

## Adapting to Royal Decree 1495/2011

### Final boost to public sector information reuse in the General Public Administration

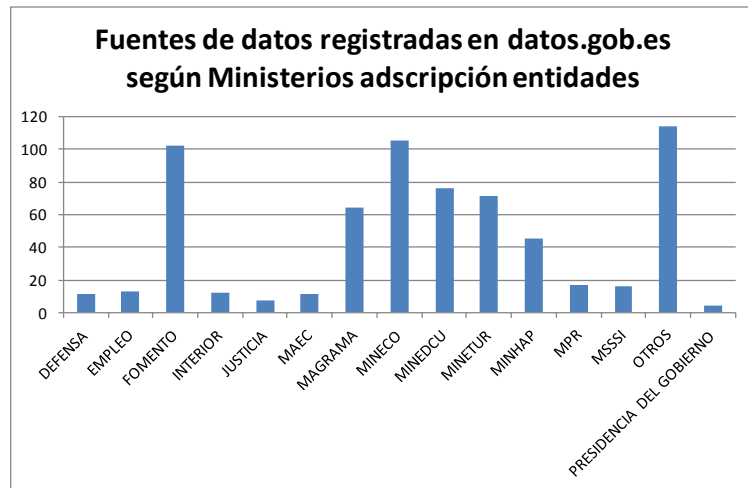
The relationship model between governments/public administrations and citizens is currently being thoroughly reviewed. Mass introduction of information technologies and their application to the publication of the information in the hands of administrative units are leading to more transparent, talking, accountable administrations. Although technology developments like social media are also a key factor in this change in model, the **availability of information is a prerequisite for open government**. The new governance paradigm and availability of public information is even more important when said information is offered in **standard formats that can be automatically processed**.

The enforcement of **Royal Decree 1495/2011** in the public sector means a qualitative leap in the development of information reuse policies in the General Administration. **Greater accessibility and visibility of the reusable information available and fewer barriers in the reuse of information** are the two levers the Royal Decree is meant to activate.

On the one hand, **regarding the accessibility and visibility of reusable information**, the reusable public information catalogue envisaged in Article 5 is now available. The catalogue is available at **datos.gob.es**, which has been **given an award as the most user-friendly public information website in the EU**. The reusable public information catalogue is a single access point in the infomediary sector, the place to access reusable information in the General Administration and similar initiatives at the regional or local level. The automation of the relations between different sources of information will be one of the key actions to be taken in the next few months, especially in the face of the integration of the Spanish information ecosystem into the pan-European access information being designed by the European Commission.

On the other hand, the regulations are intended to **do away with the main barrier to the reuse of information** according to infomediaries, i.e. the lack of homogeneity in the terms of reuse. In this regard, **Article 7 sets forth a series of general rules for the reuse of public information**, which shall apply to every entity in the state public sector. The rules are **contained in a standard legal notice in an annex to the Royal Decree**.

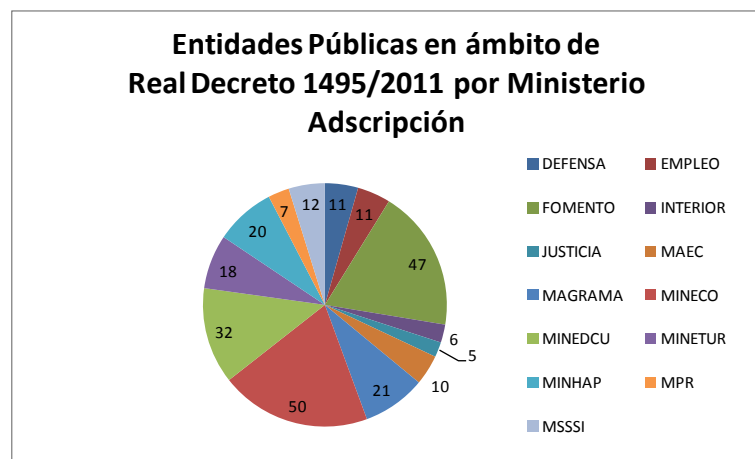
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**Royal Decree 1495/2011 applies to a wide range of public entities.** Based on the Inventory of Entities in the state public sector (INVESPE) and the scope of the Royal Decree as described in Article 1, **more than 270 public entities are bound by it.** For effective follow-up, working with the management in the infomediary sector, **80 high-interest entities** have been identified to see how they adapt to the Royal Decree using a system of indicators.

The indicators include reusable public information catalogue update obligations, implementation of the Royal Decree online and activity reports.



**The efforts to make public information available for reuse are beginning to bear fruit.** Entities like OEPM or CMT have been part of the pilot experience to enforce the Royal Decree, and this resulted in a significant growth of the



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information available for reuse registered in [datos.gob.es](http://datos.gob.es). The **REINA Report**, containing data on ICT expenditure in the General Administration, is now available to be processed automatically. Moreover, entities are getting international recognition for their efforts: **INE**, for instance, **was the recipient of the PSI Alliance 5 Star Award**.

Meanwhile, the e-office of the **State Department of Public Administrations** made a **full-reference implementation of the department obligations** contained in Royal Decree 1495/2011.

In sum, Royal Decree 1495/2011 is the final boost to the reuse of information in the public sector. There is still a long way to go, though, the next step being the completion of the adaptation phase for public entities in November 2012, when it will be time to take stock again.