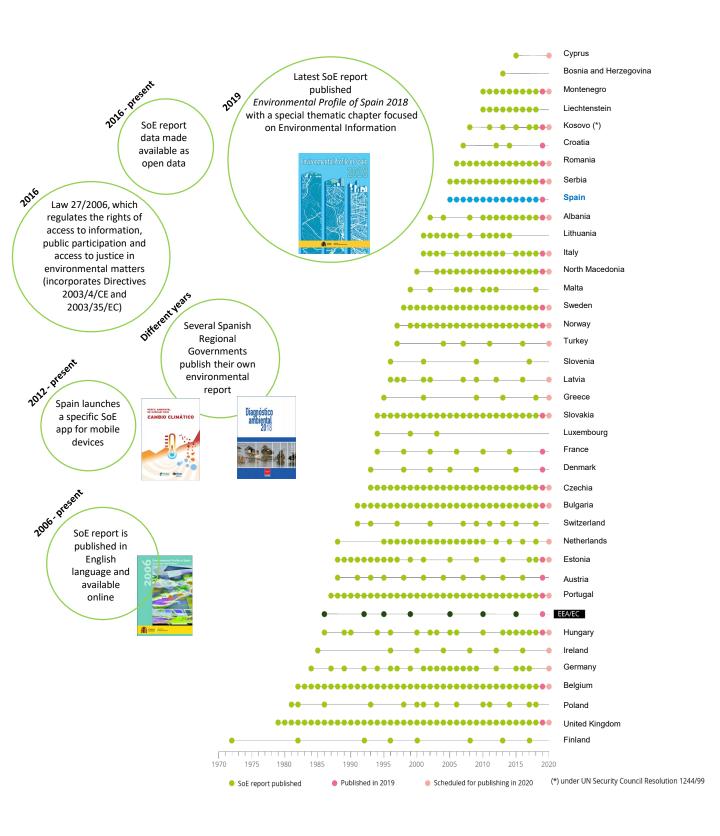
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The Environmental Profile of Spain is a report prepared by the Spanish National Focal Point of the EEA (Ministry for Ecological Transition). This annual series, which began with the Environmental Profile of Spain 2004, was designed to inform the widest possible audience about the state of the environment in Spain, providing readers with information broken down by autonomous community and with reference to the European Union. The last edition (Environmental Profile of Spain 2017) comprises an initial section containing an integrated analysis of two key environmental issues, a second section made up of 81 indicators spread across 18 chapters, and a third section providing information by autonomous community and drafted in partnership with the Spanish Regional Focal Points belonging to the European Environment Agency's EIONET network.

In order to increase its diffusion and reach the largest possible young audience, since the 2012 edition, a special version of the publication has been produced for mobile devices (iOS and Android).

Twelve of the nineteen Regional Governments (Autonomous Communities) publish specific environmental reports regarding their competences and territorial area. The Spanish SOER has been a reference for these reports from Regional Governments.

The Environmental Profile of Spain 2017 sets the benchmark for detailed information about the state of the environment in Spain and the interrelationships between its components. Mainly the report analyzes the state & past trends on the environmental topics and drivers from economical sectors. When it has been possible, the report includes information about systemic challenges & responses. Several current issues are also described in an integrated assessment chapter.

The sources of information are different, and the data are extracted from environmental monitoring, databases and registers, inventories, other data sources and reporting obligations.

Publication of the Environmental Profile of Spain also helps meet our commitment to the Aarhus Convention on access to information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters that makes it mandatory for governments to publish an annual situation report on the state of the environment and to publish a comprehensive review every four years.

An integrated assessment (linking the causes of environmental pressures with its consequences), in a well-founded report structured in completed main areas, based on indicators, is the aim for the next Spanish SOER.