THE ROLE OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECEPTION AND INTEGRATION POLICIES IN SPAIN
Spain is a DECENTRALIZED STATE

Organized territorially into MUNICIPALITIES, PROVINCES AND THE AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITIES
THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMPETENCES

-The Spanish Constitution establishes a system of distribution of powers among the State and the Autonomous Communities.

-The State or Autonomous Communities’ legislators establishes the powers of local authorities which are not included in the Constitution.
The Spanish Constitution establishes that the State has exclusive authority over nationality, immigration, emigration and asylum issues.
DISTRIBUTION OF POWERS ON INMIGRATION ISSUES

- But the Autonomous Communities have some sectorial authority over migration issues (education, health, integration…) contained in their statutes of Autonomy.

- The Local Authorities have also competences over migration issues establishes in the LBRL
DISTRIBUTION OF POWERS ON INMIGRATION ISSUES

- The State holds exclusive authority over the legal-administrative status of the immigrant.
- The Autonomous Communities exercise competence in the provision of public assistance to immigrants and in integration policies.
- Local authorities have authority over the provision of social services.
Plan of basic Social Services
establishes a framework of economic and technical cooperation between the State and the Autonomous Communities to financing a network of primary care social services managed by local government
NEW STATUTES OF AUTONOMY OF CATALONIA AND ANDALUSIA

-Dedicates an specific treatment to immigration

-Recognizes the competence of the two regions in terms of integration

-Recognizes the competence in work permits
INTEGRATION

1994 first Plan for the Social Integration of Immigrants

2000 GRECO PLAN

2005 State Budget a Support Fund for the Reception and Integration of Immigrants
SUPPORT FUND FOR THE RECEPTION AND INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS

- Included in the state budget
- Promote integration policies, education and social cohesion
- The autonomous communities have to give a fixed amount of money to the local authorities each year
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- Recognition of the fundamental rights of association, syndicalization and strike to legal/illegal inmigrants.

- Adaptation of the law to competences concerning reception and integration included in the Autonomous Community Statutes.
VULNERABLE COLLECTIVES

- REFUGEES-CAR CENTERS (Managed by the Ministry of Labour and immigration)

- VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING-Reception centers managed by NGOs

- ROMA PEOPLE-Roma Development Program (Managed by Ministry of Health) APOI Program (Managed by Madrid City Council)
VULNERABLE COLLECTIVES

NON-ACCOMPANIED MINORS
RECEPTION CENTERS MANAGED BY AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITIES