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Spain: The Forward March of Podemos Halted?

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Abstract

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extending beyond the traditional support base of the radical left. None the less, with Spain in a period of political stasis, there are still opportunities for Podemos to play a more influential role in the future, if it can address the challenges it faces without suffering schisms in the process.

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Notes

1. The idea of a sorpasso, referring to an 'overtaking' of a rival party, became widely used in the European political lexicon during the 1970s, with speculation that the Italian Communist Party might finally overtake the Christian Democrats.

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