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## Latin America and the US, vital for the future of the Spanish language

### According to the president of La Rioja

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**USPA NEWS** - "Latin America is vital for the future of Spanish. No less important is the US Hispanic community with a high rate of population growth," the president of the regional Government of La Rioja, Jose Ignacio Ceniceros, said Friday at the close of the conference Future in Spanish.

"Spanish is a living thing that is enriched every day and that, as Gabriel Garcia Marquez said, 'not long be in their shoes'. The Spanish breaks borders and not created. The Spanish unites people and does not separate. The Spanish opens doors and does not close," said Jose Ignacio Ceniceros. For two days, Logrono, capital of La Rioja, the land where the Spanish language was born, has hosted 'A dialogue between Spain and Latin America' on the importance of Spanish and its influence on the social and economic development of Spanish-speaking peoples.

An important influence. According to a study by the Telefonica Foundation on the economic value of the Spanish language, share 290% increase bilateral trade between Spanish-speaking countries. Therefore, the next edition of Future in Spanish will spread to the Americas. "Building bridges and crossing them is the best way to make known the real value of the Spanish language to strengthen dialogue between the two shores of the Atlantic, promoting cultural diversity and promote economic growth," the President of the regional Government of La Rioja said.

Jose Ignacio Ceniceros recalled that Spanish is the second language in the world by number of native speakers and the second in business. Currently, over 540 million people speak Spanish as their first language and almost 20 million study it as a foreign language. But, as noted in this forum during its first day, may soon be 1,300 million Spanish people. A future in Spanish.

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