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The current dataset of interview transcripts on Spain is part of the ELEMENTAL project, headed by Anna Kristina Hultgren (PI), investigating the reasons for the use and rise of English for academic programmes, i.e., English as a medium of instruction (EMI), at higher education institutions in Europe within the context of their governance. It belongs to a collection of case studies from several European countries, accessible from: [https://doi.org/0.21954/ou.rd.c.7215450](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdoi.org%2F0.21954%2Fou.rd.c.7215450&data=05%7C02%7Cmarion.nao%40open.ac.uk%7C4ef9d5d953374c13fa4c08dc6b3eac37%7C0e2ed45596af4100bed3a8e5fd981685%7C0%7C0%7C638503164140351133%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=40EaHg65vWWXjGRg3W1CzYjyyYOO%2FmL76CMMRd%2BltrM%3D&reserved=0). The research was funded by UKRI under a Future Leaders Fellowship [grant reference: MR/T021500/1]. Further details of the project and resulting outputs can be viewed at the UKRI project webpage: <https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=MR%2FT021500%2F1>.

The Spain dataset comprises transcripts of semi-structured interviews between a researcher and two types of participants: participants (P) of a case study university; and participants who hold or have held ministerial or public body roles (M). In total, the collection contains 14 transcripts involving 15 participants, all of whom gave consent for the OU deposit of their deidentified transcripts.

The interviews were conducted online between 2022-2023. They lasted between 40-60 mins, averaging at around 50 mins. A key to transcription conventions is provided at the beginning of each participant transcript.

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| List of transcripts | |
| Participant  Identifier | Participant type |
| M1 | Ministerial participant |
| M2 | Ministerial participant |
| M3 | Public body participant |
| P1 | Case study university participant |
| P2 | Case study university participant |
| P3 | Case study university participant |
| P4 | Case study university participant |
| P5 | Case study university participant |
| P6 | Case study university participant |
| P7 | Case study university participant |
| P8 | Case study university participant |
| P9 | Case study university participant |
| P10 | Case study university participant |
| P11 & P12 | Case study university participants |