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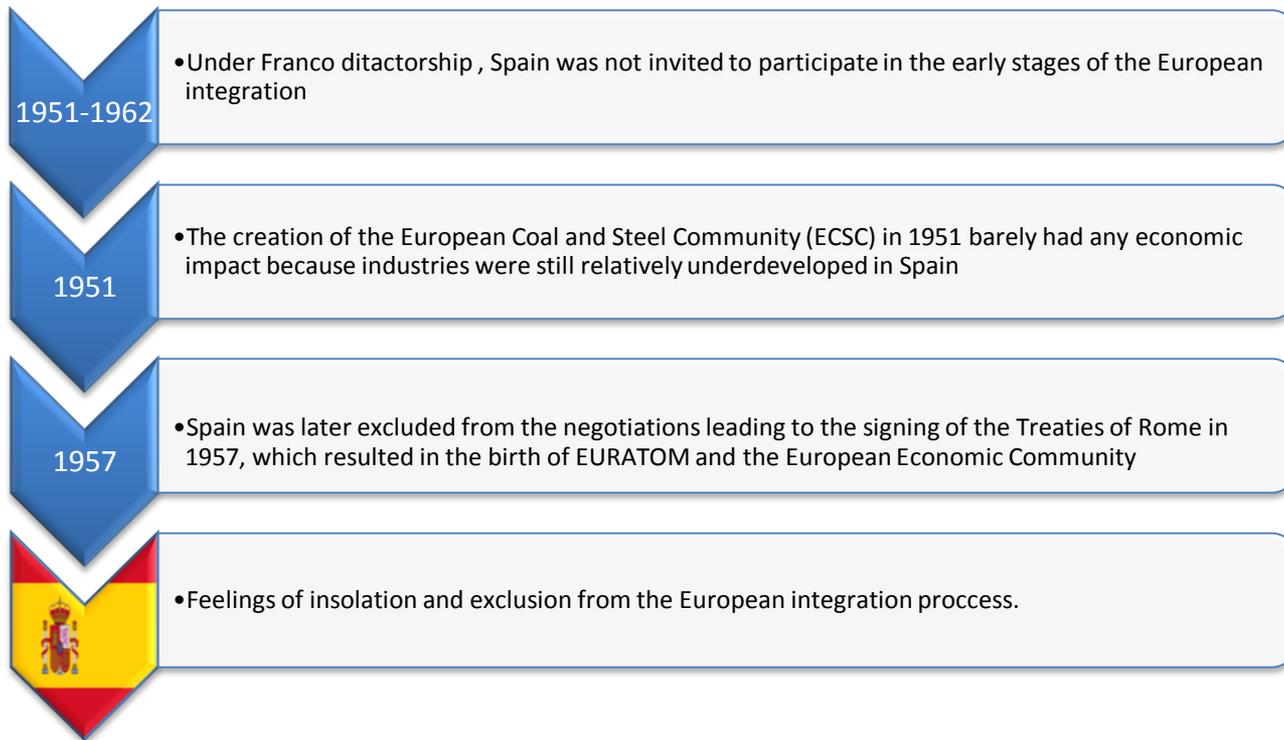
1957-1986

- **1957** The Treaty of Rome creates the European Economic Community (EEC), or ‘Common Market’.
A peaceful Europe – the beginnings of cooperation





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Spain, internal dynamic

- The Stabilisation Plan was designed in 1957
- Public spending was cut, wages frozen, credit restricted and the “ peseta” (the Spanish currency was devaluated).
- The short economic goals were achieved with the social cost.
- Unemployment reached nearly 35% in 1959-1960
- But in the following decade the Spanish economy started growing





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Spain, external action

Incorporation of Spain into International community:

- ✓ **1951** World Health Organization
- ✓ **1952** UNESCO
- ✓ **1953** International Labour Organization
- ✓ **1955** United Nations



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The birth of the Community in 1957 led to an interesting debate within the Spanish administration regarding the nature and future evolution of the European project, and the political and economic challenges....



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Spain-Europe: Relation with Europe were always under mutual suspicion.

1960 – 1969 A period of economic growth

It was a good period for the economy, helped by the fact that EU countries stop charging custom duties when they trade with each others

The Spanish technocrats in charge of the economic transformation in 1960s successfully persuaded Franco to begin negotiations for Spanish membership in 1962.



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“The Rome Treaty wanted to “preserve and strengthen peace and Freedom”

Under the article 237: “any European state may apply to become a member of the Community”, Spain tried to be a member of the EC.

but the decision to accept new members required not only the full support of all governments, but also the approval of national parliaments.

They were demanding a democratic system in Spain before any accession or association with the EEC.

but Franco’s refusal to compleplate major changes to the Spanish constitucion made impossible any movement to full membership until the dictator’s death in 1975.



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The arrival of democracy paved Spain's way towards Europe.

In 1977, Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja officially presented in Brussels Spain's application for accession to the European Economic Community, and Spain was officially integrated into the EEC on 1 January 1986.



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Thank you all!

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