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| Country: | Spain |
| Title: | The Women's Institute is transformed into the Institute for women and equal opportunities |
| Date: | 9 April 2015 |
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| <u>Context</u> | |
| Issue at stake: | Law 15/2014 of 16 September 2014 for the rationalisation of the public sector and other measures of administrative reform, has transformed the Women's Institute into the Institute for women and equal opportunities |
| Ground of discrimination: | Sex |
| Source: | Law 15/2014, of 16 September 2014, for the rationalisation of the public sector and other measures of administrative reform |
| Field: | Public institutions for the promotion of equality between men and women |
| Applicable law: | Law 15/2014 of 16 September 2014 |

Content

Law development: Article 17 of Law 15/2014 of 16 September 2014 (in force 18 September 2014) for the rationalisation of the public sector and other measures of administrative reform, amends Articles 1 to 5 of Law 16/1983 of 24 October 1983 (Law of the Women's Institute). The main objective of Law 15/2014 is to achieve a more efficient functioning of the public sector through generally restructuring the public administration. Many public entities and public administrations (the former being those entities that are entirely or almost entirely owned by the State) have changed their names and structures. This includes the old Women's Institute, which is now titled the "Institute for women and equal opportunities". The scope of the new entity's objective will be expanded to the fight against discrimination on the grounds of birth, sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or ideology, sexual identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or any other personal or social condition or circumstance. Previously, it only addressed issues of sex discrimination.

Key points of analysis: The new Institute for women and equal opportunities will replace the old Women's Institute. However, the extended scope of the new Institute may result in less attention paid to issues of gender equality.

Internet link source: Law 15/2014, of 16 September 2014, for the rationalisation of the public sector and other measures of administrative reform, available at: <http://boe.es/boe/dias/2014/09/17/pdfs/BOE-A-2014-9467.pdf>, accessed 26 February 2015.