

Selected words from Monsieur d'Estaing

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d'Estaing, former
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What are you planning to
do, considering you're
here? What about the island
of Malta? It's not in the heart
of Europe either. Besides,

the new European Union
Convention. As can be understood from
the (de) in his name (the (e) was
dropped because it came
immediately after the vowel, becoming
(d')), he is a member of a noble
family of France, in other words,
one of the remnants of the French
Revolution.

He is the person who, during his time
as President, brought Greece, which
was applying for full
membership, to the European Union by
supporting his dear friend
Karamanlis.

He is also remembered for his
words from that time: "Europe
ends at the shores of the Aegean." That
he still stands by his words is
evident from the peculiar
statement he made.

What did Monsieur d'Estaing
say?: "...This country (Turkey),
which does not even have a
capital in Europe, is not a
European country. Morocco, 55% of its

Turkish people live outside the
European continent... The day after we
started membership negotiations with
Turkey, Morocco also applied for
membership... Expansion must be
limited to Romania and Bulgaria. Otherwise,
we will be out of the European
continent. This
it means the end of the EU."

Where do we begin to correct
the mistakes in these choice words?

For one thing, Not
counting Thrace, only 13 million
people live in Istanbul.
Furthermore, the 2.5-3 million
Turks living in Europe, even
within his own country, are
apparently excluded from Monsieur
d'Estaing's calculations. It seems
that Monsieur d'Estaing,
without proper knowledge, simply
dismissed the matter with his
method.

Again, according to Monsieur
d'Estaing, because Europe ends at
the Aegean coast, cities like
Izmir are not European. So, we need
to ask Monsieur d'Estaing: Is
Cyprus geographically within the
borders of Europe? If Cyprus
becomes a full member, the
Turks there will not be Europeans.

its people speak a mixture of Arabic
and Italian and don't resemble
Europeans at all. I suppose you have
no objection to that?

Regarding Morocco's
membership application, it's
said that as people get older, they
remember the past better and forget
the present, but Monsieur d'Estaing,
just as he uses selective language
today, doesn't remember the
past well either. Morocco
applied for full membership
immediately following Türkiye's
application to the EU in April
1987. This application was
quickly rejected by the EU
Commission, citing Morocco's lack
of a European membership.

Monsieur d'Estaing either does
not know or does not remember
that Morocco's application for
full membership was rejected by the
Commission.

Since 1987, Morocco, located
on the African continent, is not
geographically connected to the European
continent, so there is no legal
possibility for Morocco to reapply.
Monsieur d'Estaing says, "If Turkey
becomes a full member of the EU,

the EU will come to an end." The
relationship between the EU and
Türkiye, which began in 1958, was
legalized with the Ankara Agreement
of 1963. The Additional Protocol
was then signed in 1970, and in 1995,
with the 1995 Association
Council Decision, Turkey and the EU
They have established a Customs Union.

Furthermore, Turkey has been a
founding member of the Council
of Europe since 1949 and has been
a member of NATO and the OECD for
many years.

Despite all these facts, if
Türkiye's EU membership will lead to
the end of the EU, then, with all due
respect to Monsieur d'Estaing, either
the EU is an institution made
of dung, or these thoughts
of Monsieur d'Estaing are nothing
more than the delusions of an old
man who should be spending
the last days of his life in his
mansion.