



Governance and funding of national integration strategies

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Asylum seekers and beneficiaries of International Protection in Spain

- International protection is an exclusive competence of **central Government**
- **General Secretariat of Immigration and Emigration - SGIE** (under the **Ministry of Employment and Social Security**) is the authority in charge of the National Reception System for asylum seekers and beneficiaries of International Protection
- **Regions** manage vocational training, employment, education and health services
- **Municipalities** provide local services
- Involvement of **civil society: NGO's** funded by SGIE

Reception and integration system for asylum seekers and beneficiaries of International Protection in Spain

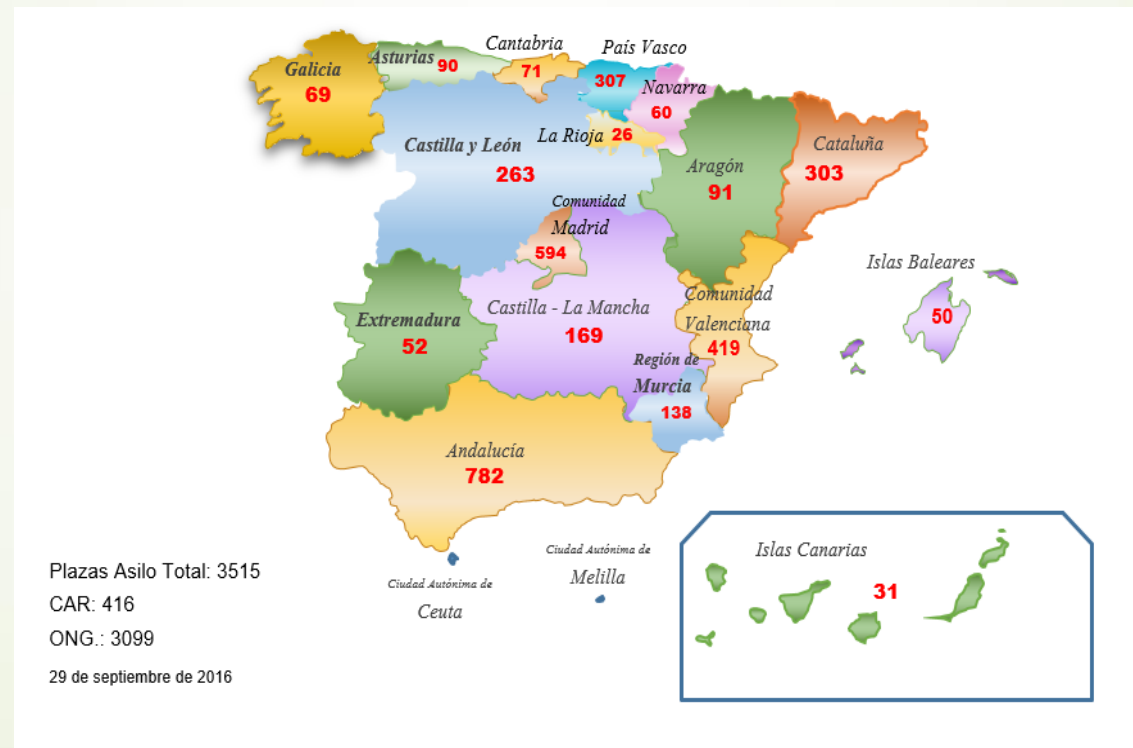
- **Scope** : asylum seekers, refugees and other beneficiaries of international protection
- **Main objective**: assure attention of basic needs and fulfil national and international legal obligations
- **Purpose**:
 - Progressive acquisition of autonomy; individual itineraries
 - Cover basic needs, give professional support (social, psychological, legal) and financial help
 - Equivalent reception conditions in the national territory
- **Access**: once the application for international protection has been filled or the person has shown the will to seek for asylum

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➤ Integration itinerary divided in three phases:

- Phase 1: Living in a reception centre.
 - ✓ 4 CARs (“Centres of reception of Refugees” – dependent of the SGIE) (416 beds)
 - ✓ NGOs funded by SGIE (3515 beds, as for 29.09.2016)
- Phase 2: Living independently. NGOs funded by SGIE
- Phase 3: Looking for autonomy. NGOs funded by SGIE

Reception places in Spain for asylum seekers and beneficiaries of International Protection





Labour market inclusion

- **Included** during the whole integration itinerary
- Specific **measures** to facilitate the access to labour market through education and training
- **Individual interviews** to **identify** previous background experience, knowledge and educational or labour skills
- Labour inclusion **itineraries**
- Includes **counselling, guidance** and **monitoring**

Labour market inclusion – Activities:

- **Pre-labour training:** “language immersion”, IT skills and internet courses, sessions on social and labour context, social and personal skills... etc
- **Vocational training:**
 - ✓ Giving priority to training recognized by Public Employment Services in each region
 - ✓ Information and support to access to educational activities
- **Training interships**
- **Others:** Profile analysis skills in relation to market needs, counselling and monitoring for job search, job placement, monitoring and support in the workplace, social/familiar and intercultural mediation, detection and performance possible cases of human trafficking ... etc

Labour market inclusion – Financial support:

- **Objective:** Encourage personal development and job seeking
- **Quantity:** Determined annually by the SGIE
- **Managed** by the NGOs and CARs (exceptional cases approved by SGIE)
- **Help available:**
 - Basic needs to support an educational project
 - Educational: Monthly tuition fees or nursery fees
 - Others: life skills, career development, travel expenses, help with administration, validation of academic qualifications

Labour market inclusion

- **Other special itineraries:**
 - Support self employment
 - Eradication of human trafficking including labour and sexual exploitation
 - Integration in rural and areas of low population density
 - Actions to help Job diversity

COOPERATION NETWORKS

➤ ARIADNA NETWORK:

- **Members:** representatives in charge of labour inclusion, of the public (4 CAR) and managed by NGOs (ACCEM, CEAR, CRE, LA MERCED) reception centres
- **Objective:** promote labour integration of asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection
- **Activities:**
 - ✓ Regular meetings and joint training
 - ✓ Direct actions to beneficiaries (vocational training, self-employment)
 - ✓ Support actions: awareness, transnationality, staff training

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Shared online databases used by SGIE, NGOs and CARs:

➤ **I3L on-line information system**

- Monitoring and co-ordination of labour development individual itineraries
- Includes personal, academic, professional and financial information
- Control and management of monetary benefits
- Statistic information

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- Centralized management of the whole reception system
- Information on beneficiaries, accommodation places within the host system and financial aid received (unrelated to employment)

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- Call for grants/subsidies in the area of international protection and the social and health care for Centres for Temporary Stay of Immigrants (CETI) of Ceuta and Melilla
- **Application period:** 01.07.2016 – 31.12.2017
- **Sources of funding:** Central government (75,200,000 €), AMIF (3,000,000 + 2,240,000 €) and ESF (through Operational Programme Social Inclusion And Social Economy) (3,000,000 €)
- **Management:** Ministry of Employment and Social Security
- **Beneficiaries:** NGOs

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➤ 5 priorities:

▪ **Funded exclusively by the state general budget:**

✓ Priority I: set up/maintenance of reception centres and development of integration itineraries

✓ Priority II: sociosanitary care in temporal attention centres (CETI)

▪ **Cofunded by AMIF:**

✓ Priority III: raising awareness, professional training and hosting of specific groups

✓ Priority IV: equipment and adaptation of facilities

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- **Cofunded by ESF (Operational Programme Social Inclusion And Social Economy):**
 - ✓ Priority V: Employment related projects
 - Objective: develop individual employability pathways, promote equal opportunities, prevent xenophobic behaviors in the workplace and encourage diversity
 - Target group: refugees and stateless persons, recognized subsidiary protection status, asylum seekers, people placed under a temporary protection regime or who have been resettled or relocated



Thank you for your attention!