Abstract

This paper describes the situation of ECI in Spain, taking into account the political organisation in 17 “autonomous” communities and steps towards comparable standards and coordination of services. Alongside with the legal basis of ECI diverse bodies (health, social and education) are described, highlighting the need of coordination. Within this context the “White paper on Early Intervention” by the GAT/Real Patronato Sobre Discapacidad (2005) can be seen as one major attempt, to create a “covering roof” within a diversity of services and structures in Spain.

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