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SOBRE DISCAPACIDAD



DISABILITY POLICIES IN SPAIN

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Overview of the presentation

1. Profile of population with disabilities
2. Disability Social Organizations
3. Disability State Organizations
4. Regulatory Framework

1. Profile of Population with Disabilities in Spain

How many persons with disabilities in Spain?

- **Around 4 million** people have a disability in Spain which is approximately 8% of the population

Correlation between disability and ageing:

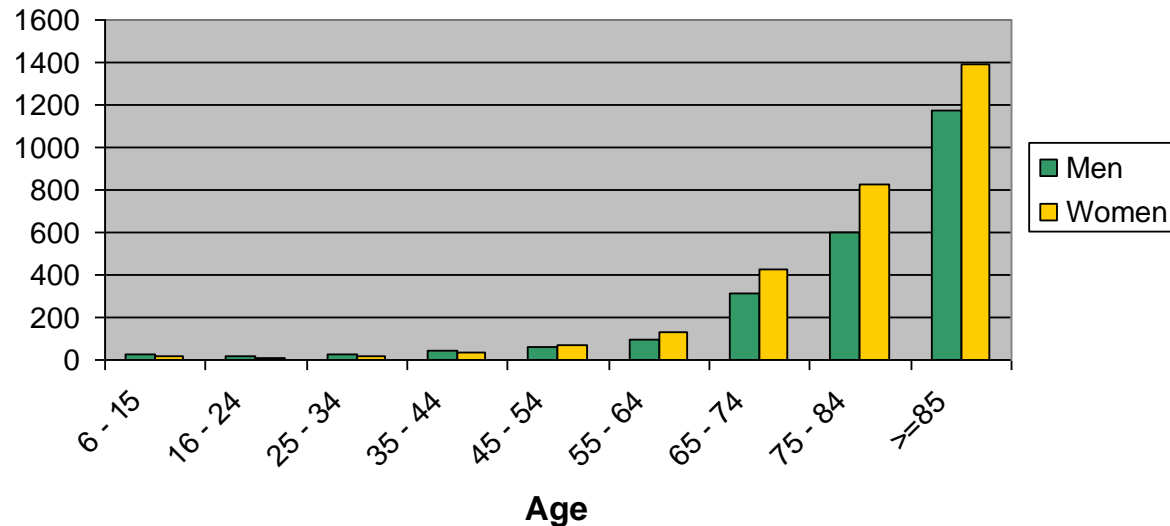
- **73% of people with disabilities are older than 45.** Nearly 15% of people in the age group 55-64 report a disability and the incidence of disability will increase as the population gets older

1. Profile of Population with Disabilities in Spain

How many women with disabilities in Spain?

- **Around 2.3 million** people are women with disabilities in Spain which is 60% of the population with disabilities

Population Rates with Disabilities in Spain
EDAD2008



1. Profile of Population with Disabilities in Spain

Which are main concerns of persons with disabilities in Spain? Training and Employment

- Women with Disabilities Employment Rates(34.30%) and Men with Disabilities Employment Rates(39,9%) are closer than in general population
- Increase in the hiring of people with disabilities:
2005-2017 ↑64%
- University Training:
18% PwithD vs 32% PwithD (< 44 años)
10% PwithD vs 30% PwithoutD

2. Disability Social Organizations

Spanish Unitary Platform for Disability



COMITE ESPAÑOL
DE REPRESENTANTES
DE PERSONAS
CON DISCAPACIDAD

- Permanent activity for persons with disabilities: all types of disabilities
- Social civil society organized: more than 7000 associations
- Institutional recognition
- Independent Mechanism for the CRPD in Spain

2. Disability Social Organizations CERMI

Founders:



Other ordinary members:

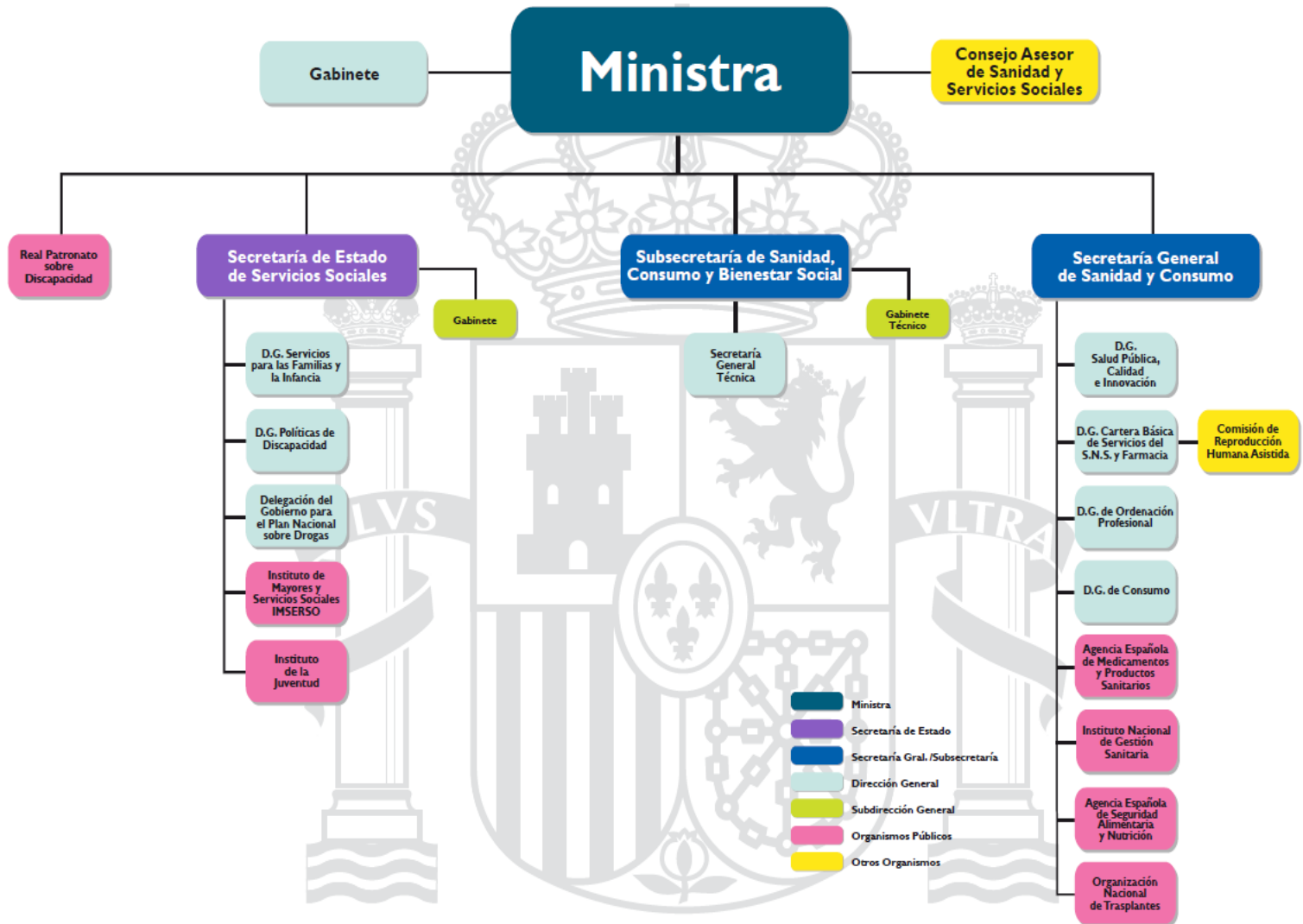


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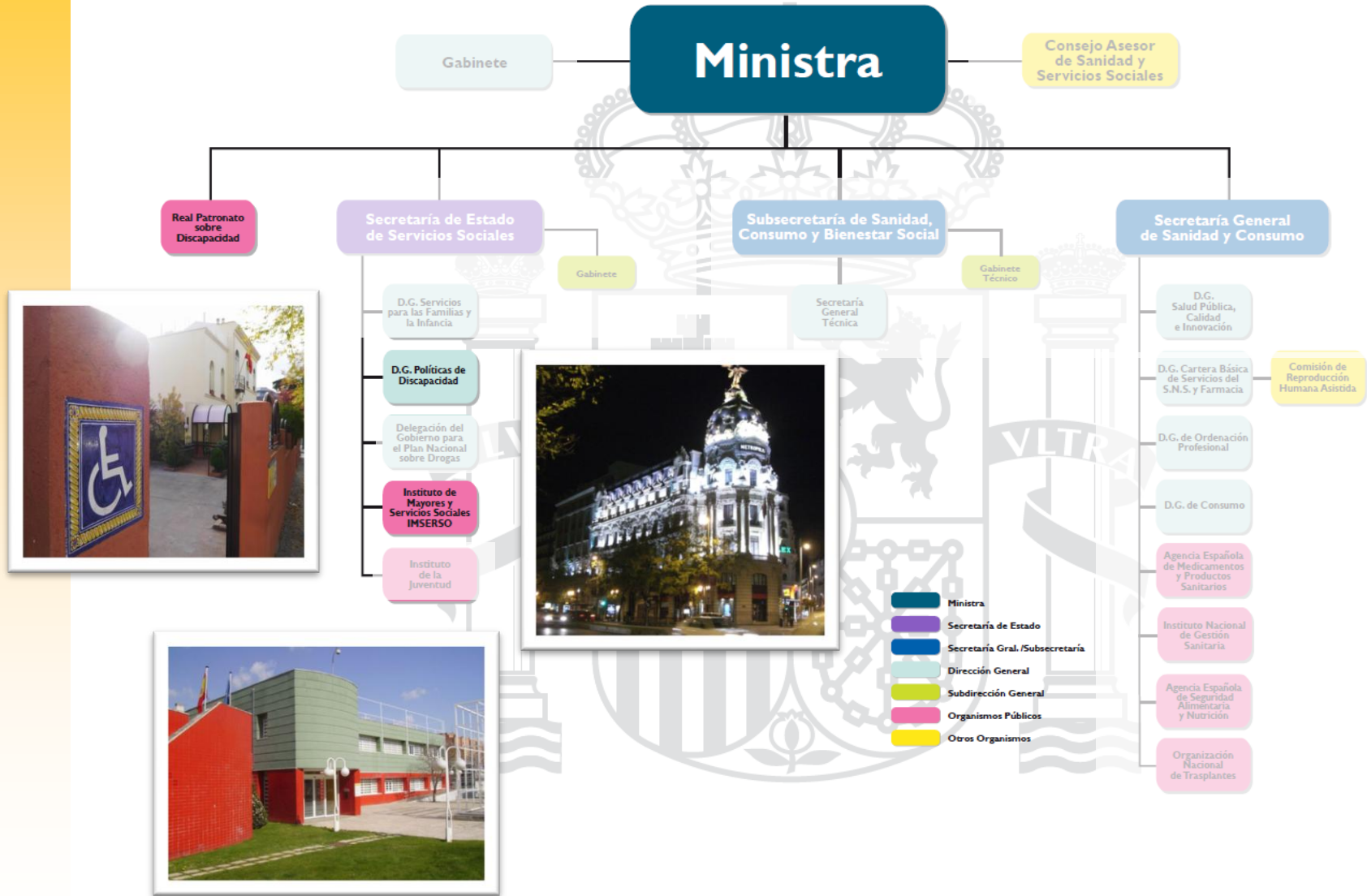
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- Ministra
- Secretaría de Estado
- Secretaría Gral./Subsecretaría
- Dirección General
- Subdirección General
- Organismos Públicos
- Otros Organismos

3. Disability State Organizations

DG Disability Policies

Main competences:

- Defense of Persons with Disabilities:
 - General Regulation
 - Support to other Ministries about disability issues
 - Development of Strategies and Action Plans
 - OADIS: Spanish Office for Attention of Persons with Disabilities

3. Disability State Organizations DG Disability Policies

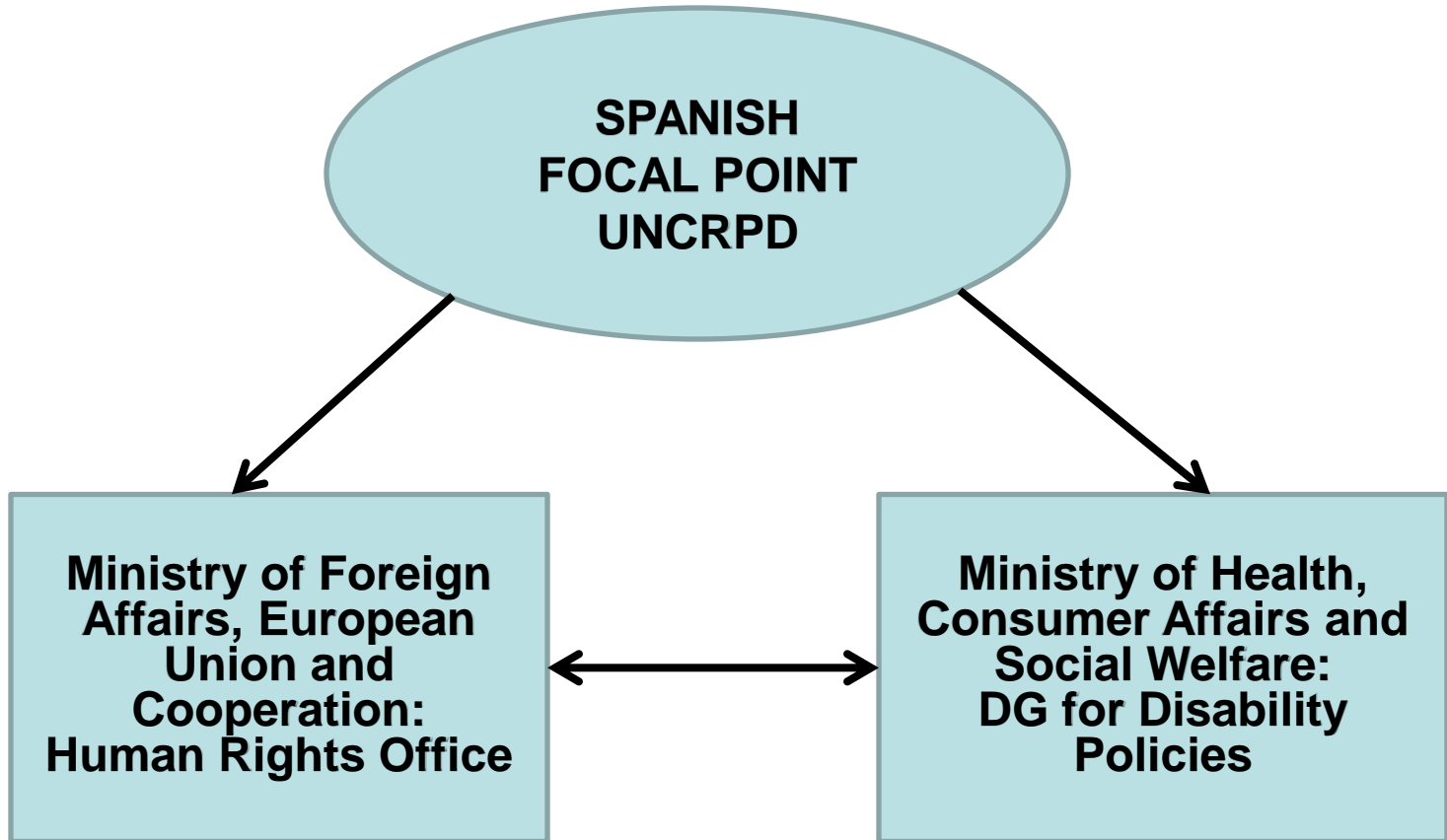
- Economic competences: State Grants from Tax collection for social programs
- International competences:
 - Representation in international organizations: groups of experts on disability (European Commission, COE-Council of Europe)

3. Disability State Organizations

DG Disability Policies

- International competences:
 - Focal point of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (article 33.1)
 - Participation in international programs: *Twinnings* from EU (Tunisia, Ukraine), Iberoamerican Program on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, etc

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Royal Board on Disabilities



Mainstream actions

Prevention, Training, Universities, Employment, Culture, Leisure, Tourism, Sports, Accessibility, Technology...

Instruments

- Studies and Publications
- Collaborative agreements
- Awards: Premios Reina Letizia



3. Disability State Organizations Royal Board on Disabilities

AWARDS "Reina Letizia"

Universal Accesibility Awards (Municipalities), in colaboration with ACS Foundation and ONCE Foundation

Inclusive Culture

New Accesibility Tecnologies

Disability Prevention

Rehabilitation and Integration

Employment insertion



4. Regulatory Framework

- Spanish Constitution 1978
- RLD 1/2013, approving the revised text of the General Act on Rights of Persons with Disabilities and their Social Inclusion
- UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol

Spanish Constitution 1978

Main articles

- article 49: *The public authorities shall carry out a policy of preventive care, treatment, rehabilitation and integration of the persons with physical, sensorial or mental disability by giving them the specialized care they require, and affording them special protection for the enjoyment of the rights granted by this Part to all citizens. [New! Reform ongoing](#)*
- article 14: *Spaniards are equal before the law and may not in any way be discriminated against on account of birth, race, sex, religion, opinion or any other personal or social condition or circumstance*
- article 9.2: *It is the responsibility of the public authorities to promote conditions ensuring that freedom and equality of individuals and of the groups to which they belong are real and effective, to remove the obstacles preventing or hindering their full enjoyment, and to facilitate the participation of all citizens in political, economic, cultural and social life*

General Act on Rights of Persons with Disabilities and their Social Inclusion

- Law 13/1982 of 7 April, of Social Integration of Disabled Persons
- Law 51 of December 2, 2003, on equal opportunities, non-discrimination and universal access of people with disabilities
- Law 26 of August 1, 2011, adaptation to the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Milestones in Spain:

Signed on 30 March 2007 and ratified on 3 December 2007

Entered into force in the Spanish legal system on 3 May 2008



UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

- **New!** Celebration 3 May in Spain: National Day for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- **New!** Concluding observations on the combined second and third periodic reports of Spain, 9 April 2019.

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