

Reforming police stops in Spain: Evidence from the evaluation of new pilot projects

The research project shows the results of pilot program developed in Spain to improve police stop practices. It is a somewhat new and original program that doesn't have much precedent in Spain, either in terms of its goals, or its methods of evaluation. PIPE is a program to improve the police practices in terms of police stops. It is driven by different organizations that set up the Platform for the police management of the diversity. Representatives of the diverse community -working in several fields- and police agencies take part on it as well. The OSJI (Open Society for Justice Initiative) plays the role of observer institution for this program. The PIPE program is based on other programs developed years ago in Spain and Europe, especially in the United Kingdom. In 2005, a team of researchers named GEA21, supported by the OSJI, carried out an exploratory study in Spain analysing the police stops based on bias. The program was developed because various national and international institutions were concerned about discrimination in police practices in Spain, and because there has been a lack of available official information about police stops.

Goals:

1. Self-control procedures on police stops.
2. Setting up procedures to improve police efficiency.
3. Improving the periodic analysis of the police stops and adopting corrective measures.
4. Raising awareness of police officers.
5. Engagement with the community