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PUBLIC SYSTEM ABOUT IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION IN SPAIN

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SPECIFIC ASPECTS SPANISH CONTEXT

- ◆ VERY DECENTRALIZED STATE, DIFFERENT COMPETENCES BETWEEN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONS:
NATIONALITY, IMMIGRATION, ALIENS AND ASYLUM: STATE GOVERNMENT COMPETENCES.
- ◆ INTEGRATION POLICIES: REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS COMPETENCES. TOWN-COUNCILS ALSO DELIVER SERVICES.



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SPECIFIC ASPECTS

- ◆ REGIONS HAVE SET UP THEIR OWN IMMIGRANTS INTEGRATION PLANS. MOST OF THEM EXISTING BEFORE THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN HAS BEEN SET UP.
- ◆ EVERY REGION HAS IMPLEMENTED IMMIGRANTS INTEGRATION POLICIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES ACCORDING TO ITS POLITICAL AUTONOMY.



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STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CITIZENSHIP AND INTEGRATION (PECI)

- ◆ A STRATEGIC PLAN OF CITIZENSHIP AND INTEGRATION HAS BEEN DRAWED UP (PECI 2007-2009):
- ◆ TO BOOST COORDINATED ACTION OF PUBLIC ACTORS AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION POLICIES.
- ◆ TO GIVE COHERENCE TO THE ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED: IT'S A COOPERATION FRAMEWORK AGREED BY ALL STAKEHOLDERS; INTEGRAL AND INTERCULTURAL APPROACH: 12 FIELDS



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SOME CONSIDERATIONS

- ♦ LEGAL DIFFICULTIES TO ESTABLISH A UNIQUE MODEL FOR ATTENTION TO IMMIGRANTS.
- ♦ DESPITE THIS SITUATION (DIFFERENTS PLANS) THERE ARE LOTS OF COMMON ELEMENTS, WHICH REFLECT THAT NEEDS AND CHALLENGES FOR IMMIGRANTS INTEGRATION ARE VERY SIMILAR IN DIFFERENT REGIONS. JUST SOME DIFFERENCES COULD APPEAR IN INSTRUMENTS THROUGH WHICH SERVICES ARE PROVIDED.



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SOME CONSIDERATIONS

- ◆ NOT CREATING PARALLEL SERVICES TO IMMIGRANT POPULATION AND PROVIDING “NORMALIZED” ACCES TO PUBLIC SERVICES AS THE AUTOCHTHONOUS POPULATION.
- ◆ DISADVANTAGES/DIFFICULTIES IMMIGRANTS EXPERIENCE IN ACCESSING PUBLIC SERVICES:
 - LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICES
 - LACK OF THE LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE
 - IRREGULARITY SITUATIONS
 - DIFFERENT HABITS, CULTURAL VALUES, ETC.



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TO OVERCOME THIS SITUATION

- ◆ INTEGRAL PROGRAMMES OF RECEPTION AND INTEGRATION (INFORMATION AND LEGAL ADVICE, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING, LANGUAGE TEACHING, ACCOMMODATIONS, ETC) ARE PUT IN PLACE
- ◆ TO IMPLEMENT THESE SERVICES MIXED STRATEGIES :
 - BASIC NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CCAA AND TOWN CONCILS)
 - GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH NGOS, IMMIGRANT ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER ENTITIES.
 - PUBLIC OFFICES FOR IMMIGRANTS MANAGED



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SOME CONCLUSIONS

- ◆ A SIMILAR MODEL TO O-S-S DOES NOT EXIST IN SPAIN.
- ◆ THERE ARE RECEPTION INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES (RESIDENCE/WORK PERMIT, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH, LODGING...ETC) DELIVERED BY SERVICES PROVIDERS: BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES, CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC OFFICES
- ◆ THERE ARE INTERCULTURAL MEDIATORS IN DIFFERENT PUBLIC SERVICES: TOWN COUNCILS, EDUCATION, HEALTH. ETC.



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SOME CONCLUSIONS FROM A.C.

- ♦ OSS AS AN EFFICIENT MODEL FOR NEWCOMERS, BUT FOR LONG TERM RESIDENTS COULD BE SEEN AS A “LACK” OF INTEGRATION.
- ♦ IT COULD BE SEEN AS A POSITIVE DISCRIMINATION (PRIVILEGE) FACE TO LOCAL POPULATION.
- ♦ IT DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO AN ACTIVE AND AUTONOME INTEGRATION PROCESS, KEEPING A VISION OF THE IMMIGRANT AS A PERSON LACKING OF RESOURCES, IN PERMANENT NEED.



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SOME CONCLUSIONS FROM A.C.

- ♦ PUBLIC SERVICES SHOULD BE IMPROVED TO BETTER ADAPT TO IMMIGRANTS NEEDS: MORE RESOURCES AVAILABLE.
- ♦ TRAINING FOR CIVIL SERVANTS IN INTERCULTURALITY IS NEEDED: MAINSTREAMING.
- ♦ ACCESSING TO STANDARD PUBLIC SERVICES AS THE AUTOCHTHONOUS POPULATION SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF EVERY INTERVENTION.



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