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Lawyer. Founder of the law firm ANIMALEX (Getxo, Bizkaia).

Law Graduate (2001). Master of Environmental Law (2002). University specialist in Sustainable Development and Local Agenda 21 (2004). Legal adviser and consultant for private companies and public administrations in projects related to environment and social development (2002-2010). Postgraduate Degree in Animals, Rights and Society (UAB, 2011).

In 2011 she studied for the [Postgraduate Degree 'Animal, Rights and Society'](#) at the [Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona](#) and completed her Thesis '*Adoption of companion animals. Treatment in Spanish Law*', under the supervision of Professor Teresa Giménez-Candela. Together with the Research Group ADS of the UAB, she took part at the Catalonia Model of United Nations (C'MUN 2011), in a simulation of the UNESCO about the issue [Traditions vs. Animal Welfare](#). In August 2012 her article '[About animals and edictions](#)' was published in www.derechoanimal.info.

Taking this Postgraduate Degree gave her '*the chance to study in depth a new and fascinating field of Law*'. When she finished it, she decided to lead her professional career towards this field and create a new law firm which would be specialised and exclusively dedicated to Animal Law. Thus, ANIMALEX was born in September 2012, from the deep conviction that professionalization of animal defense is a necessary step forward to enhance the importance of this cause.

From ANIMALEX, María offers legal information, advisement and assistance on any case where an animal is involved. She provides these services for individuals, companies, public administrations, nonprofit entities and any other interested agents.

This law firm bases its services on the awareness and commitment with animal defense: as sentient beings, animals have got interests which must be protected. For María González this project is, above all, '*a modest contribution to the work that is being developed long time ago by many people in this country who have dedicated their knowledge, experience and commitment to get a new society where animals are also considered*'.

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