



# 27th COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE

## **Ensuring equity and equality of access for women to services in prisons and probation**

**Seville 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

# FACTS AND FIGURES

## Sentenced women vs. men in prison Spain

Approx. 3.000 women sentenced

**7% - 93%**

- **Crimes:**
  - property crimes 42% - 39%
  - drug related **28% - 16,5%**
  - murder/violent crimes 8,5% - 11%
  - sexual related crimes 1,8% - 8,5%
- **Closed/Open regime**
  - High risk/1<sup>st</sup> degree 1,2%- 1,7%
  - Closed/2<sup>nd</sup> degree 69,4% - 80 %
  - Open Regime **29,4% -18,3%**

## Profile/ Age group



Female	Male
• 18- 20 years old -- 0,3%	-- <b>0,6%</b>
• 21-25 -- 4,7%	-- <b>6,7%</b>
• 26-30 -- 11,5%	-- <b>12,2%</b>
• 31-40 -- <b>32,7%</b>	-- 31,1%
• 41- 60 -- <b>45,8%</b>	-- 43,8%
• 61+ -- 5%	-- 5,6%








# SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCES

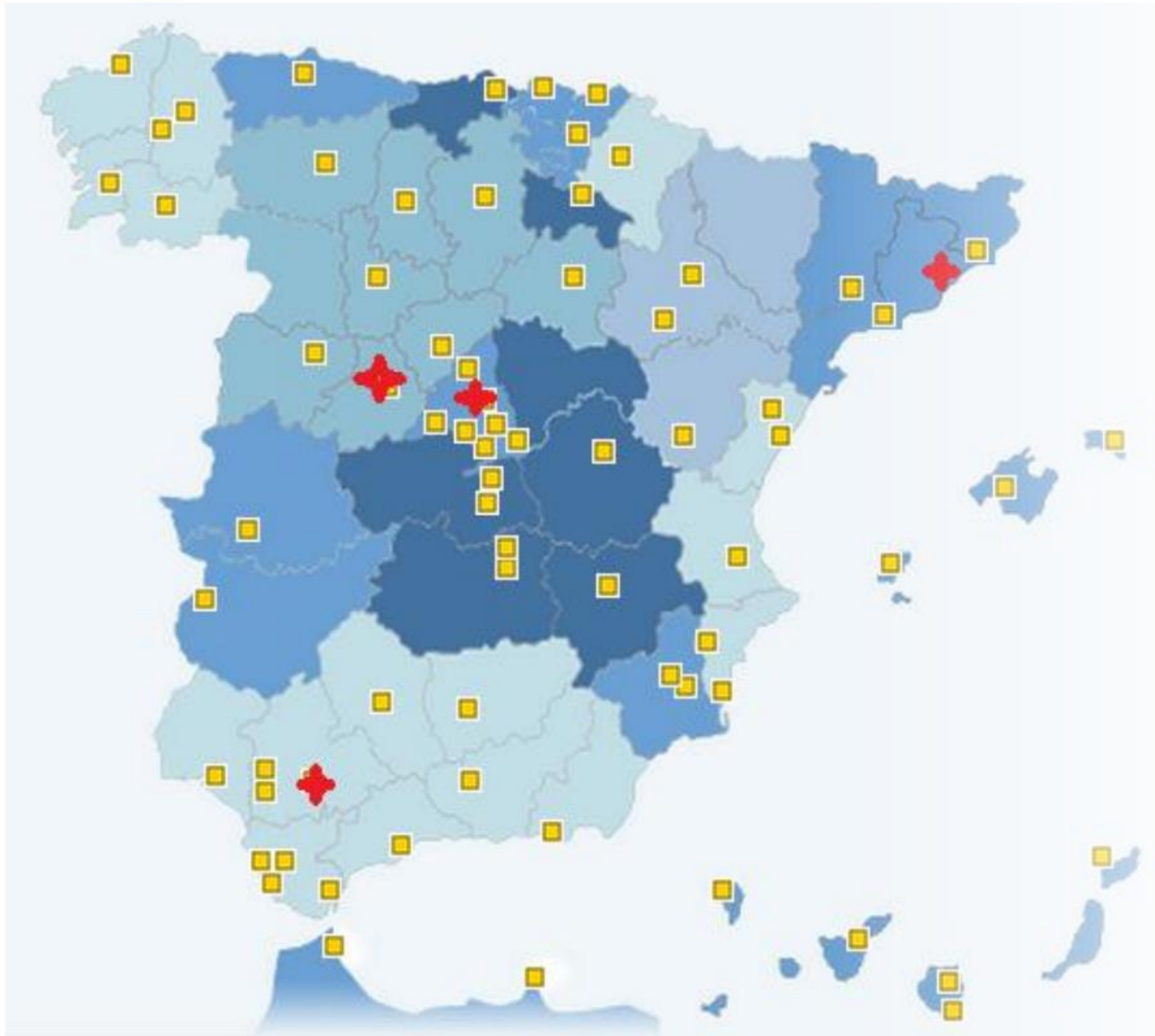
UN Bangkok rules on women offenders

## Rule n. 1:

*“In order for the principle of non-discrimination... account shall be taken of the **distinctive needs of women prisoners** in the application of the Rules. Providing for such needs in order to accomplish substantial gender equality shall not be regarded as discriminatory.”*

Legal references in Spanish 1979 General Penitentiary Law and 1996 bylaw – 12 different rules referring to :

-  On allocation- general rule separation from men
-  No disciplinary isolation if pregnant or breastfeeding
-  On female hygiene tools
- 12**  Working exemption on pregnancy -- 16 weeks
-  Medical gynecologist service
-  Children under 3 can remain with mothers
-  Specific rules on visits for children up to 10 years old



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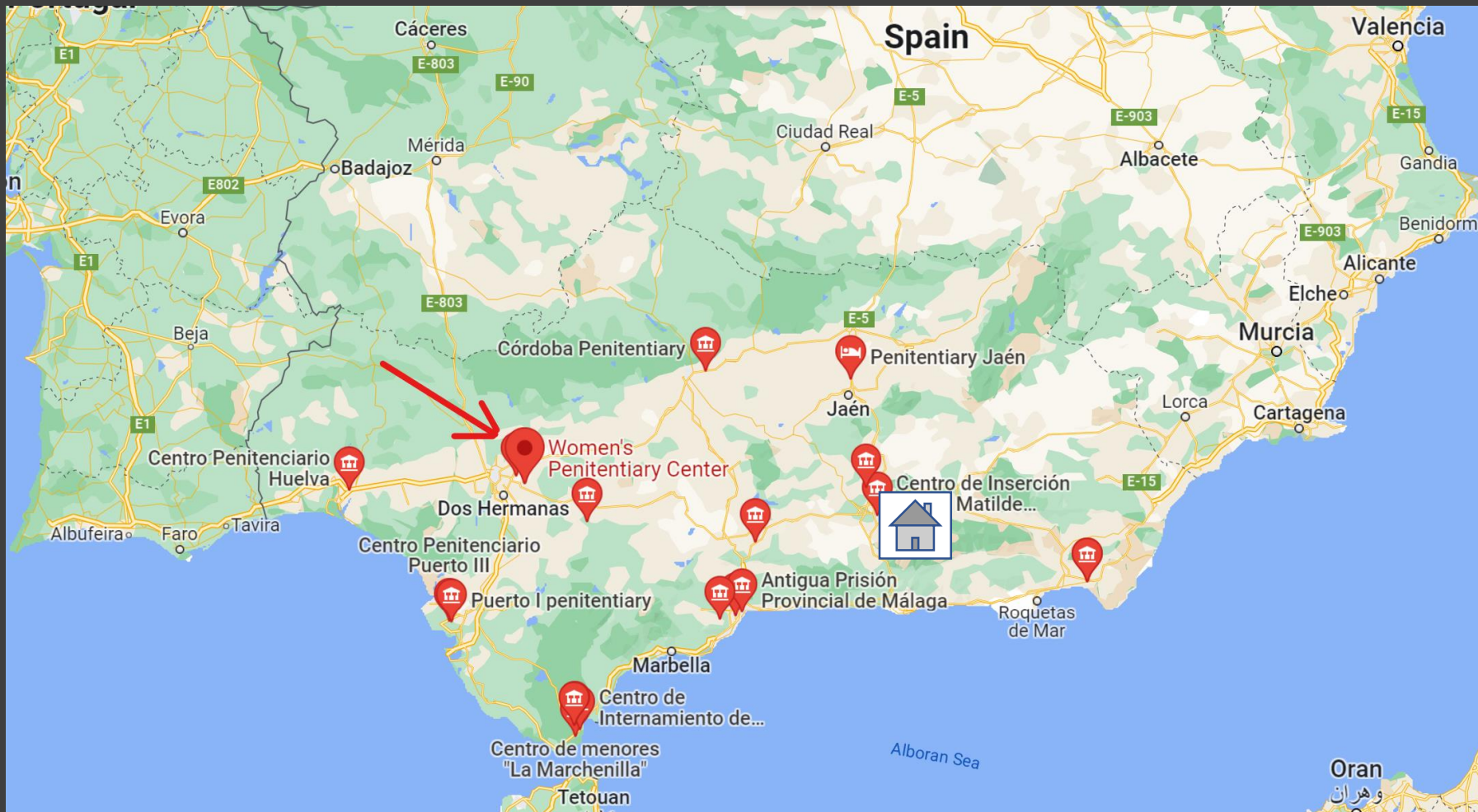
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# SPAIN'S PRISON DISTRIBUTION

- Female prisons 



## If Googling "FEMALE PRISONS IN ANDALUCIA"



**Closer look If  
Googling "FEMALE  
PRISONS IN  
ANDALUCIA"**

**• 521km**



# Resources and Figures

## Registered in Educational activities:

- Male 35% registered in school
- Female 55,% registered in school

## Vocational Training

- Female 9,7%
- Male 90,3%

## Work in prison

- Work offers available by private companies  
-- aprox. 2.700
- Work offers available by the Prison System  
-- aprox.11.500

**956 women are working in prison**

## Some examples:

### Basic manufacture

- 68 women factory activities
- 39 textile manufacture
- 2 carpentry (wood/metal)
- ...

### Prison work

- 338 Food/kitchen/mini-markets
- 191 Cleaning activities
- 124 Laundry
- ...
- 19 general maintenance
- 16 library
- 6 gardening

# Other needs & gender roles & evaluation

Socialization  
and identity

Self-esteem

Sexuality

Relationships

Gender  
violence

Social Skills



# Instruments and strategies on equity and equality

- Building environments within walls .-

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Co-education

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Co- working

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Co- living

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Staff

# Staff in prison other paths to work on equality

- A. Since 2008 **equal access policy** on male and female Jobs as Prison Guards
- B. 2009 **criteria** for working in Prison based on a undifferentiated Prison Security Services
- C. 2021 Latest legislation on **gender perspective and equality instruments** for those working in Prison

Male and female numbers on security officers inside prison disregarding gender allocation:

- 7092 male guards
- 3750 female guards



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