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Following a national demonstration in Madrid on 27 June and mobilisations around the country on 29 June, the trade unions involved in the long-running strike at the Ministry of Justice, including [FSC-CCOO](#) and [FeSP-UGT](#), have formally requested the opening of a mediation procedure to resolve the conflict. From the beginning the unions have been open to negotiation but have met with a blank refusal by the Minister of Justice, Pilar Llop. The procedure is set out in legislation allowing for public administrations and trade unions to agree on an extrajudicial settlement of disputes by a third party, with a mediation and arbitration procedure. The strike action has had a massive impact on justice services, with the unions estimating that more than a million and a half trials and 15 million judicial proceedings have been paralyzed.

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