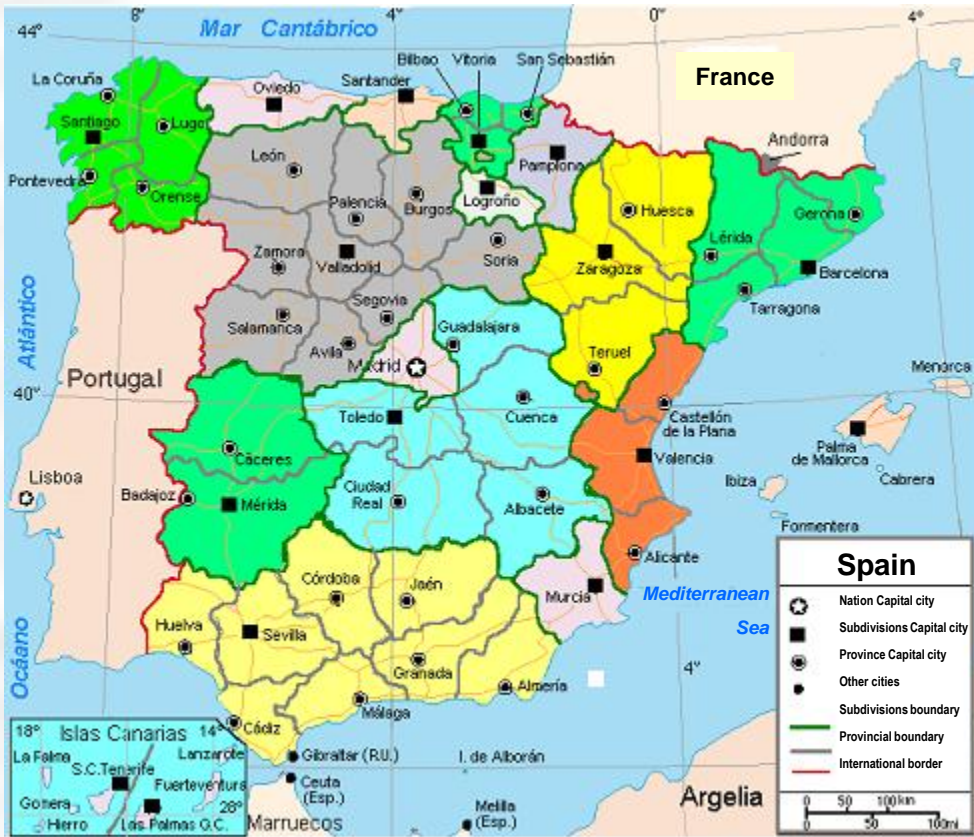

Spanish Education System

Education Inspection – Lleida (Catalonia)
2012-2013



Generalitat de Catalunya
Departament d'Ensenyament

Socio-economic context - SPAIN



Population (2012 estimate)

- 46,196,277 inhabitants
- 12% from other countries
- Romania, Colombia, Morocco, ...

GDP-Gross Domestic Product- per capita

- € 23,300

Literacy rate

- 97.7%

HDI -Human Development Index (estimate 2011)

- 0.878 - Very high

Subdivisions

- 17 Autonomous Communities (AC)- with responsibility for Education

Socio-economic context - CATALONIA



Population (2012 estimate)

- 7,565,603 inhabitants (16% State)
- 15.7% from other countries
- Morocco, Romania, Ecuador, ...

GDP per capita

- € 27,430

Literacy rate

- 98.1%

HDI (2007 estimate)

- 0.958 - Very high (Spain 0.955)

Subdivisions

- 4 provinces and 41 counties

Political and competencial organization

State

Spanish Constitution (SC)

(it allows a degree of self-government to the AC)

In educational matters, it sets and regulates:

- The general organization of the Educational System.
- The general program of Education under the terms established in the SC (art. 27)
- Fixing the core curriculum and the regulation of the other conditions for obtaining, issuing and recognising academic and professional certificates approved throughout the Spanish territory.
- The high inspection and other organs under SC Article 149.1.30., are to ensure compliance with the obligations of public authorities.

Autonomous Communities (17)

Statutes of Autonomy (EA)

(they legally regulate their organization and operation)

In educational matters they have full or shared decision-making power



Political and educational structure

- **Ministry of Education (State)**
 - basic rules (implemented in the whole state)
 - organization of Educational System
 - general teaching planning
 - fixing the core curriculum
 - determine the conditions for obtaining, issuing and recognising academic and professional certificates
 - high inspection
- **Education Sector Conference**
 - (State minister + education ministers of the different AC)
- **Ministries or Departments of Education in each AC (17)**
 - manage and regulate education and teaching matters in each territory, in agreement with the basic regulations of the State



Educational matters participation

- **State School Council (State Board of Education)**
- **School Councils of the Autonomous Communities (17)**
- **Territorial or Provincial School Councils**
- **Municipal School Councils**
- **School Council of each educational centre**
(with executive and management functions)



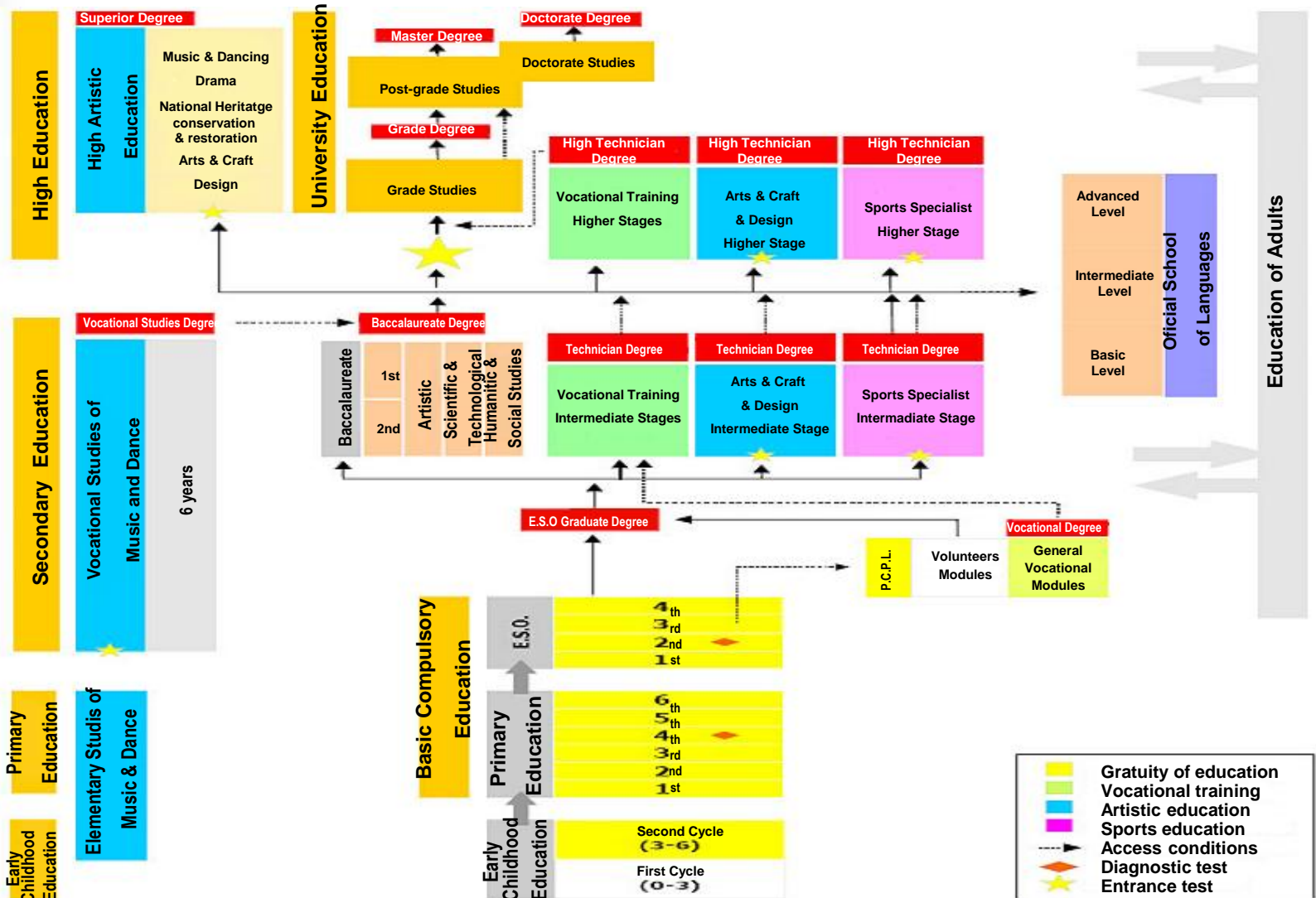
Legal regulating framework

- **Basic legal regulations (state)**
 - Constitution - Art. 27
 - **LODE-1985 Organic Law on the Right to Education** (current items)
 - **LOE-2006 Organic Law on Education**
 - Royal Decrees regulating the core curriculum for each stage of education and for vocational training titles

- **Basic legal regulations (AC)**
 - Statute of Autonomy
 - **Autonomic Education Act** (Catalonia, Act 12/2009)
 - Regulation of Educational Inspection
 - Organic regulations for centres or similar entities
 - Curriculum planning of the educational stages and vocational training
 - Rights and responsibilities of students
 - Autonomy of centres
 - Regulation of School Management



Spanish education system organizational



LOE - Organization of the Educational system

- **Early Childhood Education**
 - First stage (0 to 3 years old)
 - Second stage (3 to 6 years old)
- **Compulsory Basic Education**
 - Primary School: 6 years (6 to 12 years old)
 - Compulsory Secondary School (ESO): 4 years (12 to 16)
- **Higher Secondary Education** (non-compulsory)
 - High School - Baccalaureau: 2 years (16 to 18) Three modalities
 - Middle level Vocational Education
 - Higher Vocational Education
- **Languages teaching (EOI)**
- **Artistic education**
 - Music and dance
 - Arts and craft and design
- **Sports education**
- **Adult Education**

- **University Education**



Primary School (Educació Primària)

Content subjects

- Catalan Language and Literature
- Spanish Language and Literature
 - Common Linguistic Structures
- Foreign Language
- Natural, Social and Cultural Studies
- Artistic Education
- Physical Education
- Education for Citizenship and Human Rights
- Mathematics
- Religion (optional)



Compulsary Secondary School (Educación Secundaria Obligatoria -ESO) - 1

Subjects (from 1st to 3rd year)

- Natural Sciences
 - *Biology and Geology (3rd year)*
 - *Physics and Chemistry (3rd year)*
- Social Studies, Geography and History
- Physical Education
- Catalan Language and Literature
- Spanish Language and Literature
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics

- Visual and Plastic Education
- Music
- Technology

- Education for Citizenship (3rd year)
- Second Foreign Language (optional)
- Classical Culture (optional)



Compulsary Secondary School (Educación Secundaria Obligatoria - ESO) - 2

Subjects (4th year - all students)

- Social Studies, Geography and History
- Education for Citizenship
- Physical Education
- Catalan Language and Literature
- Spanish Language and Literature
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics

Three subjects out of the following:

- Biology and Geology
- Visual and Plastic Education
- *Physics and Chemistry*
- *ICT*
- *Latin*
- *Music*
- *Second Foreign Language*
- *Technology*



Higher Secondary Education - Baccalaureate

- **Modalities**
 - Artistic
 - Scientific and Technological
 - Humanistic and Social Studies
- **Curricular organization**
 - Common subjects
 - Modality subjects
 - Optional subjects
- **Common subjects**
 - Science for the contemporary world
 - Physical Education
 - Philosophy and Citizenship
 - History of Philosophy (2nd year)
 - History (2nd year)
 - Catalan Language and Literature (I and II)
 - Spanish Language and Literature (I and II)
 - Foreign Language(I and II)



Types of Schools

- **According to ownership and funding scheme**
 - State Schools
 - Private Schools (with state funding)
 - Private Schools

- **According to school stages taught**
 - Early Childhood Schools (Llars d'infants)
 - Early Childhood and Primary Schools (Escoles)
 - High Schools (Instituts):
 - Compulsory Secondary Education (ESO)
 - Higher Secondary Education
 - Vocational training
 - Oficial Languages Schools (Escoles Oficials d'Idiomes- EOI)
 - Schools of Music and Schools of Dance
 - Conservatories of Music and Dance
 - Schools of Sports
 - Schools of Adults



School organization

- **Management Teams**
 - Head Master
 - Head of Studies
 - Pedagogic Coordinator (in High Schools)
 - Secretary
- **Organs of participation**
 - Centre School Council
 - Teaching Team Board
- **Organs of coordination**
 - Subject departments (High schools)
 - Stage teams (mainly in Primary Schools)
 - Teaching Teams
- **Other school staff** (administration and services)



School calendar and timetable

■ Teachers

- The school year starts on 1st September and ends on 30th June
- 30 hours per week at school
 - 25 hours of direct teaching for Early Childhood and Primary teachers
 - 20 hours of direct teaching for Secondary teachers

■ Students

- The school year starts after the first week of September (current year: 12th - Primary /13th -Secondary /19th -EOI, CFGS and Adults)
- Direct teaching:
 - Early Childhood and Primary : 25
 - Secondary: 30

■ School

- Primary Schools: from 9:00am to 12:00am and from 3:00pm to 5:00pm (standard timetable. Some changes can be authorised)
- High Schools: from 8:00am or 9:00am(most of them to 2:30pm or 3:00pm).

