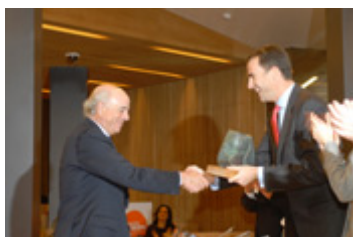


BBVA receives the Codespa Award for its community involvement in Latin America

- BBVA's *Niños adelante* scholarship programme was the winner in the Company category.
- BBVA Chairman and CEO, Francisco González, received the award presented by the Prince of Asturias

BBVA has won the twelfth edition of the Codespa Awards in the Company category for its *Niños adelante* scholarship programme, which, according to this NGO reflects the entity's involvement and sensitivity towards development in Latin American countries. BBVA Chairman and CEO, Francisco González, received the award which was presented last Wednesday by the Prince and Princess of Asturias.



The Prince of Asturias handing the award to Francisco González, Chairman of BBVA

The Codespa Awards acknowledge the work of companies, volunteers and journalists with the most disadvantaged sectors of society. And according to the Award jury, the *Niños adelante* education scholarships in Latin America are an example of this community involvement. During the award ceremony, which took place in Madrid, Felipe de Borbón, Honorary Chair of the Codespa Foundation, underlined that, "despite the difficulties that the economic crisis is creating for the business sector, or perhaps precisely because of them, today more than ever it is necessary to persevere with community involvement in favour of the most disadvantaged peoples, who are those suffering most acutely the difficulties we are going through."

Niños adelante

This is a BBVA *Integración* Scholarship project for children in Latin America. There are a total of 45,000 children holding scholarships in countries like Argentina, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay or Venezuela. This scheme offers financial aid to promote education among disadvantaged children. It aims to foster social integration and offer them the chance of a better future.