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## ORGANIC LAW FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST VIOLENCE SPAIN

### **LAW IMPLEMENTATION**



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Implementing the law at the different Governments law approved in June 2021 Social changes, Raise awareness



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### ¿WHY A NEW LAW?

The Spanish regulatory system was not fully aligned with the comprehensive protection model with a human rights approach.

The response against violence was centered on (criminal) sanctions for the aggressor, care social benefits and reparation of the victims.

The data on violence against children is alarming (more than 15.000)

It was a recommendation of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to Spain since 2010.

It was also a recommendation of the Subcommittee of the Parliament in 2014 and a non-legislative proposal in 2017.

Fulfills the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 16)



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## ¿WHAT DOES VIOLENCE MEAN IN THE LAW?

Violence is understood as any action, omission, or negligent treatment that deprives children of their rights and well-being and threatens or interferes with their physical, mental, or social development. It also includes violence carried out through information and communication technologies, especially digital violence.



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## ¿WHAT DOES "COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION" MEAN?

It includes the entire cicle: promotion, prevention, care and repair.

The obligation to adopt all the measures to guarantee the right of the child to be protected.

> Creation of child protective environments.

Universality of human rights

Promotion of the good treatment

Everyone's obligation to guarantee child protection (state, professionals, families).

## COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION



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## LAW CONTRIBUTIONS

#### **Right to be heard**

Collaboration between stakeholders

Gender-based violence



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### **RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

#### Children were consultated in the law elaboration process.

Allow a child to report without needing to be accompanied by their guardian.

The law introduces improvements such as: Give more value to the opinion of children.

Strengthen reporting mechanisms in protection centers.

**Creation of the National Child Participation Council.** 

Protection coordinator at school and sports centers.



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### **GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

# The gender-based violence refers to the violence that pretends to cause injury or harm to women through their relatives or children.

The law includes vicarious violence

Restraining order; prohibition to be in contact or communication with the children; the precautionary suspension in the exercise of parental authority and/or the guardianship and custody.

in cases of domestic violence-based gender, the father loses the children's custody



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## **COORDINATION AND COLABORATION**

**Collaboration between** administrations: **Creation of the Sectoral Conference and Inter**ministerial commissions.

**Public-Private** collaboration: it will be promoted that public administrations sign agreements with the media, social agents, professional associations, religious confessions, and other private entities that carry out their activity in regular contact with children.

**Civil society: promote** information, knowledge, experiences, and good practices exchanges with civil society.



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### **Thanks for your attention**

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