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## It is impossible for the EU to function with 28 member states

Ensures former Commissioner Mr. Oreja

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**USPA NEWS** - "It is impossible for the European Union to function with 28 member states and less with those expected to incorporate." This forceful former European Commissioner for Transport and former Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Marcelino Oreja, manifests.

Retired from politics and 81 years of age, Spanish Marcelino Oreja was the Minister of Foreign Affairs who signed the accession of Spain to the European Economic Community in 1986, Commissioner for Transport between 1993 and 2000 and Secretary General of the Council of Europe, position that, he says, brought him the greatest satisfaction. Europeanist conviction, Marcelino Oreja participated Thursday in Logrono, the capital of the wine region of La Rioja, in northern Spain, in a talk on the 30th anniversary of the accession of Spain to the European Union, and was very critical drift Union.

"It is impossible for the European Union to function with 28 member states and less with those expected to incorporate," said Marcelino Oreja, adding that "the entry of Turkey would be a disaster" for Europe "because it does not meet the conditions" necessary for join the European Union. The former Commissioner defends the creation of a two-speed Europe "on the basis of the Eurogroup. Europe must articulate a cutting edge with a federal system" and make "two Europes," one with countries willing to engage in the advancement of the European Union and another with other community partners. "There are a number of goals that should be marked and clearly establish which countries want to move forward" in the European project, he says.

In his view, Europe is now a patient lacking the values that drove the creation of the European Economic Community. There, he says, four priorities that need to be addressed: policies that create economic growth and employment; knock down national barriers; reorganize Europe's energy policy and monetary policy reform. In the conference, with the participation of former Conservative MP and former director of the Spanish public television, Eugenio Nasarre, he also spoke of Brexit as a result of the shortcomings that Europe. The Brexit, said Nasarre, would be "a catastrophe for Europe." In his opinion, "it is inevitable two-speed Europe and would be good strategically. Spain has to be in Europe at the first speed."

In the same vein said former Commissioner Marcelino Oreja, who warned of the side effects of a hypothetical British out of the European Union, including the dismemberment of the United Kingdom. Oreja also referred to the refugee crisis. "The agreement with Turkey has been a failure," he said, "because Turkey is not to be trusted." Immigration "is the most serious problem we have and still have not found the solution," he said after noting that in Europe "there is fear and lack of solidarity."

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