



The Implementation of the e-APP in Spain, in Particular the Future Central e-Register of Apostilles

APOSTILLE	
(Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)	
1. Country:	
This public document	
2. has been signed by	
3. acting in the capacity of	
4. bears the seal/stamp of	
.....	
Certified	
5. at	6. the
7. by	
.....	
8. N°	
9. Seal/stamp:	10. Signature
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Objectives

- The issuance of e-Apostilles by replacing the holographic signature by the digital signature of the Authority Apostillante.
- Creation and development of an e-Register to record e-Apostilles issued.



e-App Project

- Support from the Hague Conference on Private International Law.
- European Commission funds (Specific - Programme “Civil Justice” 2007-2013/ Grant Application Form).



Legal context in Spain

- Law 59/2003 on Digital Signature
- Law 11/2007 on the Electronic Access of Citizens to Public Services



The Implementation of the e-APP in Spain:

- Signatories database
- Issuance of e-Apostilles.
- Apostilles database (e-Register)



Legal component

- e-Register creation Order.
- Royal Decree on authorities competent to issue e-Apostilles.
- Data Protection.
- Protocol for updating Signatories Files.



Technological component

e-Register

e-Apostille



Technological Component - Development

- **Phase I**: Digitalization, e-Register.
- **Phase II**: Integration between e-Register and Judicial Files management system.
- **Phase III**: e-Apostille.
- **Phase IV**: Interconnection between e-Register and INFOREG.



Technological component – Phase I

- Signatories database
- Apostilles database (e-Register)
- On-line access



Technological component – Phase I - Signatories database

- Development of a Web Application that allows centralized management of the database of signatures.
- Digitalization of data from paper files and recording in the database of the signatories.
- Development of Web Services for integration with other applications.



Technological component – Phase I - Signatories database

- Requisites:
 - Signatories database must be updated.
 - History file: allows one Competent Authority coexist with two different names.



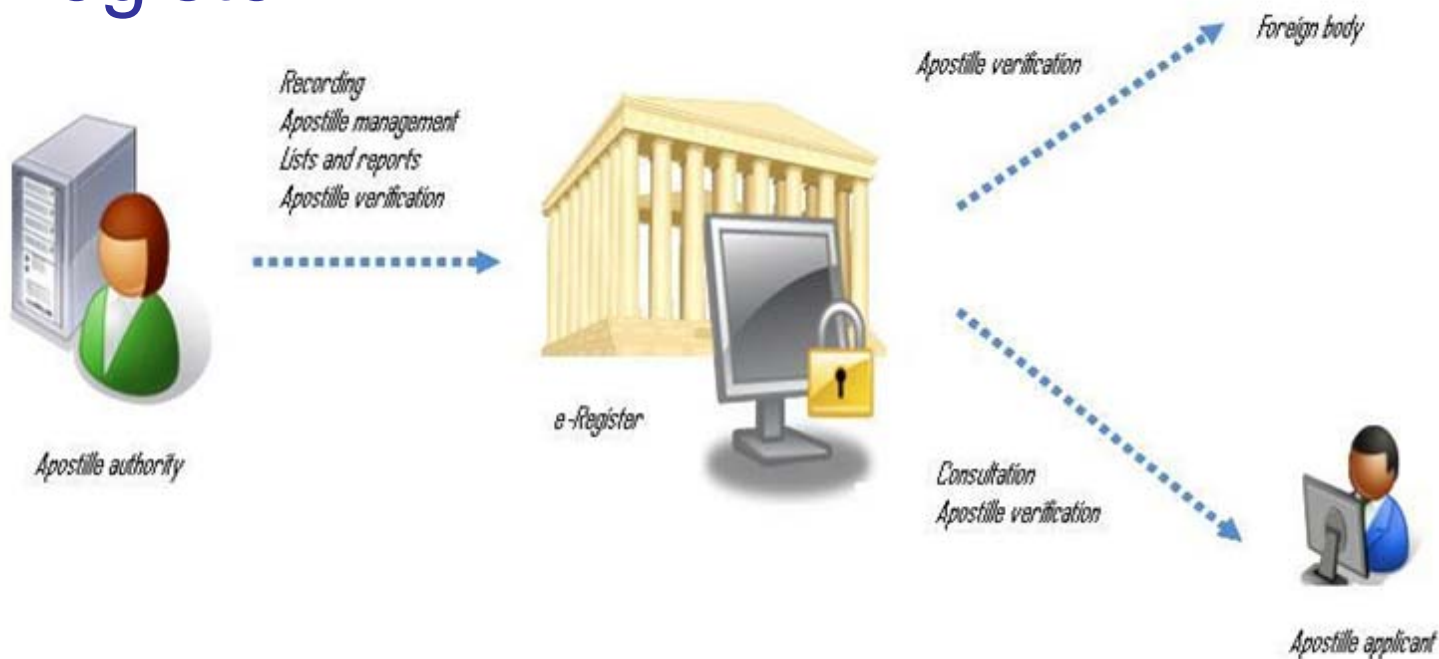
Technological component – Phase I - e-Register

- Registration and processing of Apostille requests.
- Issuance of the Apostille.
- Consultation and verification of Apostilles generated.
- Integration with the signatories consultation application.
- User Management System.
- Creating Web Services.



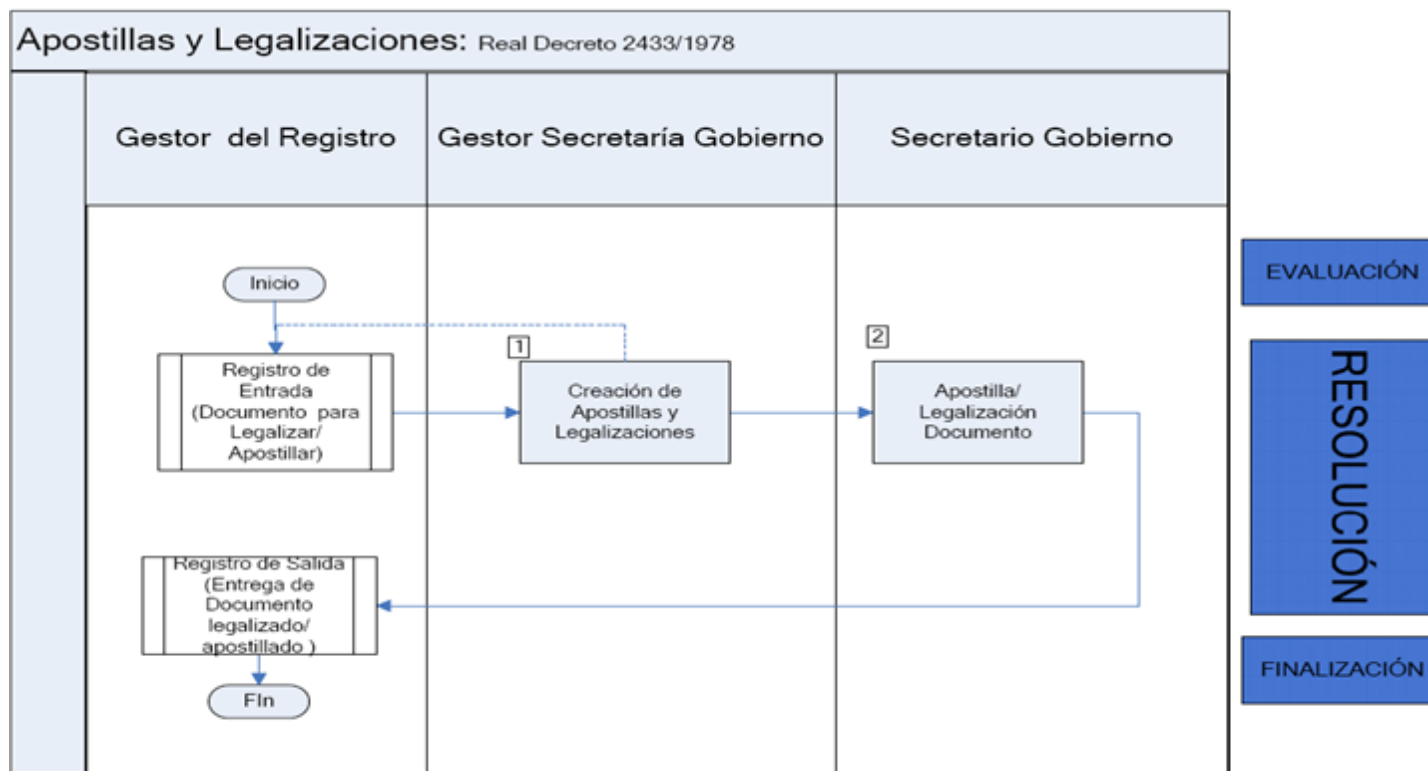
Technological component – Phase I - e-Register

- e-Register





Technological component – Phase I - e-Register





Technological component – Phase I – e-Register on-line access

- Integration with Spanish Judicial Portals.
- Access through Web Services



Technological component – Phase II

- Integration of e-Register with the Judicial Files Management system of the Secretaries of Government of the Superior Courts of Justice.

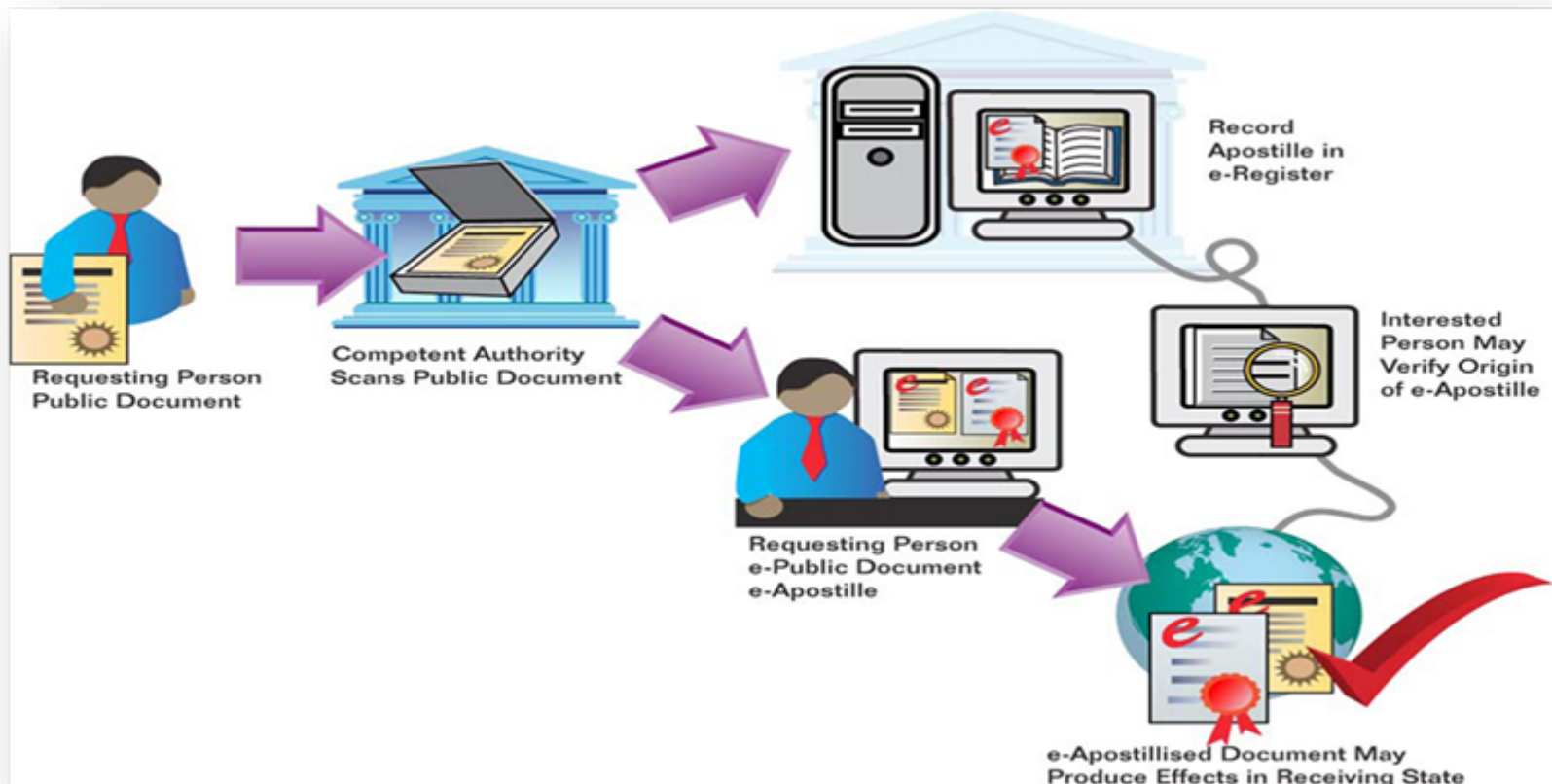


Technological component – Phase III

- Apostilles issued digitally signed in electronic format (e-Apostille).



Technological component – Phase III





Technological component – Phase IV

- Interconnection between e-Register and INFOREG for online application and issuance of apostilled certificates from the Civil Registry.



Expected outcome

- Expedite the issuance of Apostilles and facilitate international trade of public documents.
- Increase the guarantees linked to Apostilles.
- Control of Apostilles issued in electronic form.
- Enhance legal certainty in international traffic of Public Records.
- Reduce the potential for fraud in the issuance of Apostilles.
- Improve and strengthen public service.



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Thank you