

# Spain's separatist regions

Madrid's plan to use Article 155 of its constitution to dissolve Catalonia's parliament and directly administer the region could have a ripple effect on other separatist movements in Spain



## BASQUE COUNTRY

Basque leaders want Basque Country and Catalonia to be allowed to hold legal referendum following

negotiation with Madrid

**Basque president Iñaki Urkullu says Article 155 is "disproportionate and extreme"**

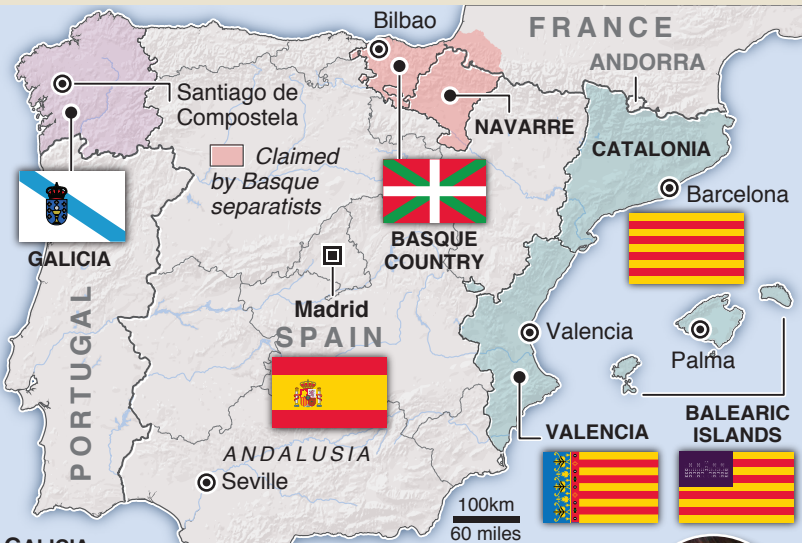


## CATALONIA

Catalan government says referendum of Oct 1, which Spanish government has ruled illegal,

gives mandate for independence

**Madrid insists Catalan president Carles Puigdemont and his cabinet will be sacked**



## GALICIA

Region with own identity, language and separatist strain

**Lack of economic development has slowed spread of Galician nationalism**

## CATALAN-SPEAKING REGIONS

Valencia and Balearic Islands, where variants of Catalan are spoken, have regionalist parties that demand better autonomy

**Regional presidents of Valencia, Ximo Puig, and Balearic Islands, Francina Armengol (above), favour moving Spain towards federal system**

