

Comenius Meeting. Goteborg (17th-21th of October)



Living in my city,

improving my city

COMENIUS

Mobility

- * Our city is not very big and it has many ups and downs, therefore people living in the center usually go walking from one place to another. But Tarragona also has some peripheral neighborhoods and if you don't have a car, the only way to move between them or from/to them to/from downtown, is by bus.

Mobility



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- * Public transport is quite good, although sometimes they run some minutes late. They usually run every 15-30 minutes, even if during the summer their frequency is lower, and they are full because a lot of people take them to go to the beach. Students and senior citizens have special bus-tickets, allowing them to ride at a cheaper price.

Mobility

- * Another good thing is that on weekends there are night buses, which is great for young people going home after a party. Otherwise, one could use a taxi, but only if you have lots of money, since Tarragona's are the most expensive ones in the whole of Spain!

Mobility



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- * It would be very nice to be able to go by bicycle or skateboard, but in this city there are no special lanes for bikes and other non-motor vehicles, and having to ride on the road, next to the cars, it's difficult and dangerous.
- * We also have a bus station, where we can take the coach to go to other towns and cities, and a train station, with trains traveling across the country.

Mobility

- * In conclusion, although public transport is better than using the car because of the environment, we should use bikes, skateboards, rollers, etc. more often, but the city needs a better road infrastructure network to make it possible.

Education

- The Catalan Statute of Autonomy of 1979 establishes that the Government's Education Department is responsible for the educational system administration.
- In 2006 the new Catalan Statute of Autonomy is approved which specifies the exclusive Catalan competences in education and those that are shared with the State government.

Education

* Examples of exclusive competences:

1. Establishment of the educative contents of the first cycle of infant education (0-3 years old)
2. Creation and organization of state schools
3. Inspection, education system internal evaluation, innovation, investigation and educational experimentation
4. Continuous teacher training and educative services

Education

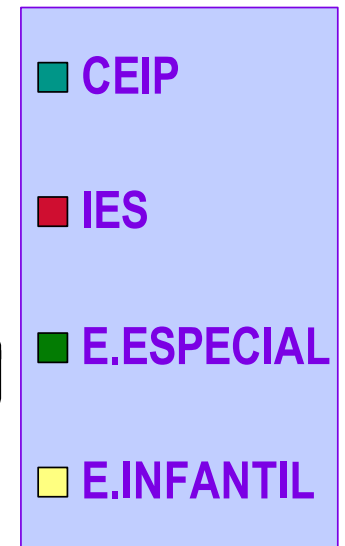
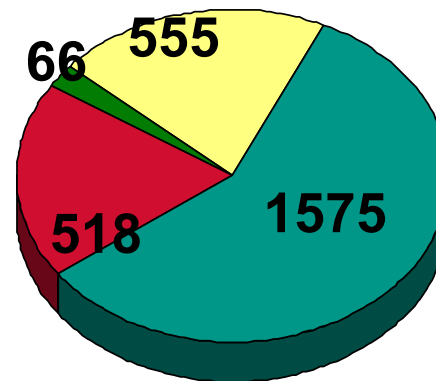
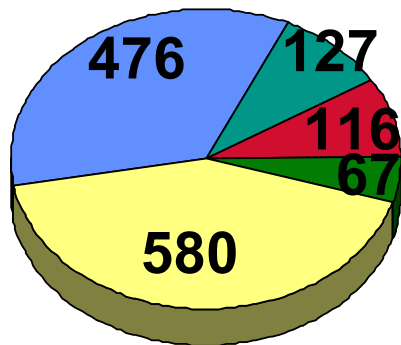
- * Examples of shared competence:
 1. General curricular organization:
 - Spanish state: 55% of the general curriculum
 - 45% of the curriculum set by the Catalan Government
 - * 2. General evaluation of the Education system

Education

Number of schools

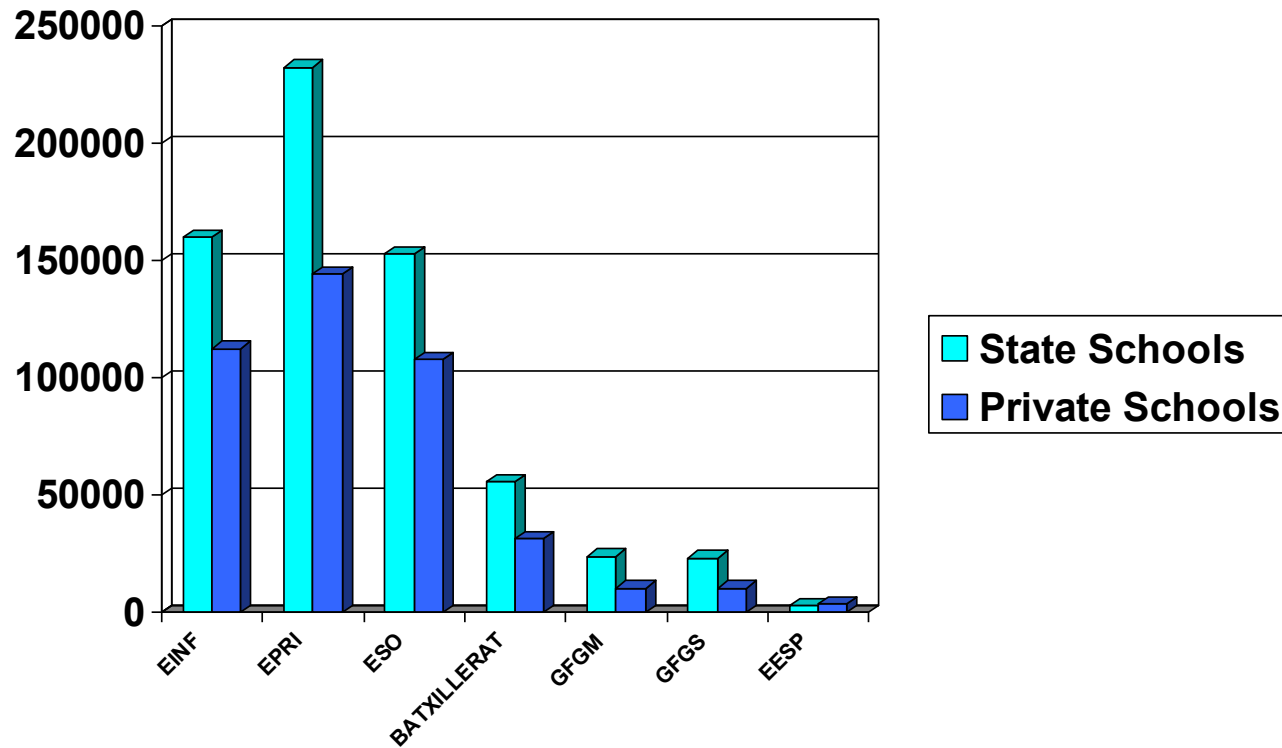
Private schools:1.366

State schools:2.714



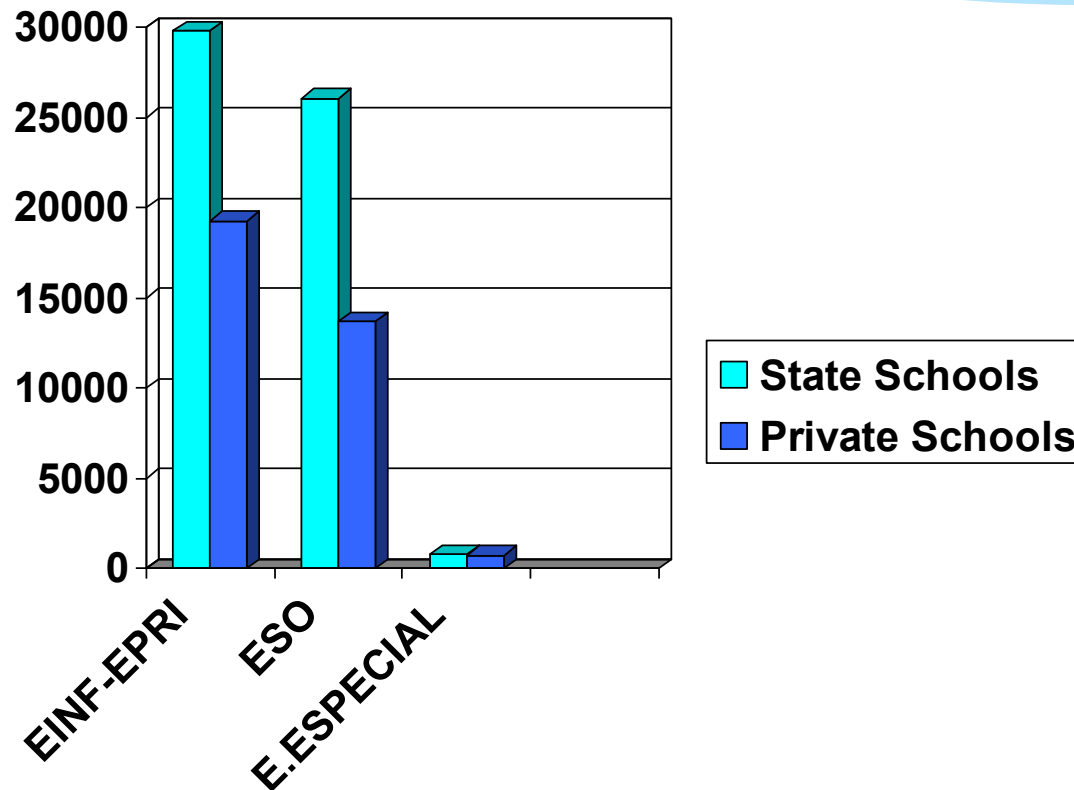
Education

* Number of students: 1.176.579



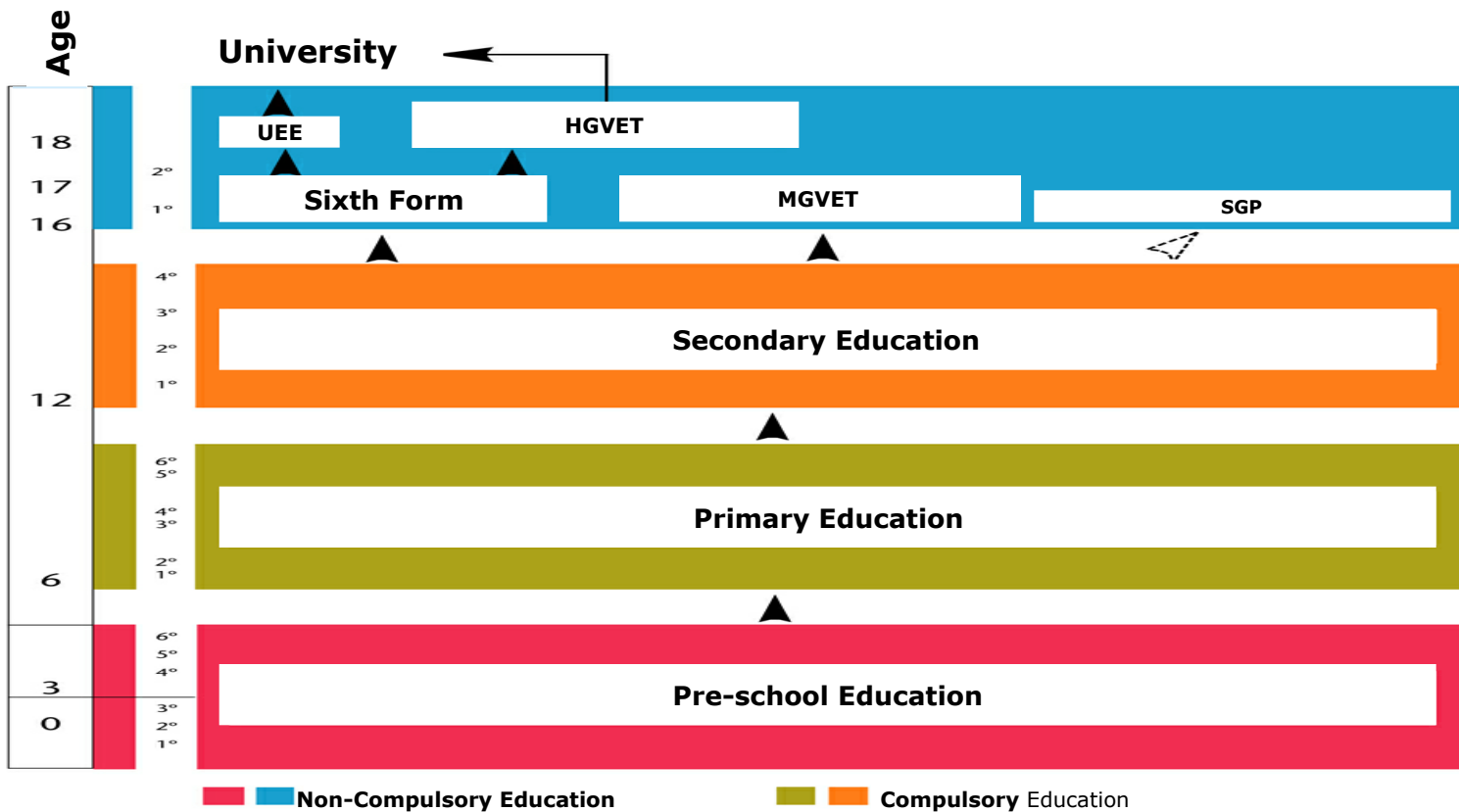
Education

* Number of teachers: 90.373



Education

Education System Structure



MGVT- Medium Grade Vocational Education and Training
 HGVT- Higher Grade Vocational Education and Training

SGP- Social Guarantee Programme
 UEE- University Entrance Examination

When the children go to school:

School

When the children finish compulsory education:

gives everyone the opportunity to have the language skills needed to be prepared and participatory citizens



They know Catalan



They know Catalan and Spanish



They know Spanish



They do not know Catalan or Spanish, but they know other languages

Application of second language methodologies

They know the two official languages and have a good knowledge of at least a foreign language



Pollution

- * Tarragona has a petrochemical plant nearby that produces lots of residue gases; it is a very contaminated city because of this. The air we breathe isn't pure at all, and the petrochemical company doesn't seem to care much about this. When it rains, the factories take advantage and release more residues, and this makes the whole city smell bad

Pollution



Pollution

- * We think they don't respect the limit of combustion when they work, and this has a direct impact on our health. But the Town Hall doesn't complain nor does it do anything about it. It would be convenient for all of us if the plant finds a way to better treat its waste or, even better, to produce fewer residues. That way the environment would also be helped. On the other hand, we think that Tarragona's Town Hall should give more tax advantages to people that do not pollute.

Pollution

- * Another issue is the use of cars. In our city, a lot of people move around by car. Some will use their own car even if there is the option of public transport. In our opinion, buses are very practical and their schedule is fine, even if it's a little slow and you arrive later to your house or anywhere else. Even though the ticket is expensive, it's probably cheaper than the petrol you use in your car.

Pollution

- * Going by bike would be nicer for the environment too, but we don't have bicycle lanes, so sometimes it's a bit difficult to ride your bike through the center of town. But if you live downtown, and you are going somewhere near, you can also walk. That's not only good for the environment, but it's also good for our body.

Pollution

