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JACQUES DELORS RENOWNED FOUNDER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION DIES AT 98

LOSS OF AN IMMENSE LEGACY

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USPA NEWS - Jacques Delors, one of the founders of European Union, died yesterday, 27 decembre 2023, and is already very regretted by his peers and the public opinion in France, and throughout Europe.
Jacques Delors, who died this Wednesday at the age of 98, one of the great builders and defenders of the European Union, "Tsar of Brussels" leaves Europe a great loss. He was a true icon of the construction of the European Union. In France, this great left-wing politician had very strong popularity although he left the world of politics while founding his think tank Delors. The Jacques-Delors Institute, formerly named Notre Europe, is a European research institute founded by Jacques Delors in 1996, at the end of his presidency of the European Commission. Since 2017, the institute has also had a training organization, “Our Europe Academy”

French ministry fo Foreign Affairs, published a communique, conveying a message of condolences, expressing regrets of the loss of Jacque Delors, as well as the Socialist Delegation of the social and ecological left to the European Parliament. We publish the full text of the two statements as they were delivered yesterday, 27 December 2023.

COMMUNIQUE BY FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
"It is with deep sadness that we learned of the death today of Jacques Delors, former French Minister of Economy and Finance and former President of the European Commission. Founding figure of European construction, Jacques Delors marked the destiny of Europe.

Through its contribution to the major stages of European construction such as the Maastricht Treaty, the Schengen agreements, the launch of the Erasmus program or the start of the Economic and Monetary Union which enabled the creation of the euro , through his commitment to a united Europe capable of acting, as well as his fight for peace and democracy, Jacques Delors will remain an inexhaustible source of inspiration for all those who support Europe and the European project in their heart.” French Ministry Foreign Affairs

"It was with deep emotion that the members of the delegation of the social and ecological left learned of the death of Jacques Delors. Builder of a Europe, a force for peace, tireless advocate of solidarity at the heart of European construction, he was a socialist with strong convictions, fighting all injustices.

For Nora Mebarek and Raphaël Glucksmann, co-presidents of the delegation, “all Europeans are orphans today”.

His legacy is immense: first to advocate a more integrated Union to counter our decline in globalization, drawing inspiration from the logic of the founding fathers - small steps preventing any turning back - he knew the importance of providing Europe with a common currency and a real defense policy.

The single market, the free movement of goods and people, the Euro, Erasmus... are the cement of this essential heritage.

The last President of the European Commission to fight against national selfishness, Jacques Delors has always resisted the temptations of inaction and exercised his responsibilities with the future of the Union and its citizens at heart.

While the current liberal and conservative governments tend to nationalize common policies and advocate withdrawal, thus threatening 60 years of European integration, we must continue the ambitious and progressive fight of Jacques Delors.

Current and future challenges force us to do so." Source Delegation of the social and ecological left to the European Parliament
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