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Separatist says independent Catalonia would leave the EU

● A separatist leader has said Catalonia would have to leave the European Union temporarily if it won independence from Spain, in remarks that could be a vote-loser in 27 September elections.

Jordi Sanchez, president of the Catalan National Assembly, a pro-independence organisation, later said however he wanted to "correct" his remarks. Polls have shown that support among Catalans for independence falls if it means leaving the EU, of which Spain has been a member since 1986.

Catalonia's president, Artur Mas, has por-

trayed the regional election as a proxy vote on independence after Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's government blocked a referendum on the issue.

Sanchez said it was a reality that an independent Catalonia would be temporarily outside the 28-nation EU, although that did not mean leaving the euro single currency. "Initially, it is indisputable (that Catalonia would be outside the EU), but being outside doesn't mean there aren't agreements on relations with the EU and that we can't keep all the conditions that Catalonia has today in relation to Europe."



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