Factsheet: Spain
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DEFINITION OF YOUTH
An analysis of youth participation (2011) states that most organisations and experts in Spain define youth as those aged 15 to 29 years. A country fact sheet (2009) reports that youth associations are legally defined as formal gatherings of 14-29 year olds.

CANDIDACY AGE

| Lower House | 18 |
| Upper House | 18 |
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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Source: El País (2013), ILGA

VOTING AGE
18
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MAJORITY AGE
18
Source: Spanish Civil Code (2000)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY
14
Minimum Age

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX
0.67
73 out of 170 countries.
Year: 2013
Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES
99.74%
Both sexes (15-24) %
99.72% Male (15-24) % 99.77% Female (15-24) %
Year: 2015
Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE
Secondary School
95.63%
Both sexes %
94.89% Male % 96.42% Female %
Year: 2012
Source: UNESCO

PREVALENCE OF HIV
0.1%
Male (15-24) %
0.1%
Female (15-24) %
Year: 2013
Source: World Bank

TOBACCO USE
Consumed any smokeless or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

POLICY & LEGISLATION
A National Report on the EU Youth Strategy 2010-2012 (2012) states that no national youth act exists. Under Spain’s decentralised structure, responsibility for youth sits with the Autonomous Communities. A White Paper on Youth Policy in Spain 2020 was drafted. This was expected to establish a comprehensive, nationwide strategy on youth. It is unclear whether this has been adopted.

Is there a national youth policy?
UNCLEAR
Spain is discussing a draft white paper on youth policy. A 2012 briefing adds detail and context.

BUDGET & SPENDING
What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department, etc.)?
**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

The Youth Institute (INJUVE) is a public body under the Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality. INJUVE aims to promote equal opportunities, facilitate youth participation in political, social, economic, and cultural development, and to encourage cross-governmental collaboration. INJUVE develops international cooperation through programmes of the European Union, Council of Europe, and Ibero-American Youth Organisation, runs the Spanish Youth Observatory, provides grants and technical support to youth associations, and promotes Youth Information Services.

**YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION**

Law 18/1983 legislated for the establishment of the Youth Council of Spain (CJE). The CJE is a platform organisation with 76 member organisations - including regional youth councils. Its objectives include contributing to the development of youth policy, encouraging youth participation, acting as an intermediary between youth and government, and raising awareness on youth issues. The CJE is a member of the European Youth Forum. In 2013, the Spanish government announced plans to abolish the CJE, resulting in objections from the President of the European Parliament.

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

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**Is there a governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth?**

**YES**

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