwide framework** recognising cryopreservation as an admissible final disposition for those who freely choose it, subject to health safeguards; and clarification and facilitation by Spain’s external health authorities of international transport procedures while facilities are not available in Spain.

According to the petitions, Spanish citizens who currently choose this option must arrange international transport of their bodies to facilities in Germany, Switzerland or the United States, adding cost, administrative complexity and pressure on families at the time of death.

Transparency and public follow-up

Alianza Futurista will publish the twenty petitions and the responses it receives at alianzafuturista.org and will publicly track their processing and statutory deadlines. The [19](#)

[petitions to the autonomous communities and cities](#) are already available together on the party's website.

In parallel: international follow-up on AI

On the same day, the party filed a [twenty-first formal petition](#) with Spain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation concerning Spain's position at the United Nations on international governance of frontier AI, existential risks and cooperation among democracies. It also sent a [detailed follow-up](#) to the European Parliament on issues it considers still unresolved and submitted a [written contribution](#) to the new United Nations Global Dialogue on AI Governance.

About Alianza Futurista

Alianza Futurista is a Spanish political party and think tank founded in 2013. It was the **first formally constituted transhumanist political party in the world** and uses the term in its original humanistic sense: applying science, technology and reason to improve the human condition and that of all sentient beings under democratic accountability.

The party describes its philosophy as “**compassionate futurism**”: putting technology at the service of reducing suffering, protecting freedom, extending healthy life and building a better future. Its Statement of Principles 4.0 sets out proposals on artificial intelligence, longevity, animal welfare, democratic governance, existential risk, emergency preparedness and other long-term policy questions.

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