

The Spanish Presidency



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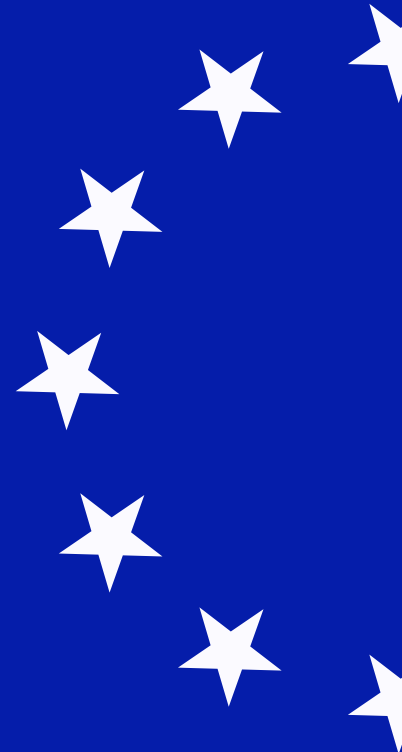
Presidency of the Council of the EU

The **Spanish presidency** of the Council of the EU is a **six-month period** during which Spain takes on the responsibility of **leading the agenda of the Council of the European Union**.

- Spain is in charge of **advancing the Council's work** on **EU legislation** during its presidency, ensuring the **EU agenda's continuity**, orderly **legislative processes**, and **member state cooperation**.

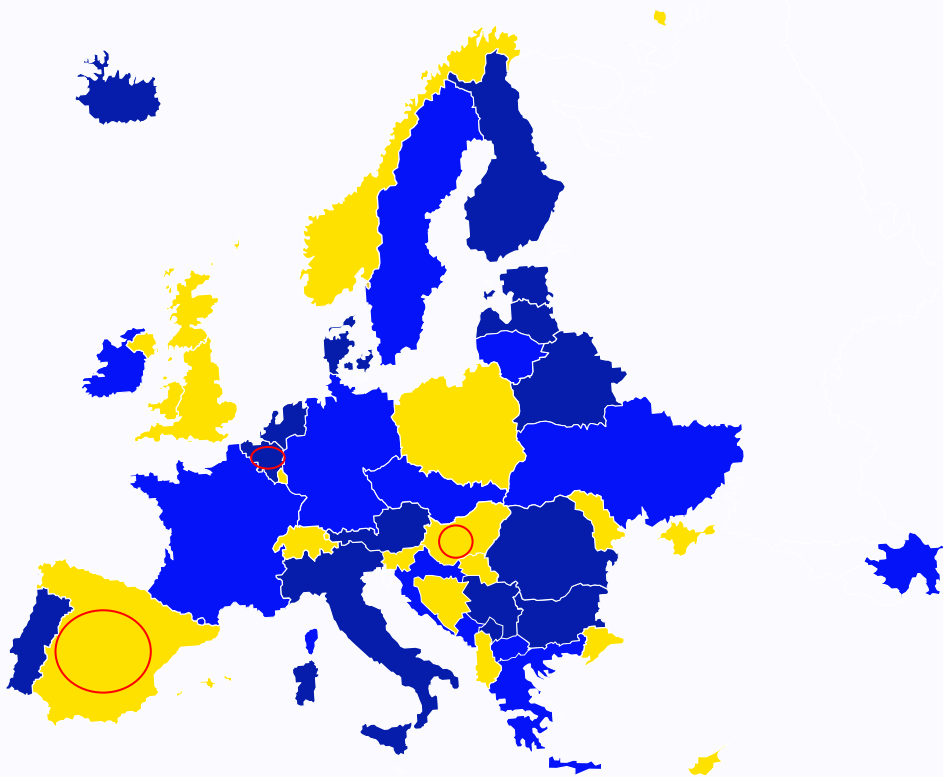
Presidency trios are groups of **three EU member states** that cooperate and coordinate their presidencies.

- The Spanish's mandate marks the beginning of the "trio" composed of **Spain, Belgium, and Hungary**.





Presidency of trios



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SPAIN

July-December 2023

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BELGIUM

January-June 2024

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HUNGARY

July-December 2024

4 PRIORITIES



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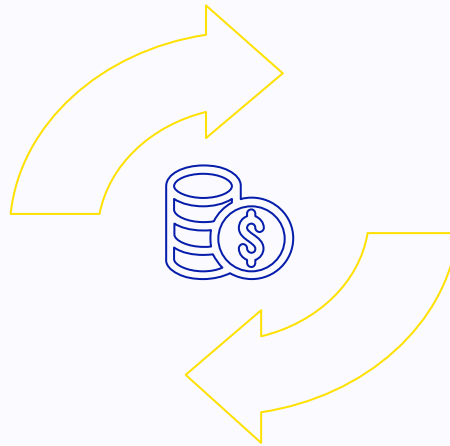
FOR 6 MONTHS

01

Reindustrializing the EU and guarantee its strategic autonomy

EMPOWERING EUROPEAN INDUSTRIES

Spanish Presidency will seek to **promote the development of strategic industries and technologies in Europe**, drive **innovation**, and enhance the **integration of the single market**.



GLOBAL TRADE EXPANSION

Focusing on **expanding and diversifying trade relations with third countries** and **strengthening European supply chains**.

02

Advance in the ecological transition and environmental adaptation

ENERGY TRANSITION

The Presidency will drive **reform of the electricity market** to **accelerate the deployment of renewable energies**, **reduce electricity prices**, and **improve system stability**.

SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

It will promote **measures for waste and microplastic reduction**, **sustainable product design**, and the generation of **eco-friendly fuels**.

03

Promote greater social and economic justice



TAX FAIRNESS

The Spanish Presidency will advocate for the establishment of **minimum common standards for corporate taxation across all member states**, combating **tax evasion** by large multinational corporations.



FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

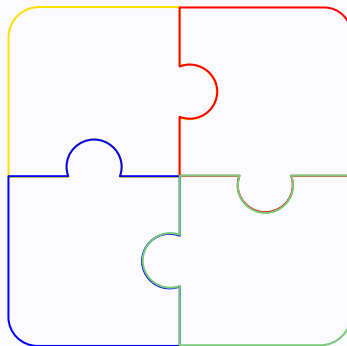
It will also work on an appropriate review of the **Multiannual Financial Framework** and a **reform of fiscal rules** to combine the sustainability of public finances with financing green and digital transitions.

04

Strengthen the European unity

INTEGRATION

The Spanish Presidency will seek a further **deepening of the internal market**, the **completion of the banking union**, and the **capital markets union**.



CONSOLIDATION

It will work on the **consolidation and improvement of common instruments** such as the **NextGenerationEU funds**, effective and coordinated management of **migration and asylum processes**, and support for **Ukraine** and other states in the European neighborhood.



What obstacles stand in the way of the Spanish presidency?



Spanish Elections: The upcoming Spanish elections on July 23, 2023 face a fragmented parliament and a lack of consensus on key issues.



Inflation: Inflation is a major concern for the Spanish presidency, as it can lead to economic instability and social unrest.



War in Ukraine: The ongoing conflict in Ukraine poses a threat to European security and stability.



Cyber threats: The presidency must recognize the importance of tackling cybersecurity concerns to safeguard the stability and security of Europe in the face of increasing risks and geopolitical challenges.

What to expect from the Spanish Presidency

01

Economy

Focus on economic justice, promoting development of strategic industries and attract new companies.

02

Environment

Accelerate the deployment of renewable energies, reduce electricity prices, and reform the electricity market.

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Unity

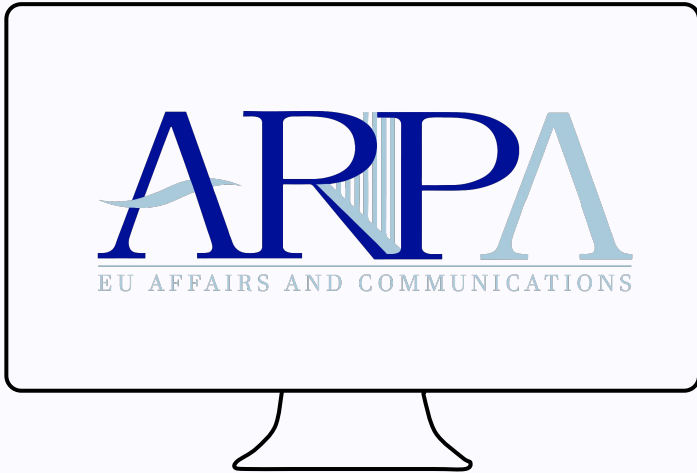
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Integration

Fostering the development of a common European identity and promoting its values.

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