



Fomento Centros Enseñanza Promotion Education Centers

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Spain, regulation law

- The Spanish Constitution recognizes in its Article 27, the freedom of education:
- Right of parents to choose the religious and moral education of their children in accordance with his belief.
- Obligation and free cost of basic education.
- Freedom of establishment of educational institutions.
- Professors, parents and students intervene in the management of educational institutions supported with public funds.

1. Private schools under contract in Spain. Regulation law

- The **centers under contract** are educational centers promoted by the initiative of civil society and supported by public funds.
- For this purpose, these school **institutions must sign** with the Administration the **educative contract**.

2. Participation of centers under contract in Spanish education system

- The centers under contract enroll in Spain:
- 27.4% of pupils at all levels supported with public funds:
- 28% children from 3 to 6 years.
- 30% in primary (7 to 12 years)
- 32% in compulsory secondary education (13 to 16 years).



Effect of autonomous regions

- The differences between autonomous regions (17 in Spain), are important.
- In Madrid region or Navarre, centers under contract, enroll 35% of pupils.
- 31% in Catalonia and in La Rioja.
- The regions with fewer centers under contract are Andalusia (22%), Extremadura (19%) and Castile-La Mancha (15%).
- **In practice, the right of parent´s election is not the same throughout Spain and it represents an inequality between Spanish.**

Another inequality

- According to the School Board of the State data: Spanish educational Administrations devote:
- **17%** of its spending on primary and secondary education (excluding investments) in **27.4%** of students studying **in the contracted centers** and
- **83%** of its spending in **72.6%** who do public schools.
- Three simple divisions lead to the conclusion that public expenditure per student of contracted centers is **46% lower of expenditure per student of public schools**. Municipalities do not pay the cleaning, maintenance and monitoring of contracted centers. Expenses which are at their charge in public schools.

Good Practices

- The Community of Madrid has undertaken a public distribution program of land for construction by private initiative.
- From 2004 to 2013- 2014 were built in the region of Madrid by these system 55 new centers with contract, 16 in Madrid Capital and 39 in the rest of the region.
- With further initiatives to improve the educational opportunities, the Madrid Region has switched all town to a **unique area of schooling** concessions centers.

A small step

- The recent Organic Law of Improving Educational Quality (LOMCE), 9 December 2013 refers:
- **"The educative administrations may convene public calls for tenders for the builder and management centers on public land under contract intended to equipment"**
- **As you can see good ideas often succeed, but not everywhere.**



- OI DEL is an NGO working for 30 years in the world, trying that freedom of education and freedom of choice is consolidated.
- As President of OI DEL I have brought some documents that we make available to everyone.
- If you wish to collaborate in drafting the **Report on Freedom of Education 2015**, that we are preparing now, please let us know: **oidel@oidel.org**
- On behalf of FOMENTO and OI DEL, thank you for your attention.