**REPORT ON INTERVENTIONS IN THE FIELD OF DRUG ADDICTIONS AND THEIR RELATED CRIMINAL AND LEGAL ISSUES IN THE REGION OF CASTILLA Y LEÓN**

**REGIONAL COMMISSIONNER FOR DRUG[[1]](#footnote-1) (RCD)**

The Law on Prevention, Assistance and Social Integration of Drug Addicts in Castilla y León[[2]](#footnote-2) sets up the RCD as a coordination body of all drug addiction actions taken place in the Region of Castilla y León and the management of public regional resources addressed to these specific policies.

Under this law, the RCD will be responsible of:

1. Elaborating the Regional Plan on Drugs, which is the strategic instrument containing all the regional drugs-related actions. The VII Regional Plan is being currently elaborated, and it will include all action points until 2020.
2. Managing, in collaboration with other public entities and non-profit organisations, the resources addressed to the assistance of drug addicts in the region of Castilla y León.
3. Evaluating drug addiction interventions taken place in Castilla y León, both pre-emptive and welfare.

Article 11 of this Law highlights that the Regional Government of Castilla y León will:

* Provide alternative measures to deprivation of liberty through duly authorised centres and public services.
* Foster programmes and collaborate with other public administrations to assist drug addicts with related criminal and legal issues in order to reinforce communication, coordination and cooperation with all actors involved in the reintegration of drug addicts.

In order to facilitate all these measures, the Regional Government of Castilla y León promotes counselling legal services developed by public entities and non-profit organisations duly authorised to assist drug addicts in Castilla y León. The Regional Government also acts in prisons and works with minors and young addicts.

There is currently in force a Convention signed in 2005 between the Prosecutor General's Office, the Castilla y León Minister of Family and Equal Opportunities, the General Council of the Judiciary and the Regional Law Council of Castilla y León in order to assure and promote measures on social reintegration of drug addicts with related criminal and legal issues. The main objective of this Convention is to facilitate communication, collaboration and cooperation between Justice Administration bodies and the Social Reintegration and Assistance System. To achieve this aim, the RCD is launching local commissions integrated by members of the justice administration (judges, prosecutors and lawyers) and also by assistance organism staff in order to facilitate and motivate alternative measures to deprivation of liberty.

In 2015, 5500 users of these assistance services for drug addicts were registered in Castilla y León. In addition to these actions in hospitals and other centres, we can also talk about first level specific centres, which basically are reference points to inform, motivate and support drug addicts and their families, the interventions in these centres have been 3684 last year (assistance on illegal drugs and alcohol addictions)

The most significant actions addressed to drug addicts with related criminal and legal issues can be classified into five big action lines:

1. Legal assistance services to drug addicts and their families.
2. Counselling and guidance services in Courts.
3. Assistance programmes to drug addicts in prisons.
4. Alternative measures to deprivation of liberty.
5. Assistance to minors and young drug addicts who have committed any fault.

These five services have registered more than 7300 actions last year.

The RCD has participated in different transnational projects financed by the European Union in the field of drug addictions between 2000 and 2013 (Interreg III A, POCTEP), always with the best compliance of all its commitments as a partner or leader.

1. In Spanish: *Comisionado Regional para la Droga* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. In Spanish: *Ley de Prevención Asistencia e Integración Social de Drogodependientes de Castilla y León* (Law 3/94, 29th March, modified by Law 3/2007, 7th March) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)