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SPANISH GOVERNMENT PARDONS JAILED CATALAN SEPARATIST LEADERS

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Spains socialist-led coalition government has finalised controversial pardons for nine Catalan politicians jailed for their involvement in an unauthorised referendum and declaration of independence in 2017. EURACTIVs partner EFE reports.

The nine politicians, including former regional vice-president Oriol Junqueras, were in 2019 sentenced to between nine and 13 years in prison for sedition and misuse of public funds.

The pardons, which will release the leaders from jail, are conditional and a ban on the former politicians on holding public office remains in place.

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