

Exploring Liechtenstein's and Poland's Perspectives on European Integration



Poland in the Post-Brexit European Union

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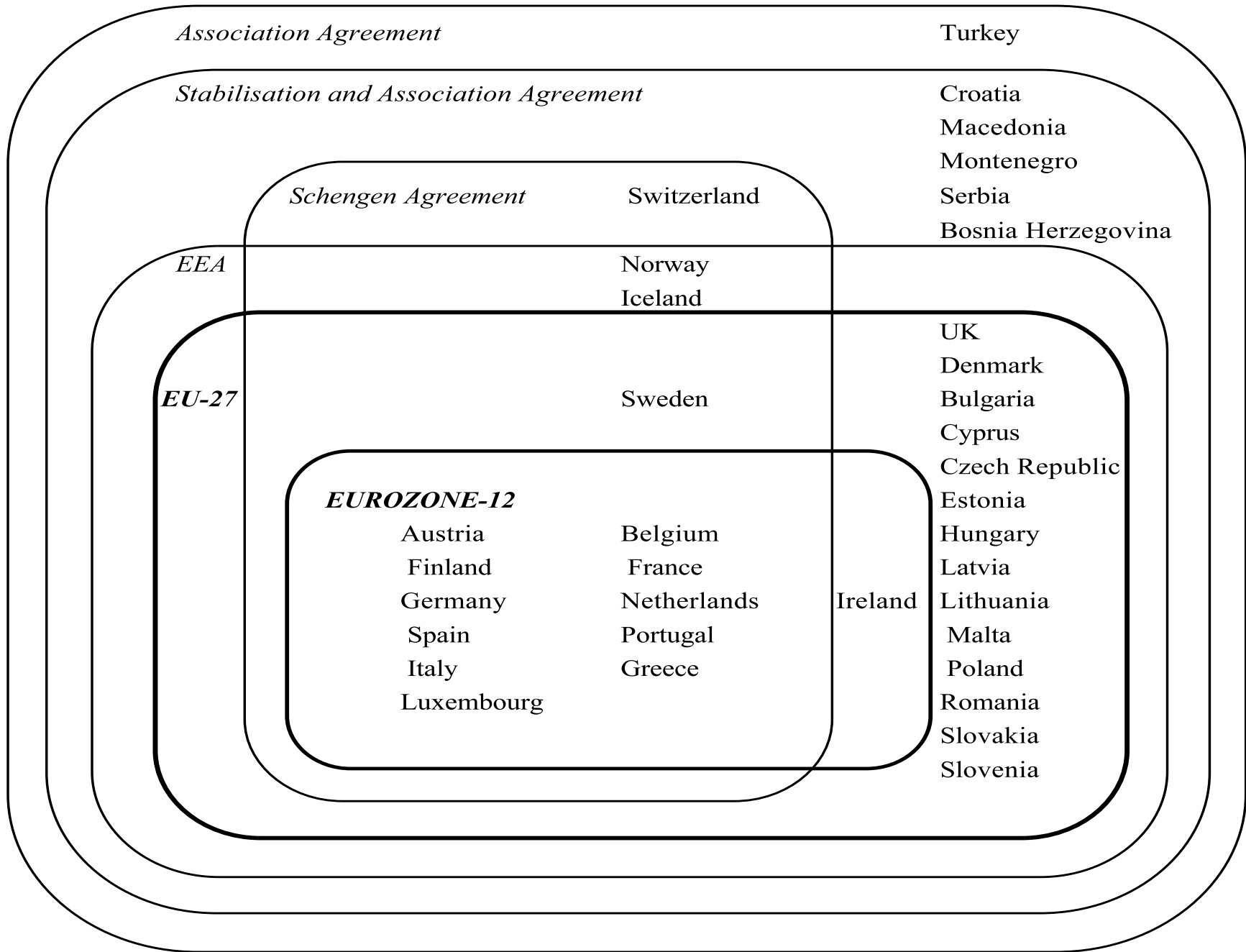
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Iceland 
Liechtenstein
Norway grants

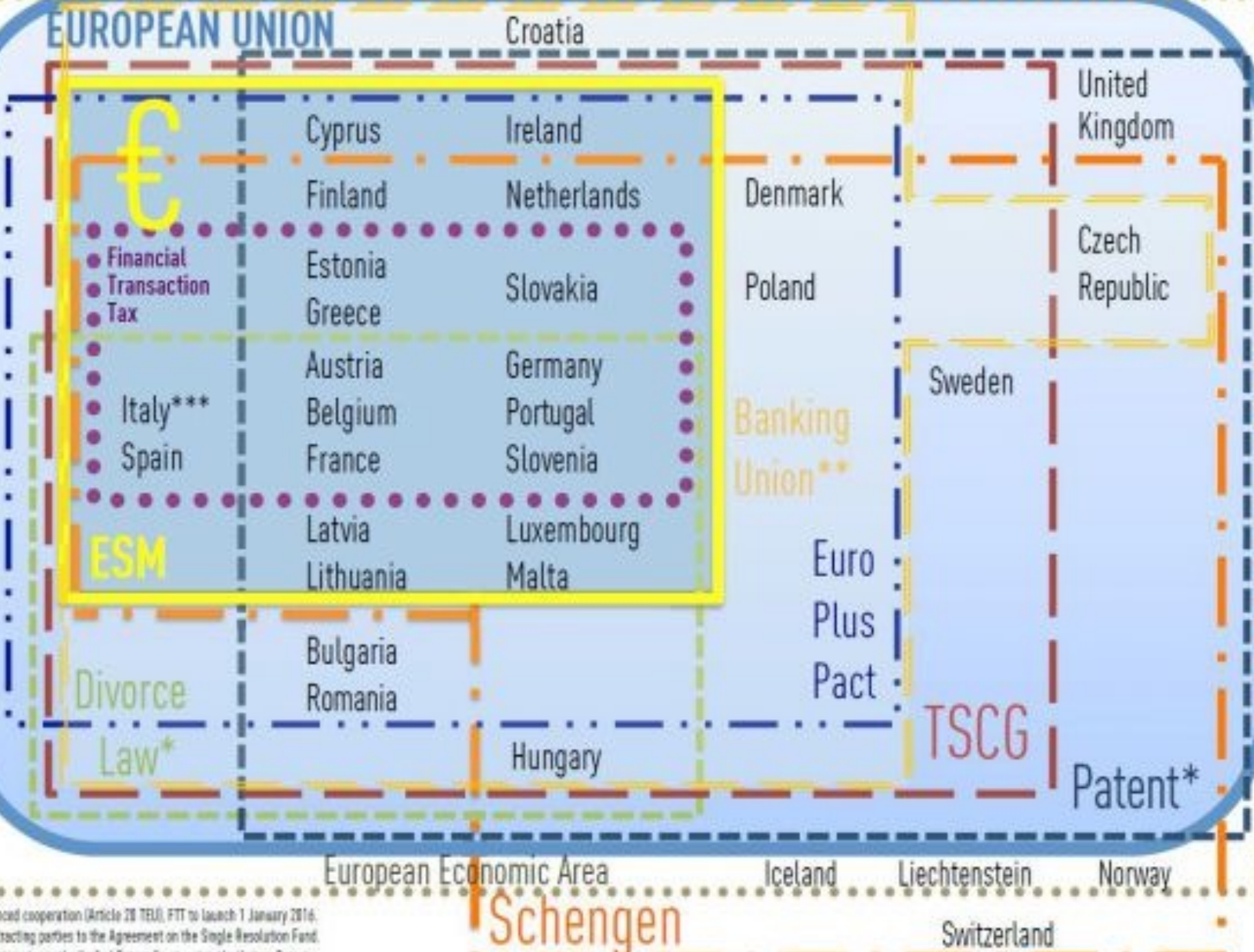
- ◆ **INTRO**
- ◆ **Positioning Poland on the map of European (differentiated) integration**
- ◆ **Economy**
- ◆ **Politics**
- ◆ **Social Dimension**
- ◆ **Outlook for the future**

- ◆ **Q & A**





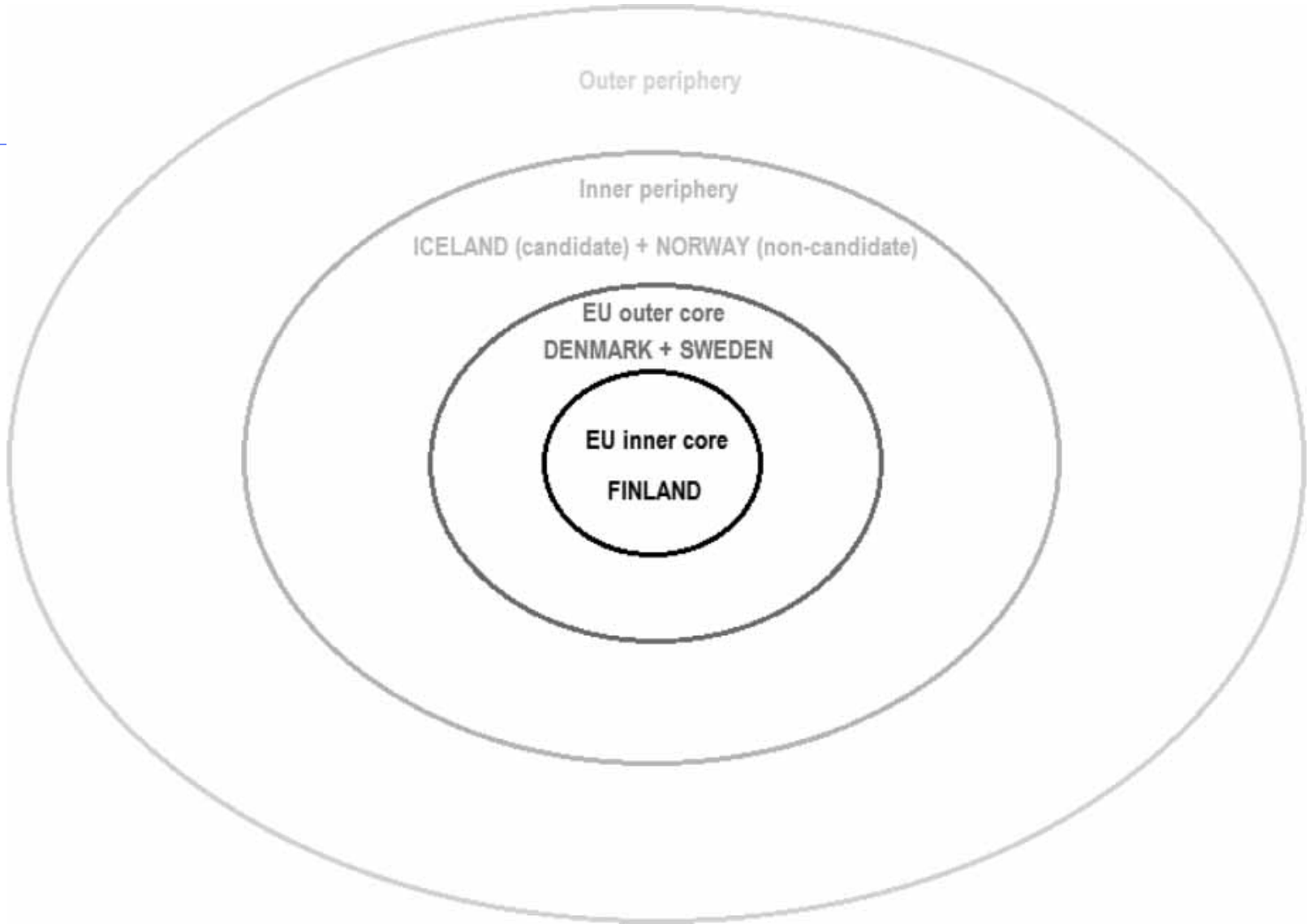
EUROPEAN UNION



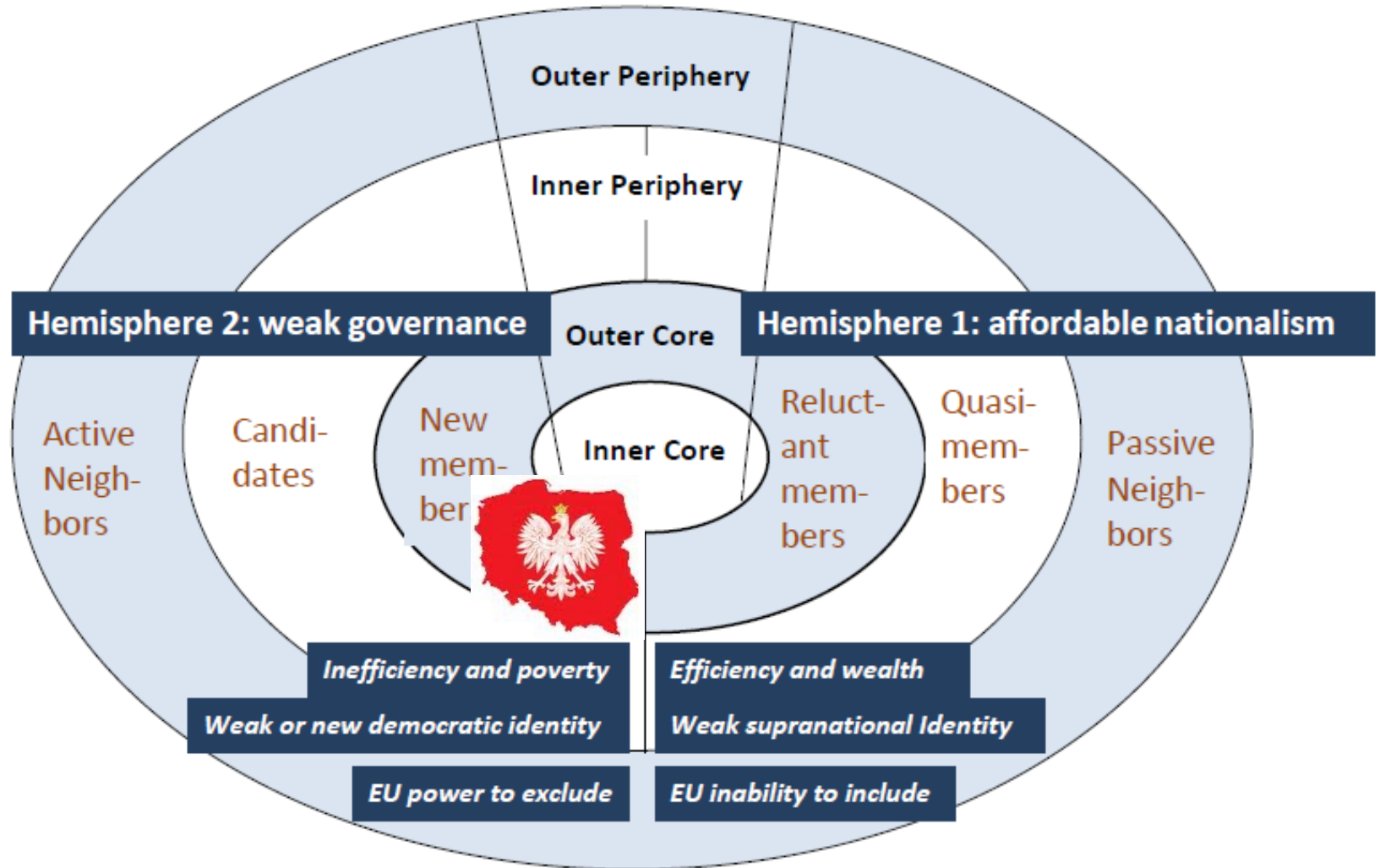
*] Enhanced cooperation (Article 20 TEU), FTT to launch 1 January 2016.

**] Contracting parties to the Agreement on the Single Resolution Fund.

***] participates in the Unified Patent Court, not in the Unitary Patent.

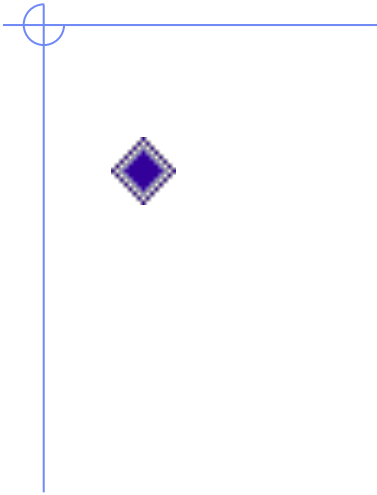
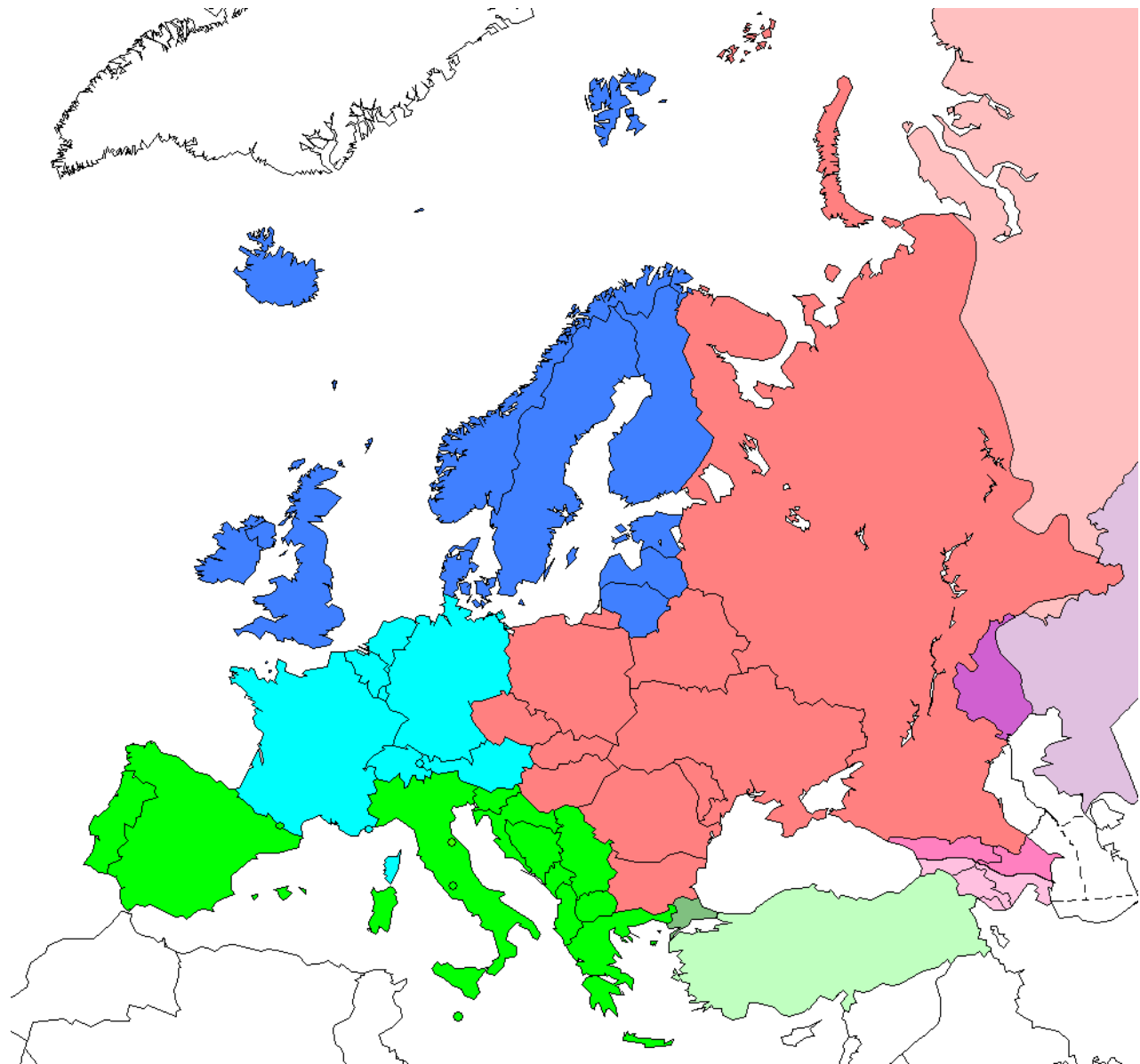


Circles and hemispheres of differentiated European integration





Central Europe ?



KULTURELLE KERNRÄUME
nach Huntington

"WESTLICHE WELT"

RUSSISCHE FÖDERATION

EUROPA

NORDAMERIKA

JAPAN

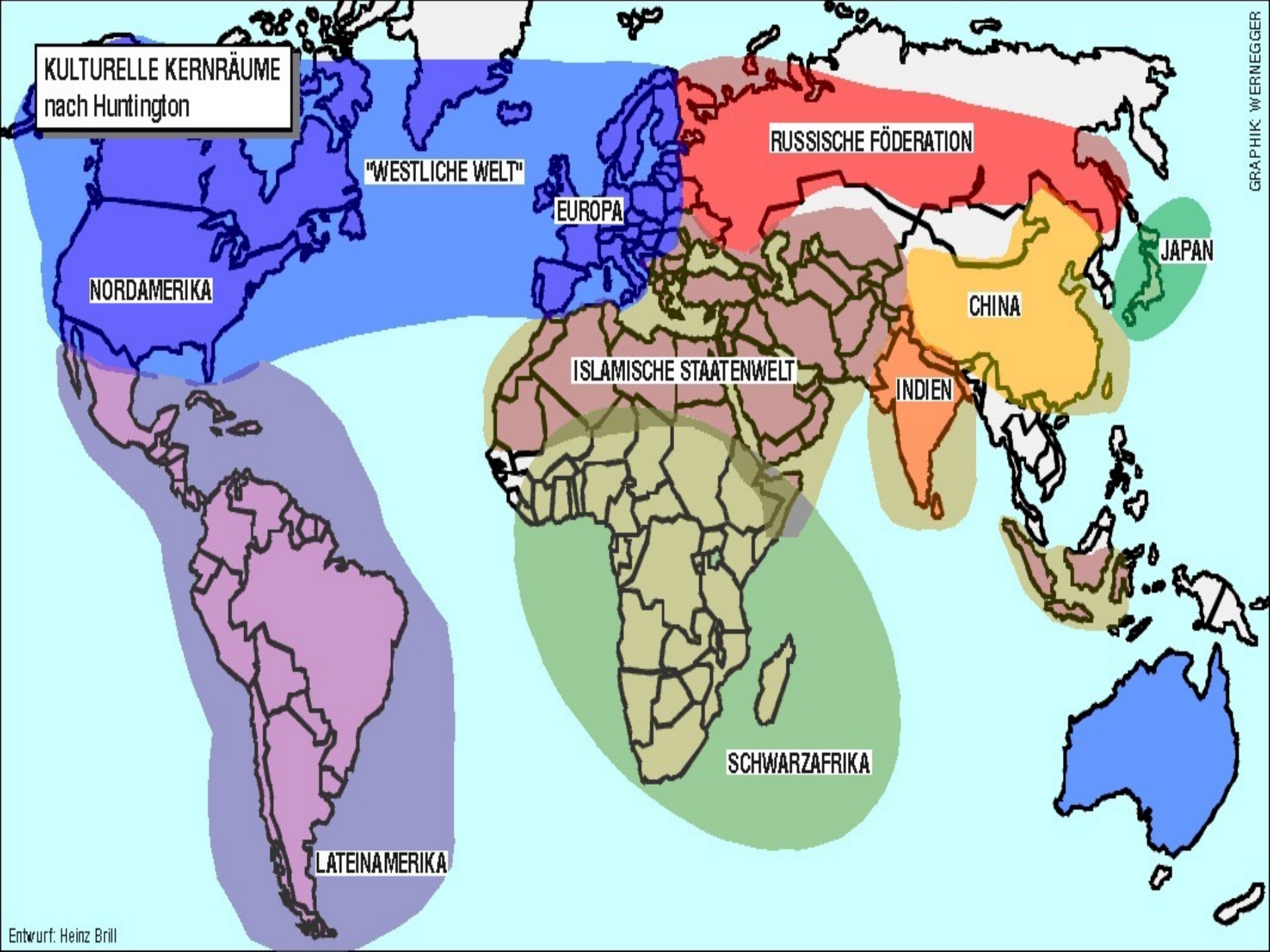
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ISLAMISCHE STAATENWELT

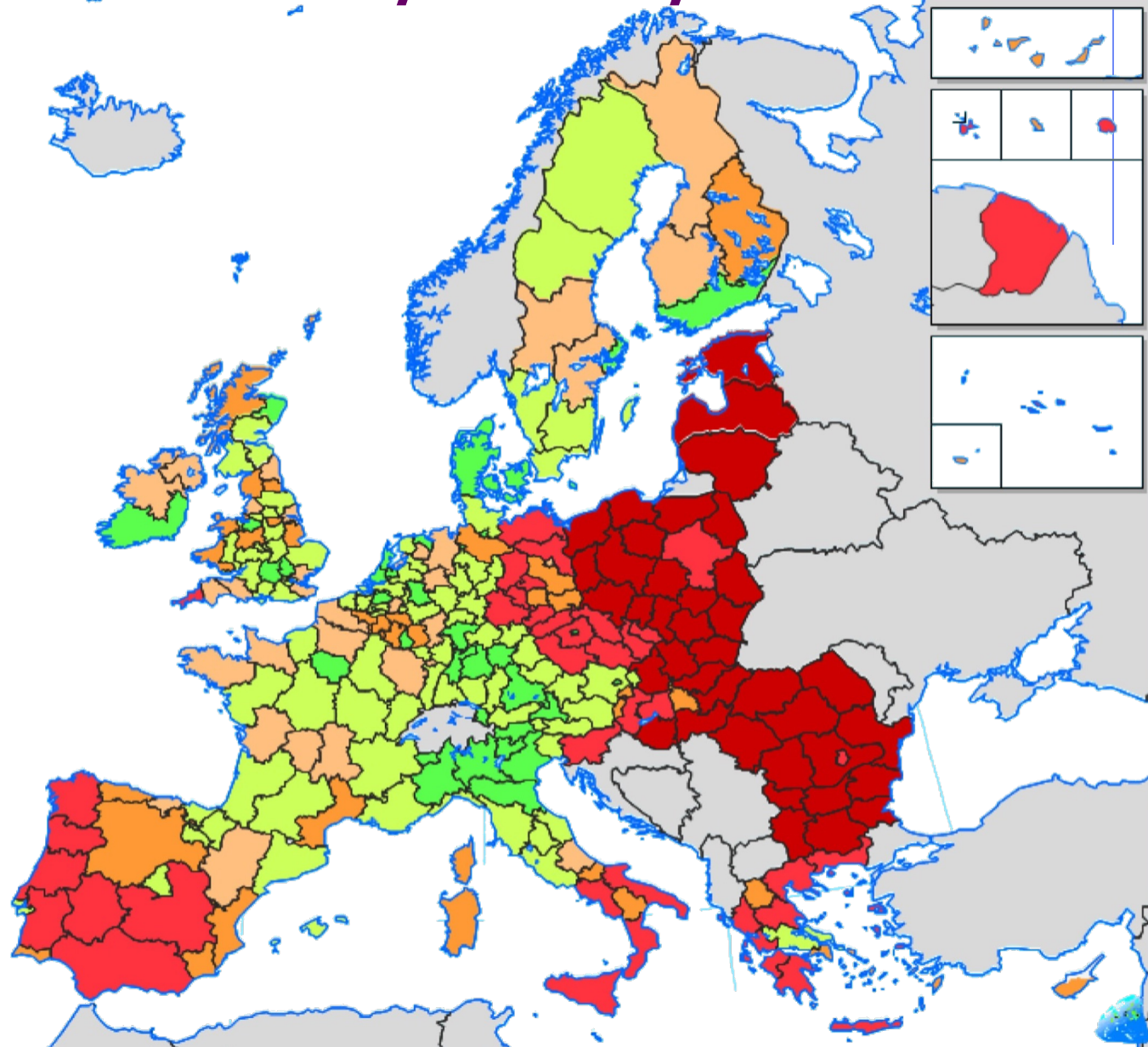
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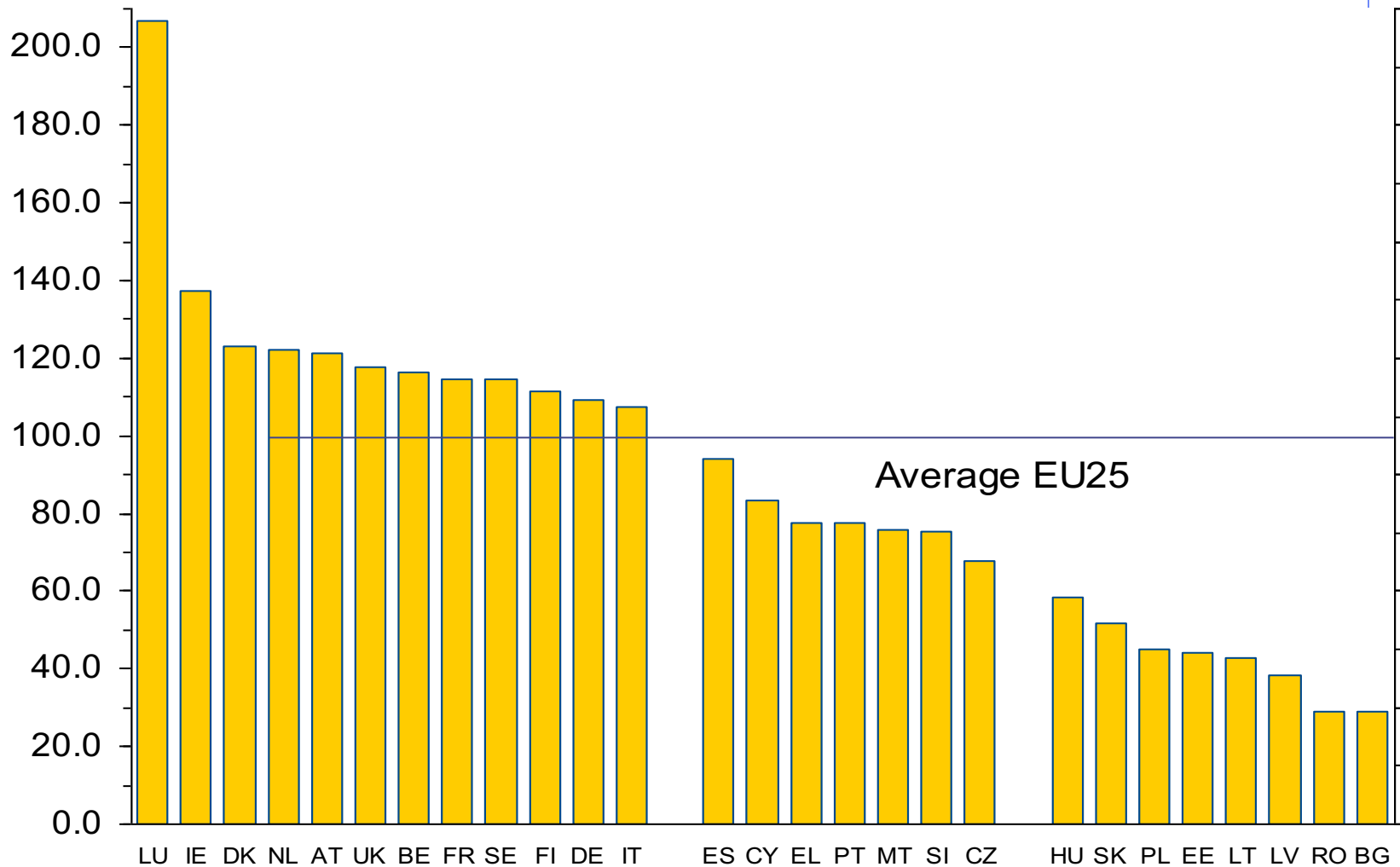
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GDP *per capita* PPS



GDP *per capita* PPS in relation to EU 25

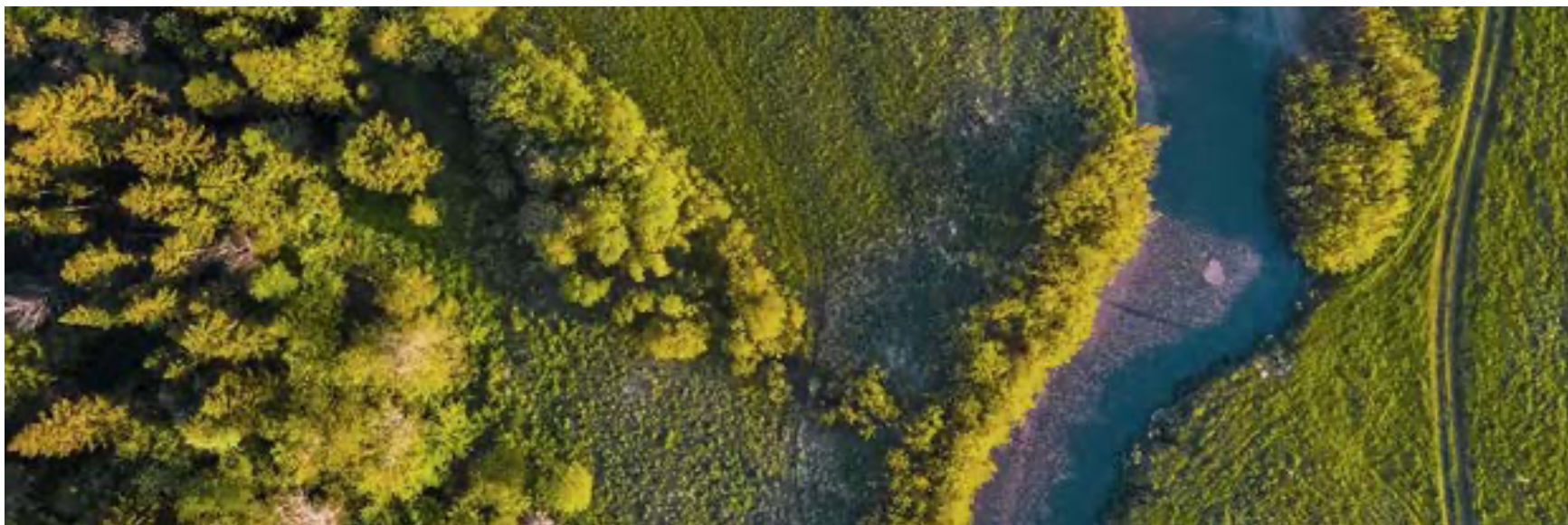




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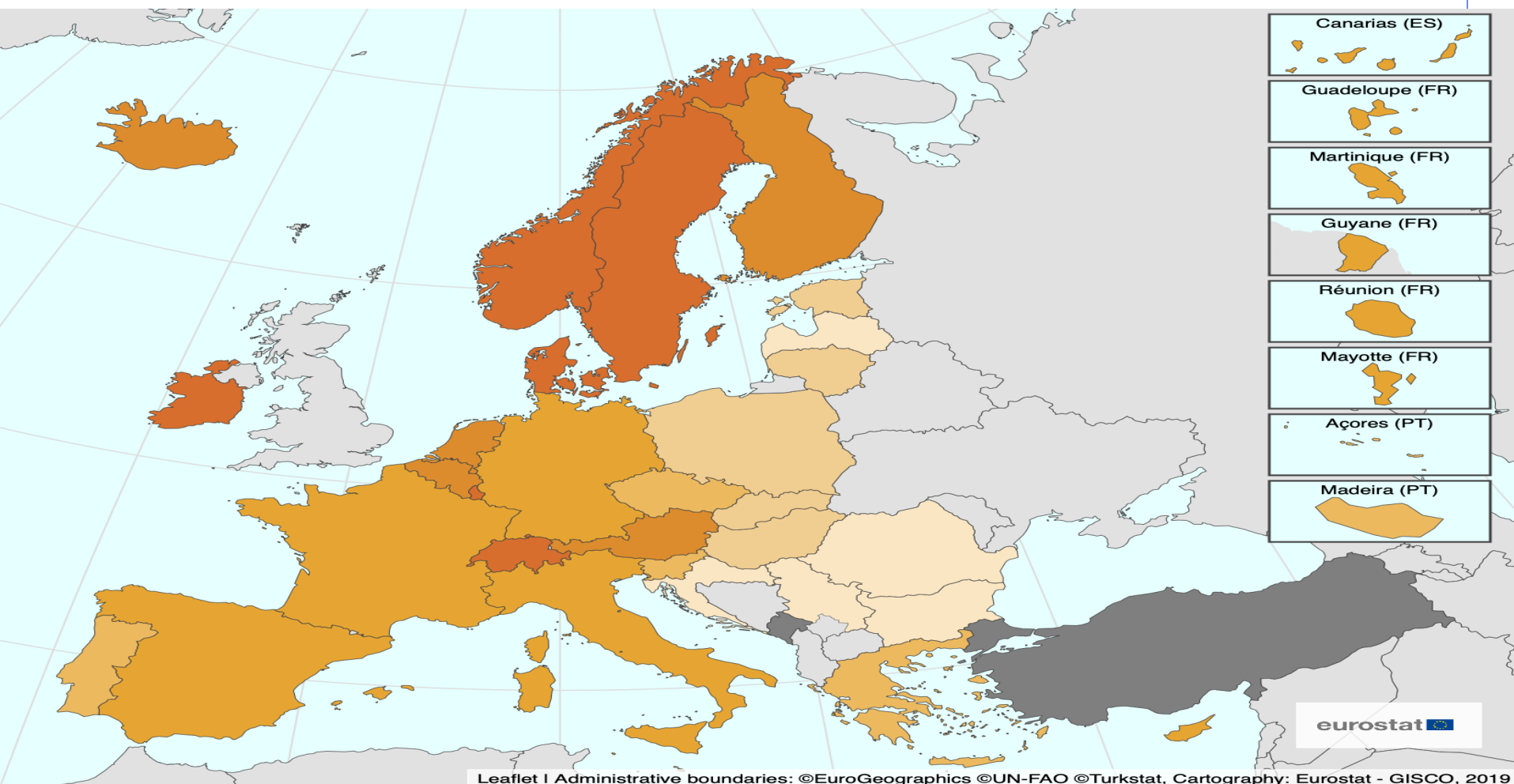
Cohesion in Europe towards 2050

Eighth report on economic,
social and territorial cohesion

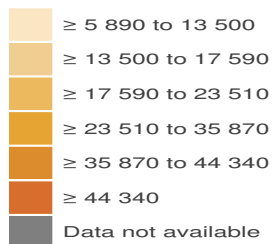


Real GDP per capita

Geopolitical entity (reporting) / Time: 2021 Time frequency: Annual Unit of measure: Chain linked volumes (2010), euro per capita National accounts indicator (ESA 2010): Gross domestic product at market prices

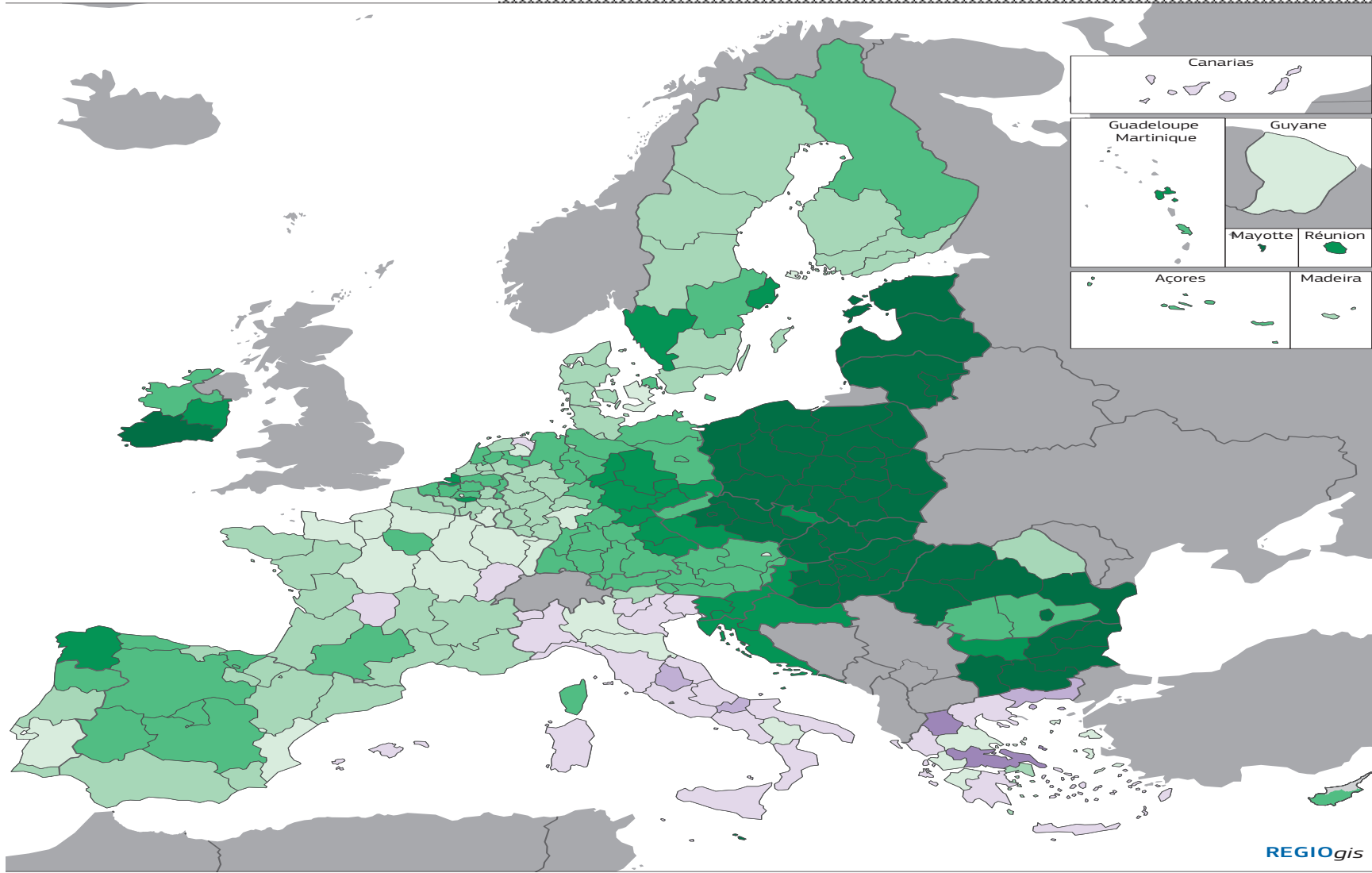


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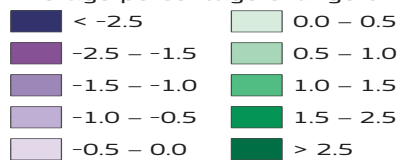
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Map 2.2 Growth of GDP per head, 2001–2019

Average percentage change on the preceding year

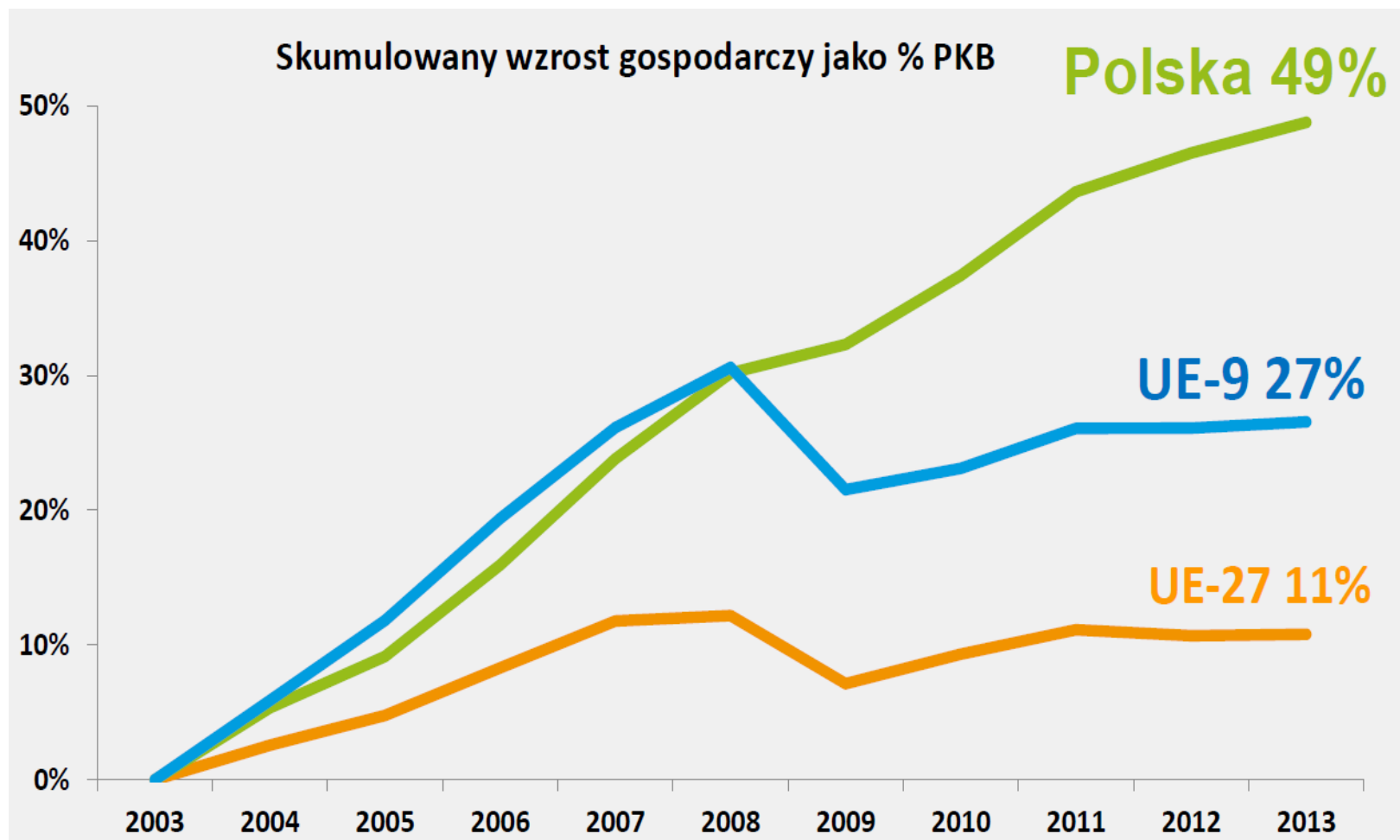


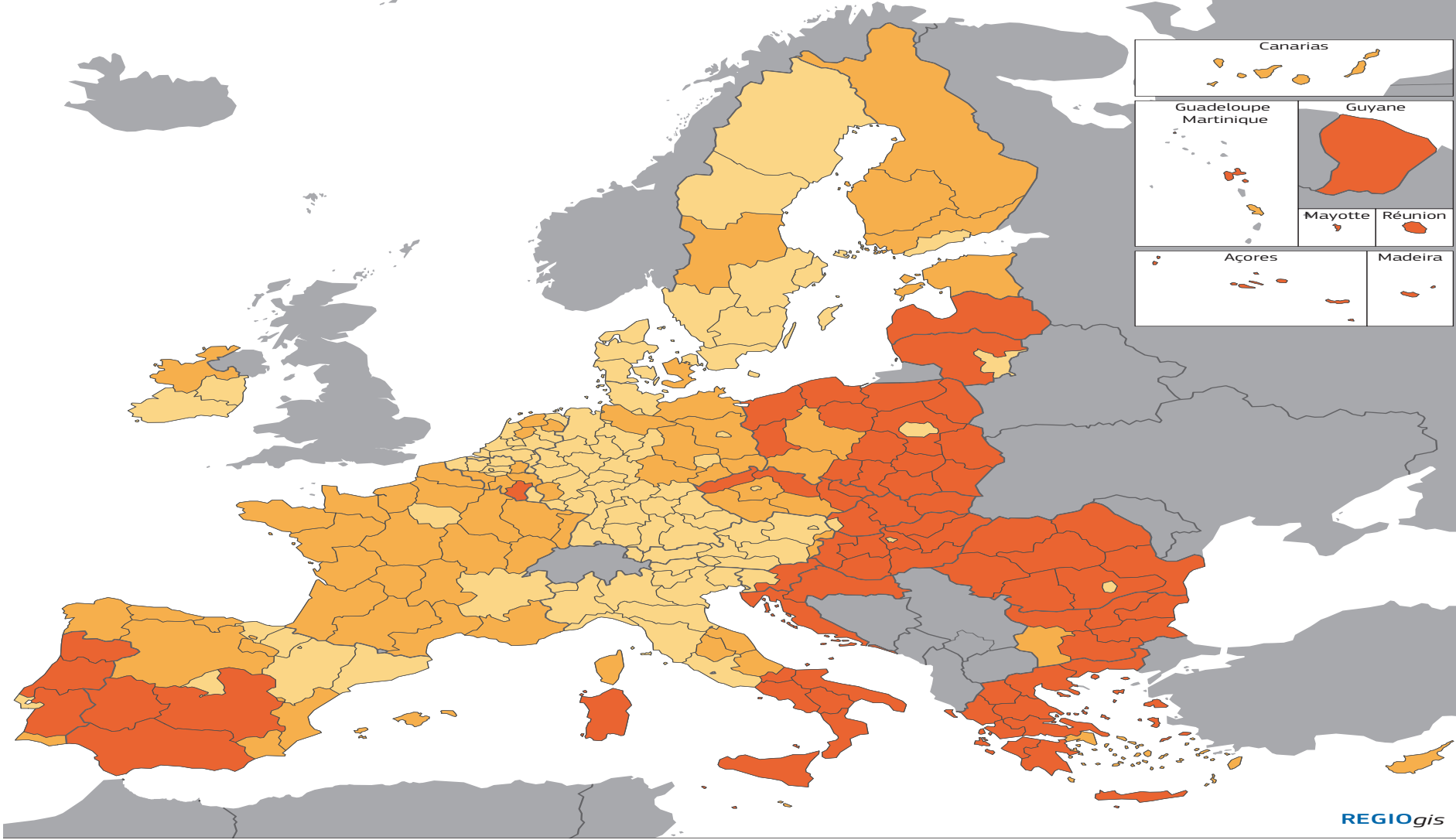
EU-27 = 1.2

Source: DG REGIO based on JRC and Eurostat data.

0 500 km

Cumulated growth





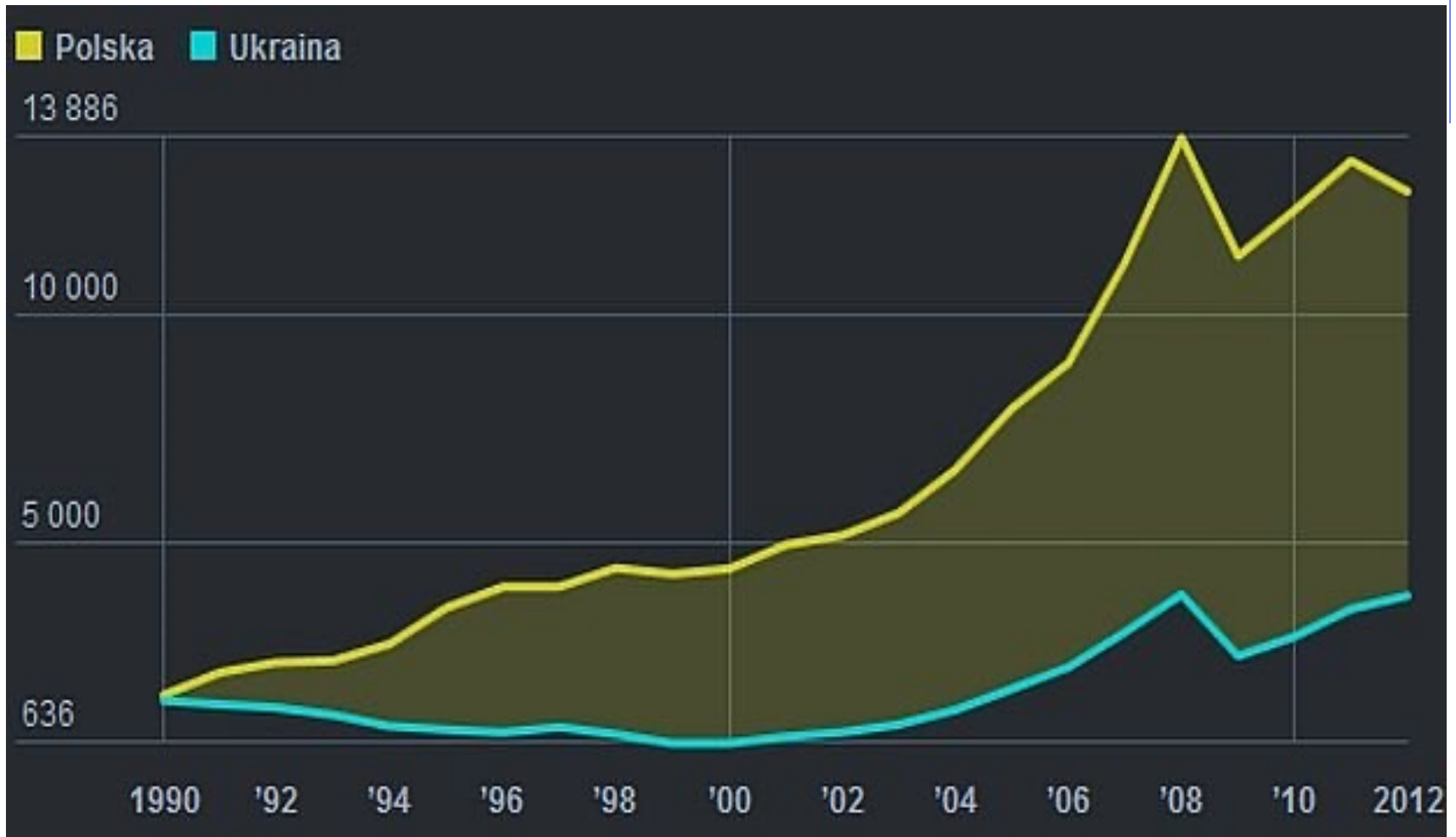
Category of regions for cohesion policy (ERDF and ESF+), 2021–2027

- Less developed regions (GDP per head (PPS) less than 75% of the EU-27 average)
- Transition regions (GDP per head (PPS) between 75% and 100% of the EU-27 average)
- More developed regions (GDP per head (PPS) above 100% of the EU-27 average)

GDP per head: average 2015–2016–2017.

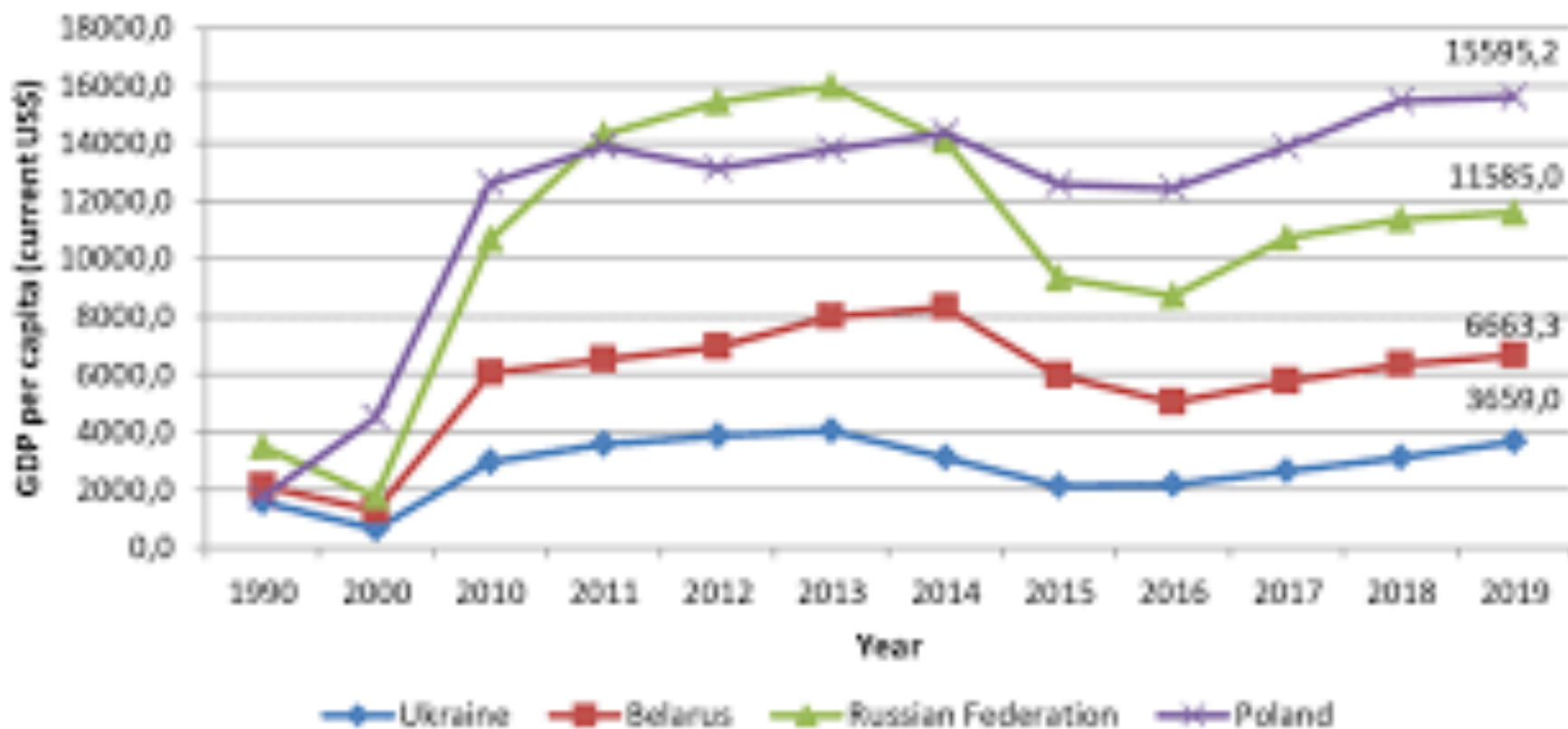
0 500 km

Poland and Ukraine ...



Poland 16700 USD / 2020

Ukraine 3700 USD (4,5x)





General implications of BREXIT

- ◆ Changing power relations inside of the EU
- ◆ *free marketeers* ... leaving
- ◆ the limits of internal differentiation
- ◆ BREXIT widens the circles of differentiated integration



MAIN DIMENSIONS:

- ◆ Economic
- ◆ Political
- ◆ Social
- ◆ Symbolic



Economic background

Budgetary flows

Trade flows ... and (im)balances

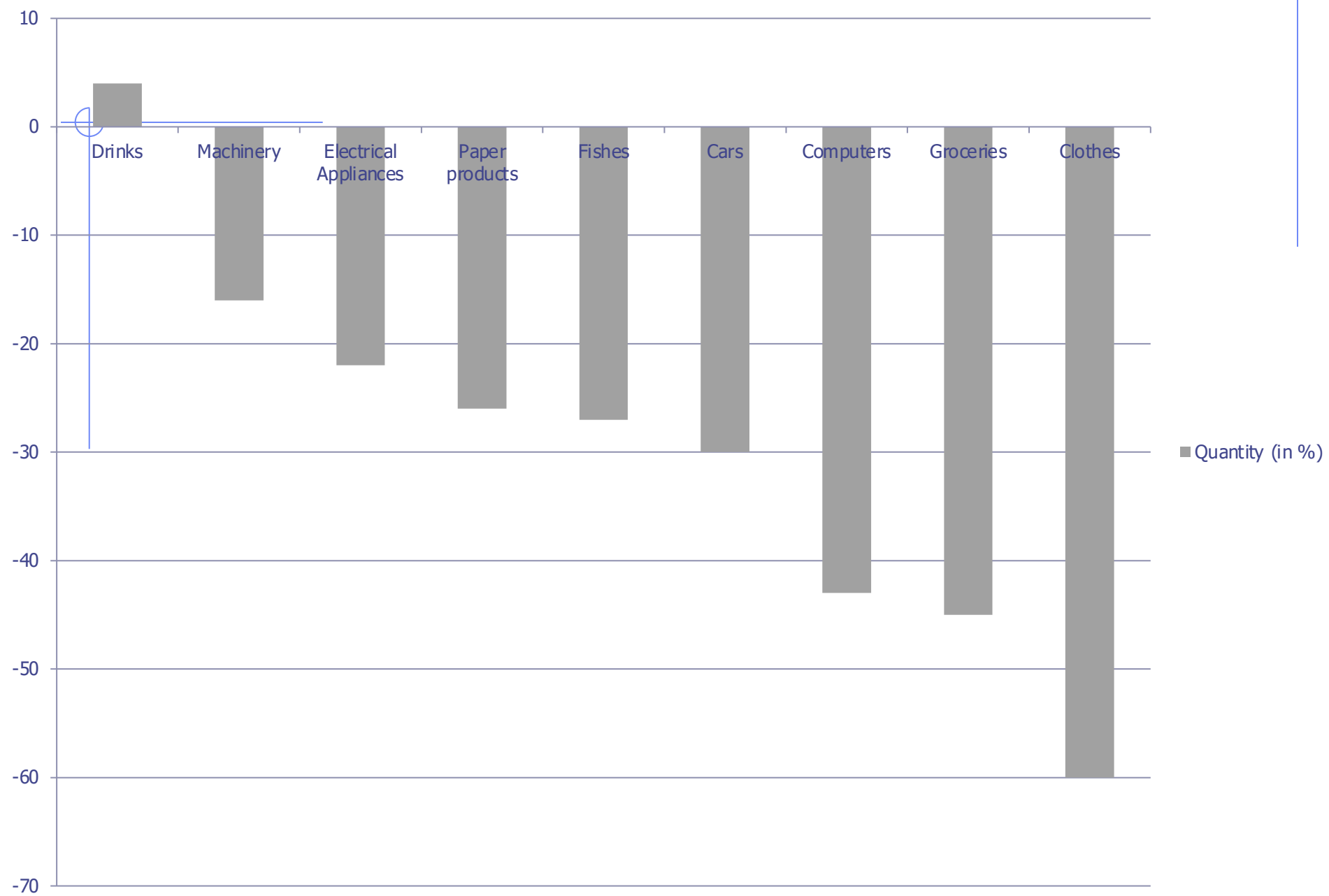
Investment flows



Changes in Polish product exports to Great Britain (2019 compared to 2021)



Changes in Polish product imports from Great Britain (2019 compared to 2021)



31.01.2021

Trade and Cooperation Agreement

Exports from PL to UK - 28,8%

Imports from UK to PL - 59,7%



INTRA-EU trade dependency

PL - more than 70% of all exports, and 80% of all imports is traded with EU economies

UK is second largest export market for PL



UK's first trading partners

- USA
- Germany
- Switzerland
- China

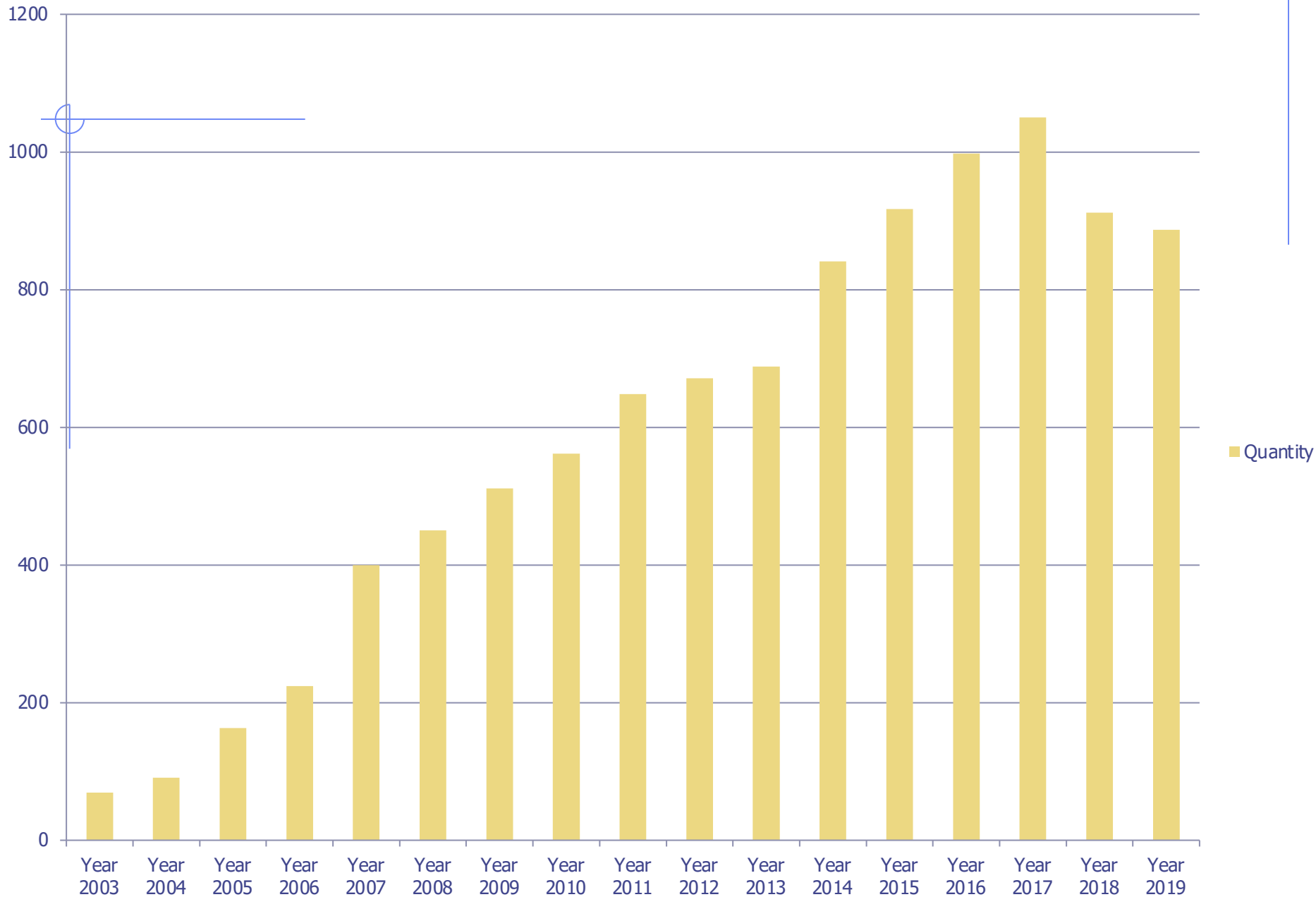


SOCIAL DIMENSION

Migration



The number of Poles residing in Great Britain (in thousands)



POLITICAL ASPECT(s)

SUPRA-NATIONAL LEVEL

- EU Parliament
- Council

DOMESTIC POLITICS

- EUROscepticism
- Discourse on: de-Europeanization / Differentiated integration

SYMBOLIC LEVEL

◆ rethorics



“European Union is a utopian vision that is falling down”.

Zdzisław Krasnodębski (2016)

Andrzej Duda – the President



*Why did the British take such a decision?
Isn't it like this that the EU imposes
too much on the member states?
Isn't it like this that the citizens feel
they have no right to make statements
in important for them issues?*

CONCLUSIONS

- ◆ POLAND as "second Britain" ?
- ◆ Potential avenues ...



POLEXIT

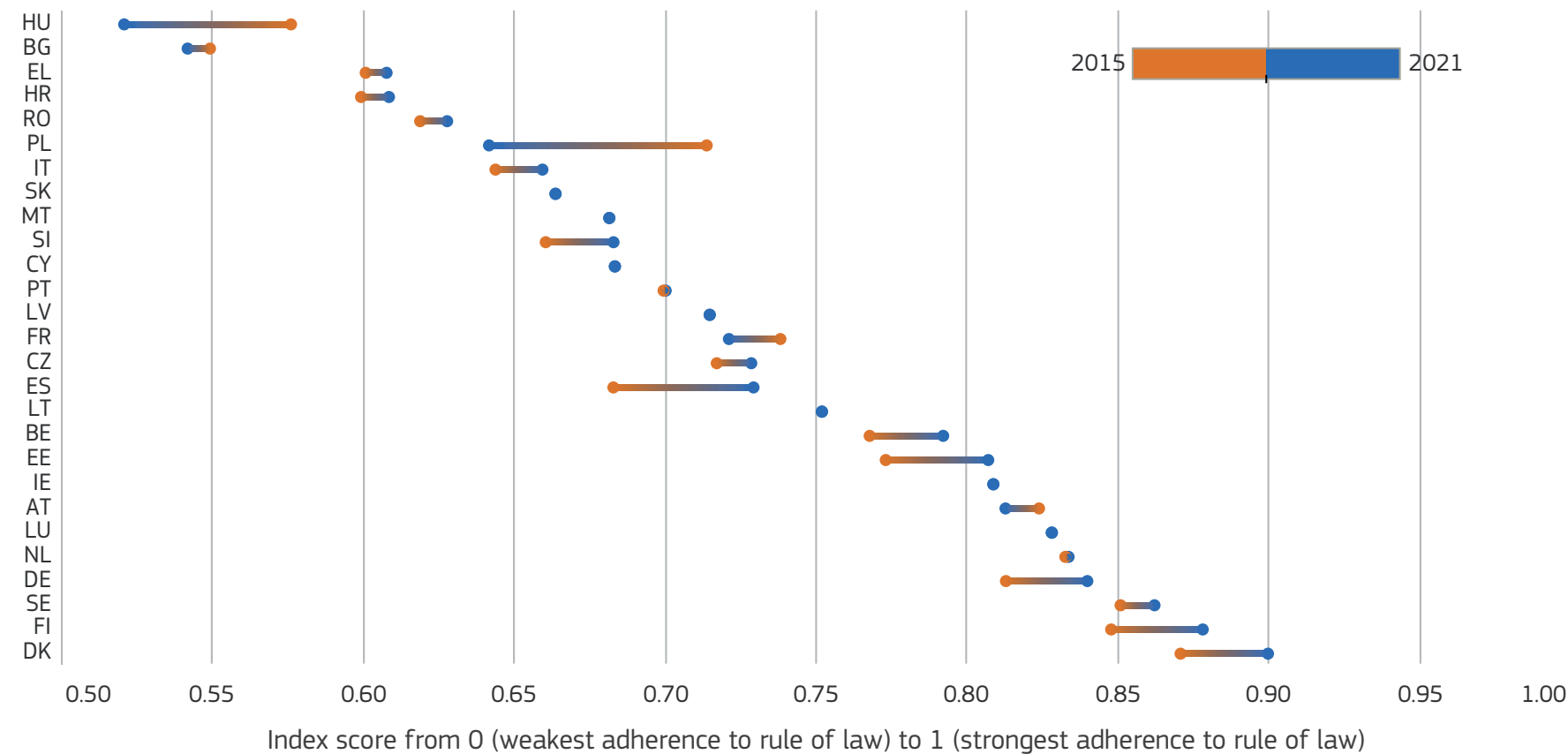
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POLEXIT

Poland and Hungary leaving the EU



Figure 7.3 Rule of Law Index score (World Justice Project), 2015 and 2021



Countries are ordered according to their 2021 score. CY, IE, LV, LT, MT, SK: no data available before 2021.

Source: World Justice Project – Rule of Law Index.

PiS and EUrope



Pessimistic vision of **EU** and its future



WHY PiS does not like Europe?



CONCLUSIONS



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Thank you for your attention

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