





COUNCIL FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL OR ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION

SPANISH EQUALITY BODY IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIVE 43/2000/EC

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Nature: Consultative body adscribed to the Ministry but without being included in its hierarchical structure.

President: Reknown Expert appointed and dismissed by the Minister for a three years term.

Regulation: Creation by Law 62/2003, Regulation by RD 1262/2007.

Composition: 30 members, representing National, Regional and Local Public Administrations, Social Partners, Ethnic NGOs, General NGOs.







Functions:

- ➤Independent assistance to victims of discrimination;
- Publishing independent studies
- ➤ Issuing independent reports and recommendations
- ➤ Issuing reports on any normative proposal or policy proposal (plans or strategies) connected to non discrimination on grounds of racial or ethnic origin.







Executive Structure:

Secretariat: Institut of Women and for Equal Opportunities. Subdirectorate General for Equal Treatment & Non

Discrimination.

Budget and Human Resources run by Secretariat.

No independent legal personality







Related Institutions

- Institut of Women and for Equal Opportunities: Equality Body concerning gender equality.
- Office for Attention to People with Disability, Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality.
- State Council of Roma People. Consultative body, Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality.
- Spanish Observatory of Racism & Xenofobia (OBERAXE),
 Ministry of Employment and Social Security, SG Migration.
- Forum for the Social Integration of Immigrants
 Consultative body, Ministry of Employment and Social Security.







Strengths of the Spanish Model

- •Close connection of Equality Body and Institution responsible for Public Policies, allowing for coherence and efficiency.
- •Independent assistance to victims run by a network of NGOs with public funding, covering the whole territory and reaching out to people in most vulnerable situations.







Weaknesses of the Model:

- Lack of autonomy and budget and human resources autonomy
- Lack of legal personality and legal standing
 - Lack of investigation and sanction powers
 - Gaps in protection of other discrimination grounds







ASSISTANCE SERVICE TO VICTIMS OF RACIAL OR ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION AND PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

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What is the Assistance Service for Victims of Discrimination?

It is a free, public assistance service of the State for possible victims of racial or ethnic discrimination, offered by the Council for the Elimination of Racial or Ethnic Discrimination.

The service offers support and independent assistance to those who are or have been discriminated against, based on their racial or ethnic origin, in any context (education, health, housing, job, etc.).

Organizations belonging to the Service:

The Council provides its services through an office network of eight organizations working for Roma people, migrants and refugees and specialized in assistance to victims of discrimination:

- Accem (Asociación Comisión Católica Española de Migrantes)
- CEAR (Comisión Española de Ayuda al Refugiado)
- Cruz Roja Española
- Fundación CEPAIM
- Fundación Secretariado Gitano
- Movimiento contra la Intolerancia
- Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad.
- Red Acoge

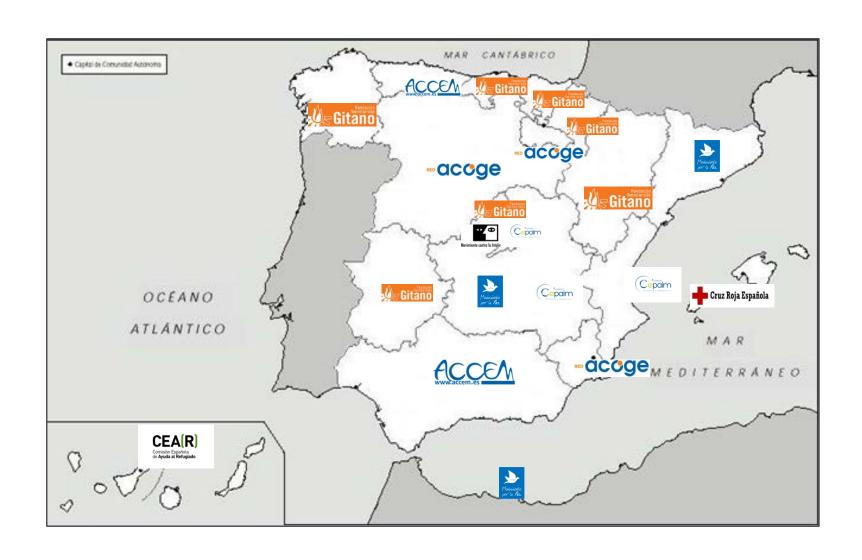
Scope of the service

The nationwide scope of the **Service** is guaranteed by the involvement of all these entities and their offices covering all regions. The service is based on:

- Headquarters general coordination (FSG MADRID)
- 2. 20 regional offices (in all 17 Autonomous Communities and 1 Autonomous City: Melilla).
- 3. 83 secondary offices (belonging to the service)

The Service is offered through 104 offices.

21 OFFICIAL OFFICES OF THE SERVICIE



LINES OF WORK OF THE SERVICE:

1. Assistance to victims

- Assistance in person : offices of the Service with specialized staff, protocol of procedure.
- **On-line Assistance** through a mail included in the web of the service and using social networks.
- **Assistance by phone**: hotline number, FREE

2. Training and capacity building

3. Information and awareness raising

THE STAFF

Each office has staff which has been specifically trained in equality and non discrimination (legal aspects at national and European level; Intercultural team).

PROTOCOL. DETECTING A CASE OF DISCRIMINATION

ATENTION TO THE CASE Gathering all data available

INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE

Gathering evidences (objetive and subjetive) allowing to decide if it is a case of discrimination.

 PROTOCOL DURING THE CASES

STRATEGY OF PROCEDURE

Assess the best strategy:

Dialogue

Negotiation

Mediation

Complaint

Legal advice

Psycological support

FOLLOW UP OF THE CASE

Follow up of the strategy and also of legal actions, when necessary

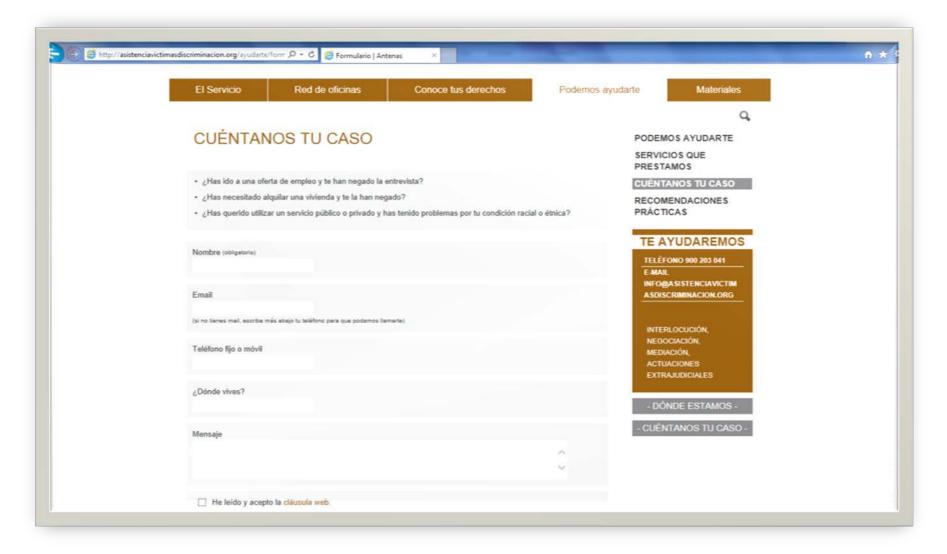
CLOSING AND ASSESSING THE CASE

Description of the closing (reasons) and assessment of results, pointing out lessons learned and recommendations for future cases

PAGINA WEB DEL SERVICIO WWW.ASISTENCIAVICTIMASDISCRIMINACION.ORG



FACILITATING ACCESS TO SERVICE



HOT LINE.

• FREE HOT LINE. Including answering machine system to cover 24 hours



LINE 2: TRAINING

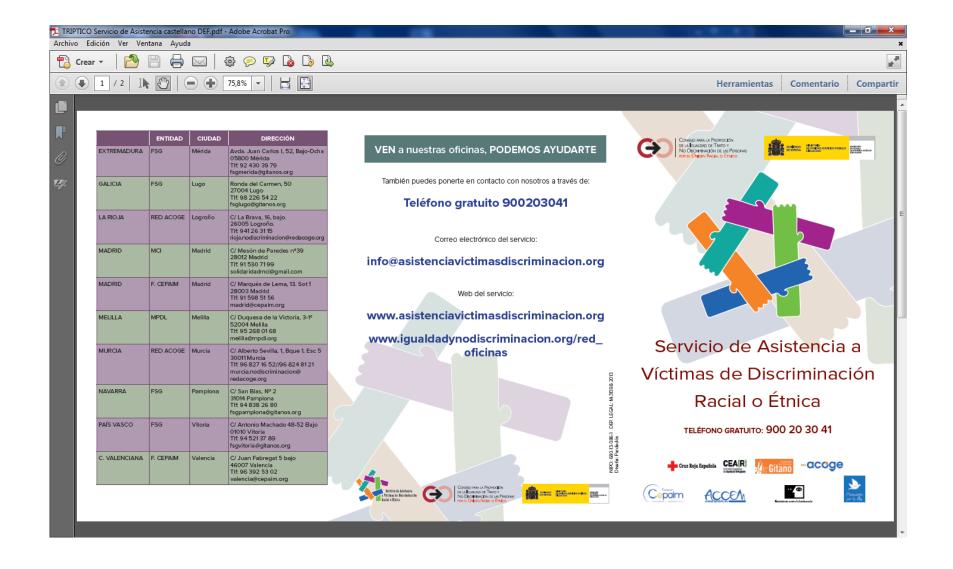
 Training sessions for teams and staff of the service, to guarantee a full knowledge of the tools, methodology and protocols.

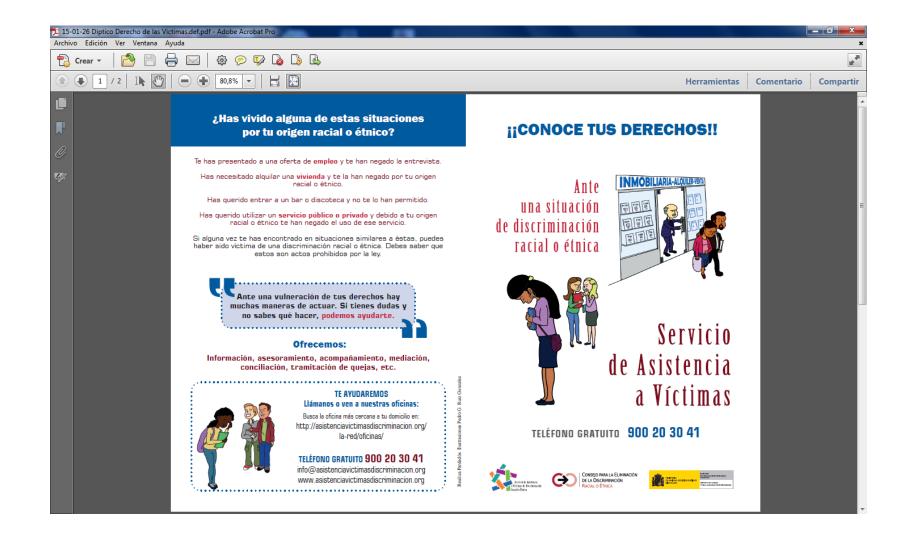
 Training for other key agents dealing with victims of discrimination, like law enforcement officials, lawyers, etc.

LINE 3, INFORMATION AND AWARENESS RAISING

- Sessions for information and awareness raising about the rights of the persons victims of discrimination for racial or ethnic origin, and assistance and guidance available.
- Actions for awareness raising and information to society in general to combat hostility against some people on the basis of their ethnic origin.

INFORMATION BROCHURE OF THE SERVICE





CASES REGISTERED

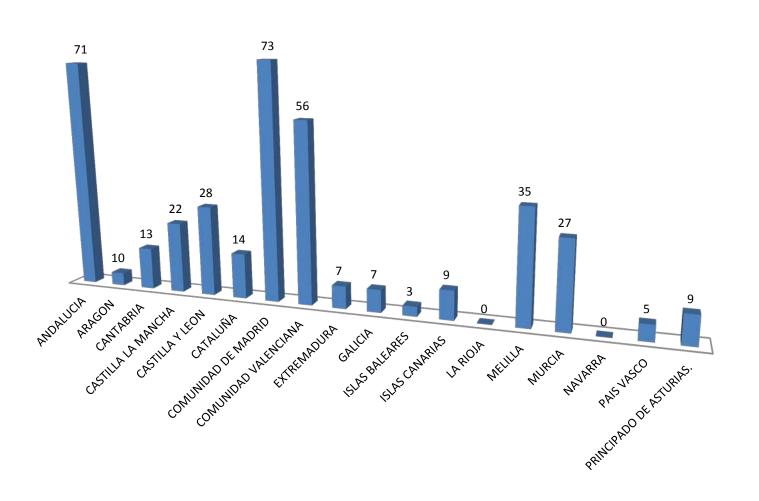
January 2014 to March 2015

Individual cases: 389 (57%)

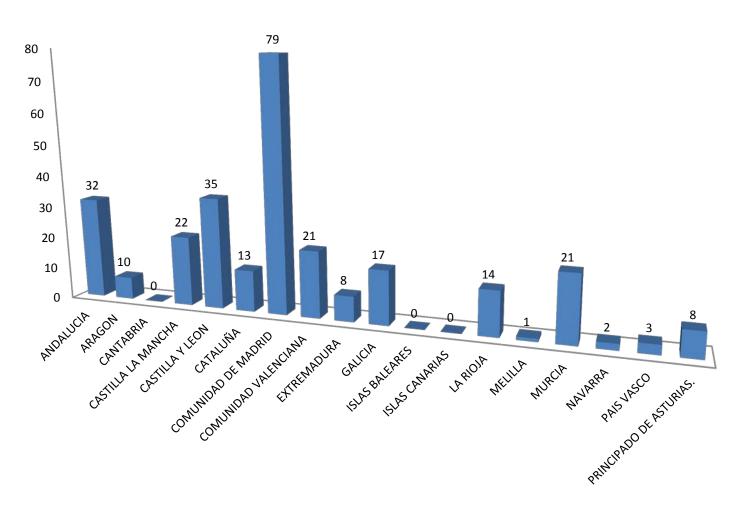
Collective cases: 278 (43%)

Total: 676 (100%)

CASES PER REGION PERIOD: 1 JANUARY 2014 - 15 MARCH 2015 INDIVIDUAL CASES: 389



CASES BY REGION PERIOD: 1 JANUARY 2013 - 15 MARCH 2015 COLLECTIVE CASES:283



REGIONS WITH HIGHER NUMBER OF CASES

REGION OF MADRID	152 (22%)
ANDALUCIA	103 (15%)
REGION OF VALENCIA	77 (11%)
CASTILLA Y LEON	63 (9%)

AREAS WHERE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION IS MORE COMMON

AREA	INDIVIDUAL CASES % n=389	COLLECTIVE CASES % n=287	Total % n=676
EMPLOYMENT	64	78	142
EDUCATION	34	21	55
HEALTH	37	8	45
HOUSING	47	12	59
SPORT	3	2	5
ACCESS TO JUSTICE	10	0	10
SECURITY	64	21	85
CULTURE	1	0	1
SOCIAL SERVICES	27	16	43
COMMUNICATION AND INTERNET	19	92	111
ACCESS TO GOODS AND SERVICES	48	17	65
OTHERS	35	20	55

AREAS WITH MORE CASES		
EMPLOYMENT	20 %	
COMMUNICATION AND INTERNET	16 %	
SECURITY	12 %	
ACCESS TO GOODS AND SERVICES	10 %	
EDUCATION	8 %	
HOUSING	7 %	

AWARENESS RAISING SESSION IN CIUDAD REAL



INFORMATION SESSIONS AT SCHOOLS

