

Jacques Delors' legacy

Jacques Delors, a passionate advocate of European integration, is widely considered to be the father of the [European single market](#) and the [economic and monetary union](#). Previously a trade union activist, French Finance Minister, and MEP in the first directly elected European Parliament, he served three terms as the President of the European Commission, from 1985 to 1995. Jacques Delors died on 27 December 2023, aged 98.

Following his death, he leaves behind a huge legacy, with numerous commentators underlining his role as one of the architects of today's EU. It was during his term in office that the Member States signed the [Single European Act](#) in 1986 and the [Maastricht Treaty](#) in 1992, which paved the way for the transformation of the [European Economic Community](#), and other pre-EU organisations, into the European Union.

This note gathers links to the **recent publications and commentaries from many international think tanks** on Jacques Delors' life and legacy.

[A tale of two treatises: the Werner and Delors Reports and the birth of the euro](#)
Bruegel, February 2024

[Date with history: The birth of the European Union](#)
Chatham House, February 2024

[Ten reflections on Jacques Delors](#)
Centre for European Reform, January 2024

[Delors, Schäuble and Europe's misdiagnosed competitiveness problem](#)
Centre for European Reform, January 2024

[Jacques Delors' contributions were immense](#)
European Centre for International Political Economy, January 2024

[European Movement International's obituary in commemoration of Jacques Delors](#)
European Movement International, January 2024

[Jacques Delors: European giant](#)
European Policy Centre, January 2024

[In memoriam: Jacques Delors](#)
European University Institute, January 2024

[Jacques Delors and a new European impulse](#)
Foundation for European Progressive Studies, January 2024



[The passing of Jacques Delors, architect of the euro: How will his legacy play out?](#)

Institute for Research in Economic and Fiscal Issues, January 2024

["Come on, courage, the spring of Europe is still ahead of us!"](#)

Jacques Delors Institute, January 2024

[Jacques Delors \(1925-2023\) et l'Europe: Pensée, méthode, style](#)

Le Grand Continent, January 2024

[Disparition de Jacques Delors: Hommage à l'homme qui transforma l'Europe](#)

Science Po, January 2024

[Biographie: Jacques Delors](#)

Toute l'Europe, January 2024

[The Delors legacy: Lessons for the future](#)

Trans-European Policy Studies Association, January 2024

[Jacques Delors: A man ahead of his time](#)

Wilson Center, January 2024

[Europe according to Jacques Delors](#)

Europe Jacques Delors, December 2023

[Jacques Delors: Un message politique européen](#)

Fondation Jean Jaurès, December 2023

[In memory of president Jacques Delors](#)

Fondation Jean Monnet pour Europe, December 2023

[Delors: A great European](#)

Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, December 2023

[Jacques Delors shaped the Europe we know today](#)

Hertie School, December 2023

[An architect of a united Europe](#)

Jacques Delors Institute, December 2023

[Personalism and European Integration: Jacques Delors and the legacy of the 1930s](#)

Cambridge University Press, March 2023

[L'héritage de Robert Schuman dans la vision et l'action de Jacques Delors](#)

Institut Jacques Delors, 2022

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