



Spain

Spain launched a **National Strategy of Environmental Education** through a wide public participation process, impelled by an agreement among National and Autonomous Communities governments. This process was realized by addressing the recommendations in Chapter 36 of Agenda 21. The Strategy was published in 1999 and named **White Paper of Environmental Education in Spain**. Social concerns are part of the foundation of EE in Spain.

Projects/Initiatives

The Ministry of Environment, Spain organized the Spanish Seminar on Education & Communication for Wetlands from 2001- 2005. The Ramsar Convention recommended to the State Members to develop a National Plan on CEPA (Communication, Education & Public Awareness). In Spain this work has taken into account the conceptual framework for the White Paper of Environmental Education in Spain, a widely accepted strategy with directives for the integration of social instruments in environmental management policies (including information, communication, training, capacity building, participation, research and evaluation). Considering participation as a critical instrument and the Ramsar Convention's recommendation for the development of participatory environmental management, the P in CEPA turned into Participation, and the sense of the future plan, as well as the process for developing it, turned as well.