

## THE STRUCTURE OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN SPAIN AND EUROPE

### INTRODUCTION

In the context of socially-focused public policies, the social services system in Spain and Europe constitutes a tool for action and social intervention to protect citizens and guarantee their social rights. This subject focuses on the Spanish social services system in the context of the European Welfare State of which it is a part. The object, concepts, action mechanisms and forms of provision of the Spanish social services system within the social and democratic rule-of-law State are examined in detail. For this purpose, legislation relating to social services and the general structure of the social services system is studied; specifically, its organization and main services and provisions at State, regional and local levels. Particular reference is made to knowledge of the social services network of the Community and City Council of Madrid. Similarly, legislation and forms of intervention by entities promoting social initiatives in the provision of social services, in their various forms, are examined: associations, foundations, non-governmental organizations, etc.

The methodology pursued in this subject will be a mix of theory and practice, with the purpose of offering students not only theoretical knowledge but also the ability to apply that knowledge in constantly changing contexts, having acquired practical abilities and democratic values.

### COMPETENCIES

- Define the various models of social services system existing in the European, national and regional contexts.
- Recognize the democratic and ethical values framing creative proposals for professional intervention.
- Express concepts, principles, theories and models relating to the genealogy of European, national and regional social services.
- Analyse the object, mechanisms for action and forms of provision of social services systems in the European, national and regional environments.
- Distinguish the legislative framework, general structure, organization and main services and provisions of social services systems at State, regional and local levels.
- Organize and interpret statistical data and literature relating to social services.

### CONTENT

1. Conceptual and contextual elements of social services.
2. Public policies for social services in Europe and Spain.
3. Universal and limited social services.
4. Financial and budgetary aspects of social services.
5. The third sector of social welfare in Europe and Spain.