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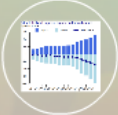
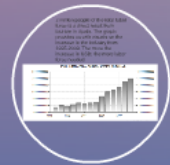
Objectives

- Foster economic cooperation
- Single European currency, the euro
- Adoption of border controls between EU countries
- Single or 'internal' market

Spain and the European Union
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Spain's accession to the (EU) in 1986, required the country to:

- open its economy to trade and investment
- modernize its industrial base
- improve infrastructure
- revise economic legislation to conform to EU guidelines

The automotive industry has always been Spain's leading game in manufacturing. Many popular companies such as Volkswagen had great success in the industry up until the downturn spread in 2008 due to unfavorable government policies. However, the tourism industry has not been affected and has actually been growing year by year.




Volkswagen car market share in the UK

Volkswagen market share in the UK (2000-2010)

Year	Market Share (%)
2000	~10
2001	~12
2002	~14
2003	~16
2004	~18
2005	~20
2006	~22
2007	~24
2008	~26
2009	~28
2010	~30

Spain 

- Population: 46,507,790 (2014)
- Population as % of total EU population: 12.2% (2014)
- Total GDP: 1,618 billion USD, 14th in the world
- Political system: parliamentary constitutional monarchy
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Spain's economic growth has been remarkable since its accession to the EU in 1986. The country has managed to attract significant foreign investment and has become a major player in the global economy. The automotive industry, in particular, has thrived, with companies like Volkswagen achieving significant success in the market.

Economic growth in Spain (1990-2010)

Year	GDP Growth (%)
1990	~2.0
1995	~3.0
2000	~4.0
2005	~5.0
2010	~6.0

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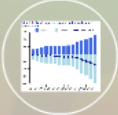
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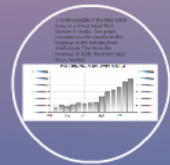

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EU Single Market

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Free Market Agreement between members.

- Single market that guarantees the free movement of goods, capital, services, and people
- Each member state is obliged to recognize goods which had been legally produced in another member state.
- Customs duties, prohibits member states from levying any duties on goods crossing a border.
- Discriminatory taxes, eliminating all forms of protection
- Elimination tariffs and quotas.



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- In order for the EU's Single Market to develop protection of property rights and a strong Rule of Law must exist.
- Spain has managed to improve and maintain these policies throughout the years.