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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Concerning the Spanish Educational System, conflict and protest demonstrations continued in some Autonomous Communities. Every time there is a change of Government, the Educational System also changes. There was already the seventh reform since the era of democracy. A final evaluation of academic achievements and effects of the new Education System, are planned. For primary education in late 2016 and for secondary education at the end of 2017. 22% of students abandon school prematurely between 18-24 years of age. In recent years, 20% of youth are called the "nor-nor", that is to say, they do not study and they are not working. Hopefully it will be no more changes in the National Educational System, despite the general elections in autumn 2015.

Concerning the Spanish Economic System, unemployment fell during the first quarter of 2015. The figure is at 4,333.016 persons, that is to say, there was a decrease of 2.67%.

The new working places were allocated by order in the hotel sector, trade, agriculture and industry.

Employment contracts are mostly places per hour with low pay and limited in time or temporal character. Since the beginning of the crisis, the contracts are for a period of 30 days. The 21.9% of total contracts are limited to 36.3% in 7 years. Permanent contracts only reach 9%. The 5 European regions with higher unemployment remain Spanish. 30% of unemployed have basic training. The EU is positive in regard to the Spanish economic developments but stresses stains to change again, that is to say, as widespread unemployment and the public deficit.

The causes noted for unemployment so high in Spain are influenced by:

- A reduced geographic mobility of Spanish.
- A limited mobility between sectors, that is to say, the less productive sectors to more innovative sectors.
- The unemployment benefit of 80% of salary, reason which the unemployed will not accept only Jobs of a great work interest.
- An economy flooded with a large number of unemployed working black.
- A family supports allowing the unemployed to waive job offers they do not like.
- Difficulty in Spain to be entrepreneur, since without entrepreneurs there are no jobs.

HEALTH POLICY

News since the last report are:

1) By Royal Decree of 24/06/2014, there is an order to develop a National Registration Regulation of Sanitary Professionals.

2) By Royal Decree of 26.7.2014, approved the guarantees and rational use of medicines and health products. The aim is to consolidate the changes already incorporated.

3) By Royal Decree of 26.07.2014, regulating the indication, use and permission to deliver medicines and health products of human use by nurses.

The OMC (Spanish Doctors Organization) considers this a risk and it is against this legislation. She says that dispense drugs is only up to the doctor because it forms an inseparable part of the Medical Act and this can interfere or alter the treatment the doctor might order.

4) By Royal Decree of 21.11.2014, regulating diplomas Accreditation and Accreditation of Advanced Diplomas. The goal is recognition of the efforts of graduate training health professionals with the necessary formalities.

5) By Royal Decree, regulation of clinical trials with drugs, the Ethic Committees of the investigation with drugs and records of clinical studies.

The aim is to exercise control over security to satisfy Ethics in Investigation with drugs.

In Spain, the activities of organ donations and transplants are regulated by a law. His character is obviously free, referred to living or dead, based on the voluntary license, informed and given in order to proceed to extract organs for transplant. Spain signed on 03.25.2015 an agreement with Europe against organ trafficking and protection of victims and encourage national and international collaboration by establishing the obligation to apply the national legislation necessary to face organs trafficking offense.

Precisely, the 05/18/2015, the Europol discovered with the colaboration of Germany and Spain, a gang of organ traffickers (54 people are arrested and was formed by mainly Serbian, three Colombian and two Spanish) that with morrocaïn were busy buying for € 6,000, a kidney from another morrocaïn in irregular situation in Spain.

Concerning to the NHS (National Health System), the 80% of chronic patients request a change. The 350,000 chronically ill, 30% are not satisfied for a year and more. The health differences of patients, depending on where they live or the place of displacement, is very marked and it is the largest barrier to access to treatment between the Autonomous Communities. For this, they ask:

- The 57% reduction of the waiting time in the consultation.
- The 43% access to information on the best treatments.
- The 42% access to medical services in equality.

- The 38% better access to treatments and specialists.

The emigration of Spanish doctors continues. The interests of politicians have been their own priority instead of the interests of patients and healthcare professionals. The Ministry of Health must recover the skills to ensure equality between patients and healthcare professionals. There is a problem of cohesion and management in the NHS, regarding drugs, vaccination calendar, electronic prescriptions and compatibility.

On 10/03/2015, the Spanish Federation of Sports Medicine denounced the future disappearance of this specialization. In September 2015, the Ministry of Health and the Autonomous Communities, will decide on the future of this specialization.

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