

EUROPEAN AGENCY STATISTICS ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Spain 2012/2013 data background information

European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

How the official decision of special educational needs (SEN) used in the country relates to the agreed EASIE operational definition:

An official decision leads to a pupil being recognised as eligible for additional educational support to meet their learning needs.

Pupils' legal entitlements under what legislation

The legal framework is the Education Act (*Ley Orgánica de Educación*) 2006.

How additional support is understood within the country context

Additional support helps pupils with SEN to reach both their maximum personal capacity and the objectives generally established for all pupils. Resources include specialised support staff and qualified professionals (speech and hearing specialists in educational and therapeutic orientation, etc.), as well the means and materials needed.

The criteria for an official decision are:

There has been an educational assessment procedure involving a multi-disciplinary team

The educational evaluation procedure includes prior parental consent, an assessment of the pupil's needs by a multi-disciplinary team and, finally, a recommendation from the school inspectorate with pedagogical and curricular assessment based on the above guidelines.

The multi-disciplinary team includes members from within and external to the pupil's school

The team comprises education civil servants external to the pupil's school: psychologists, pedagogues and speech and hearing specialists.

There is a legal document which describes the support the pupil is eligible to receive and which is used as the basis for planning

This is an official report in which the pupil's needs are described, along with educational recommendations and guidelines.

The tutor receives the report and shares it with the rest of the team. They design the necessary actions based on the report's recommendations.

The official decision is subject to a formal, regular review process

Reviews are conducted on a regular basis. Pupils' needs and the support that they require are reassessed.



Proxy indicator(s) for the 80% benchmark used for the country's data collection

Placement in a mainstream class implies over 80% or more with non-disabled peers.

Details on what the country proxy is:

It consists of pupils enrolled in a mainstream class.

Why this proxy was used:

According to the regulations, this education is inclusive. It can therefore be assumed that pupils are in mainstream classes, in almost all cases, for 100% of the time.

Difficulties in using any proxy:

In some cases, such as autism spectrum disorders, integration is gradual and eventually reaches 100% integration, which is the objective of the law. However, this situation is not considered significant.

Detailed description of what is meant by 'out of formal education' within the country's data collection

The 2011 International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) defines Formal Education as follows:

*[...] education that is institutionalised, intentional and planned through public organizations and recognised private bodies and, – in their totality – constitute the formal education system of a country. Formal education programmes are thus recognised as such by the relevant national education or equivalent authorities, e.g. any other institution in cooperation with the national or sub-national educational authorities. Formal education consists mostly of initial education [...] Vocational education, special needs education and some parts of adult education are often recognised as being part of the formal education system. Qualifications from formal education are by definition recognised and, therefore, are within the scope of ISCED. Institutionalised education occurs when an organization provides structured educational arrangements, such as student-teacher relationships and/or interactions, that are specially designed for education and learning (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and UNESCO Institute for Statistics, 2011, *International Standard Classification of Education ISCED 2011*, p. 11).*

Information on pupils considered out of education (i.e. those not in formal education as per the ISCED definition):

Children are legally entitled to receive formal education from the age of 6 to 16. The number of children out of education is close to zero.



Country definitions of formal, non-formal and informal education:

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Sources of data from non-educational sectors – i.e. social, justice, health:

All of these pupils are enrolled in schools and have been counted.

Provision of data on private sector education

The data collection covers all sectors of education, including numbers for the pupil population in the private sector.

Private sector education in the country:

Private schools are those whose owner is a private institution, company or person.

Data from the private sector has been covered to the same extent as that from the public sector.

Pupil population counted for each relevant question:

All pupils have been counted.

Specific issues with providing data on private education and how these have been overcome in the data collection:

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