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# TERRITORIAL ORGANISATION

Spanish institutions

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## The Spanish Constitution

The most important law in Spain is the Spanish Constitution.

It was approved in a referendum on 6th December 1978.

According to the Constitution, Spain is a social and democratic state, subject to the rule of law.

## National institutions of Spain

- The Crown. Spain is a parliamentary monarchy.
- The Parliament (*Cortes Generales*) holds legislative power.
- The Government holds executive power.
- The courts of law hold judicial authority and administer justice.
- The Constitutional Court determines the constitutionality of new laws.

## The institutions of the Autonomous Communities

- The Regional Government exercises executive power.
- The Autonomous Parliament (*Cortes*) holds legislative power.
- The High Court of Justice is the highest judicial authority in an Autonomous Community.