



Report from CEFAPIT (**SPAIN**) year 2019:

- This has been a **regular year**. Even the percentage of foreign visitors decreased -0,53%, and the number of travels of residents as well -0,47%, and the hotel occupation -0,58%. But the average of expenses per tourist has increased 2,66%. Still no news about how the situation in Barcelona will affect not only al that city, but to the rest of the country as well.
- Regarding the **national or regional legislation**: Spain transposed in 2013 as national law the European Directive of Services into the European Market 2006/123/CE; but according to this law anyone offering a service in any region from Spain, can do it on the other ones without any requirement from the administrations of the other regions where they want to go to work. A regional license is useful for the whole country. But last year a sentence from the Constitutional Court has decided that the articles of that national law that allows offering services in other regions without any extra requirement is anticonstitutional because it does not respect the principles of autonomy in our regions. Lawyers have prepared for CEFAPIT documents we are using to transmit this to our regional tourism authorities and to ask them to remove from our regional decree-laws the articles that say that any guide with the authorization from any other region can explain. All the regional authorities on tourism of the 17 regions meet from time to time to discuss important events. Each one can take different position, but this year our President was invited to that meeting at the highest level with our layer and she was talking directly on that meeting to all them about the legal situation of our profession; they didn't know about the last news on our legislation. Some regions have now decided that they do not accept any more guides coming to work with qualification from another region and we hope that in the future all the regional legislation will be slowly changed and the movement of guides will be better controlled.
- CEFAPIT has spent money on a **campaign of Tourismphilia**; there are many cities with so many visitors that locals do not see them as anything good. Tourists coming on cruise, that invade the city and do not leave money; or the summer visitors that go only to drink and do not respect the city. We made a



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campaign with photos, interviews on the media, and videos trying to say as many times as possible the word Tourismphilia; on those videos we help tourists to find a place, to take nice photos, to explain them special things, etc.

- **Openness.** By now, the only members of our Confederation have been provincial or regional Associations. Only one per province or region. But now with so many new guides, are been established many more associations and we do not want to die as Confederation with a very small number of old guides. We will have a big problem with some of our members, but we are thinking on the best way to accept more than one association per province or region, even to accept guides as individual members. New associations and individuals request to enter in our Confederation; if we say always “no”, some day we will find another national association with more members than us.
- As we told you last year, the second most important national company of **lottery** in Spain sells more than 5.500.000 tickets per day, and each day the tickets are different. This year, this was the ticket on February 21, for the International Tourist Guide Day: a qualified guide explaining and the logo of our Confederation with the motto “Choose quality! Choose Official Guide!”



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