

My American Perspectives
on NATO
and the European Union

Capstone

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Hurricane Linda west of Mexico
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The Past is Important - American views

Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair.

- **George Washington**

We have a great dream. It started way back in 1776, and God grant that America will be true to her dream.

- **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Whatever America hopes to bring to pass in the world must first come to pass in the heart of America.

- **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

Relevant terms

- ***Schadenfreude*** – from German
- ***Kakistocracy*** – from Greek
- ***It depends*** – from English





SPIEGEL-Gespräch

Martin Schulz: „Es geht in Deutschland nicht gerecht zu“

Kapitalanlage

Autos, Aktien, Anleihen – was tun in heiklen Zeiten?

Schule

Die unverstandenen Problemkinder

FEBRUARY 4TH–10TH 2017

An insurgent in the White House



From smartphones to smart glasses

Picking winners in emerging markets

The real African Queen

Why 16-year-olds should vote



Trump imitators rise around the world

Foreign leaders see him as
a model for shunning democracy

**It ain't what you don't know that gets you in
trouble.**

It's what you know for sure that just ain't so.

Attributed to Mark Twain

HOW MANY RELATIONSHIPS ARE WE MANAGING?



UN - 193

NATO - 29

EU - 28-UK,?



The United Nations System

UN PRINCIPAL ORGANS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECURITY COUNCIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

SECRETARIAT

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL⁶

Subsidiary Organs

- Main Committees
- Disarmament Commission
- Human Rights Council
- International Law Commission
- Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Funds and Programmes¹

- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
 - UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund
 - UNV** United Nations Volunteers
- UNEP⁸** United Nations Environment Programme
- UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund
- UN-HABITAT⁸** United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund
- WFP** World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

Research and Training

- UNIDIR** United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College
- UNU** United Nations University

Other Entities

- ITC** International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)
- UNCTAD^{1,8}** United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- UNHCR¹** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNOPS¹** United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNRWA¹** United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-WOMEN¹** United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Related Organizations

- CTBTO PREPARATORY COMMISSION** Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
- IAEA^{1,3}** International Atomic Energy Agency
- ICC** International Criminal Court
- IOM¹** International Organization for Migration
- ISA** International Seabed Authority
- ITLOS** International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- OPCW³** Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- WTO^{1,4}** World Trade Organization

Subsidiary Organs

- Counter-Terrorism Committee
- International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- Military Staff Committee
- Peacekeeping operations and political missions
- Sanctions committees (ad hoc)
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Peacebuilding Commission

HLPF High-level political forum on sustainable development

Functional Commissions

- Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Narcotic Drugs
- Population and Development
- Science and Technology for Development
- Social Development
- Statistics
- Status of Women
- United Nations Forum on Forests

Regional Commissions⁸

- ECA** Economic Commission for Africa
- ECE** Economic Commission for Europe
- ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ESCW** Economic and Social Commission or Western Asia

Other Bodies

- Committee for Development Policy
- Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- UNAIDS** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UNEGN** United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Research and Training

- UNICRI** United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
- UNRISD** United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Specialized Agencies^{1,5}

- FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization
- IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development
- ILO** International Labour Organization
- IMF** International Monetary Fund
- IMO** International Maritime Organization
- ITU** International Telecommunication Union
- UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- UNWTO** World Tourism Organization
- UPU** Universal Postal Union
- WHO** World Health Organization
- WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization
- WMO** World Meteorological Organization
- WORLD BANK GROUP⁷**
 - IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - IDA** International Development Association
 - IFC** International Finance Corporation

Departments and Offices⁹

- EOSG** Executive Office of the Secretary-General
- DESA** Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- DGACM** Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
- DGC** Department of Global Communications
- DMSPC** Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
- DOS** Department of Operational Support
- DPO** Department of Peace Operations
- DPPA** Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
- DSS** Department of Safety and Security
- OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- ODA** Office for Disarmament Affairs
- OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- OIOS** Office of Internal Oversight Services
- OLA** Office of Legal Affairs
- OSAA** Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
- SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
- SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- SRSG/VAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children
- UNISDR** United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- UNODC¹** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- UNOG** United Nations Office at Geneva
- UN-OHRLLS** Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- UNON** United Nations Office at Nairobi
- UNOP²** United Nations Office for Partnerships
- UNOV** United Nations Office at Vienna

- Notes:**
- Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
 - UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
 - IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).
 - WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
 - Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (inter-governmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
 - The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
 - International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
 - The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
 - The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and the Office of Administration of Justice.

This Chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System.



NATO

ORGANIZATION / STRUCTURE
MISSIONS
FUTURE
CROSS-CULTURAL

German Chancellor Angela MERKEL at the Munich Security Conference, February 16, 2019

Thirty years ago - and we will remember this year - the Berlin Wall fell, and with it the Iron Curtain. The Cold War came to a close. At the time people talked about this: **do we still need something like NATO? We know today: Yes, we need NATO as an anchor of stability in stormy times. We need them as a community of values**, because we should never forget that we founded NATO not just as a military alliance, but as **a community of values in which human rights, democracy and the rule of law are the guideline for joint action.**



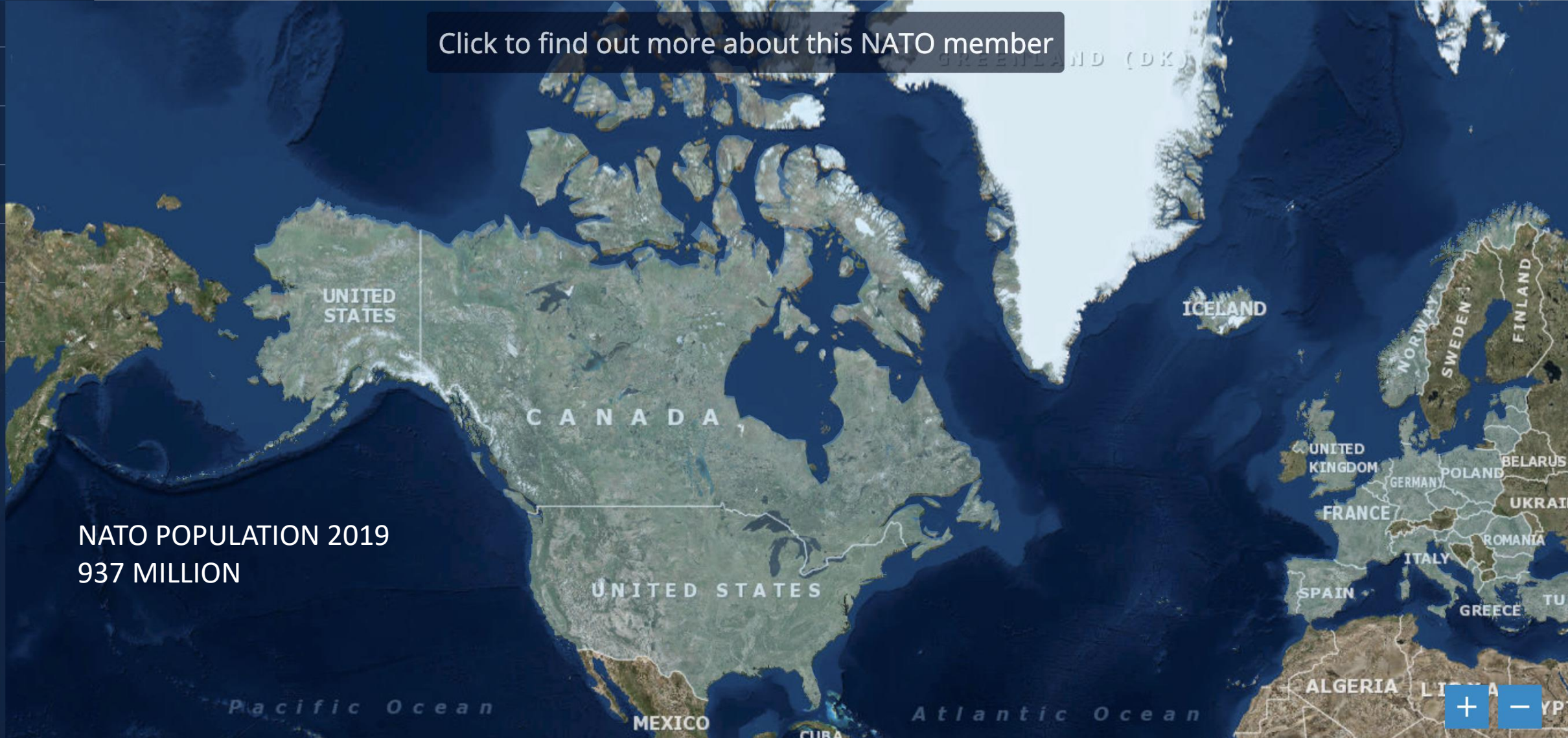
NATO POPULATION 2019
937 MILLION



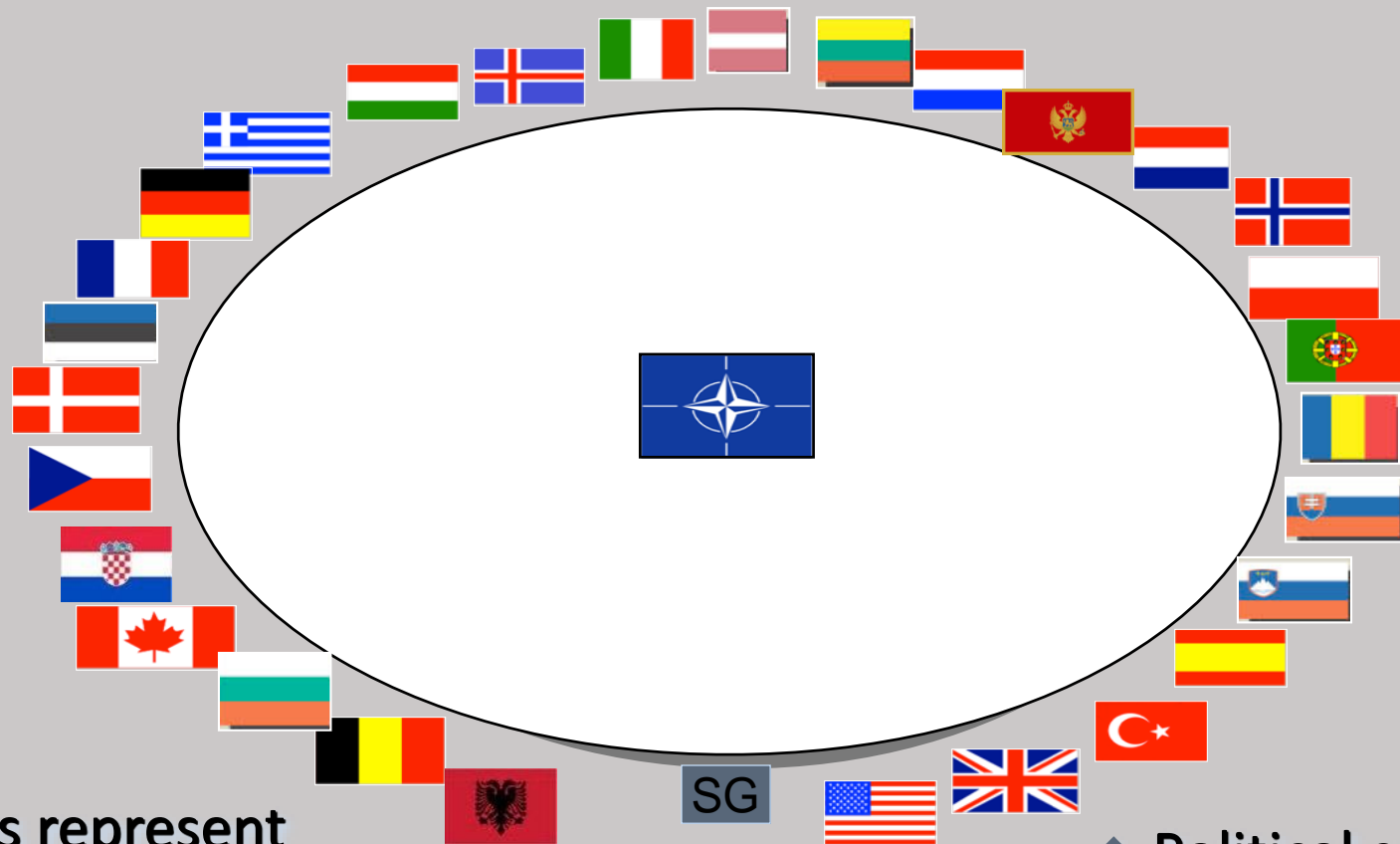
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NATO POPULATION 2019
937 MILLION



North Atlantic Council Decisions by Consensus



◆ Perm Reps represent
all elements of government

SG
CMC SoC

◆ Political control of the military
at all times

NATO

Civil Organisation



SECGEN Jens STOLTENBERG



International Staff
and Committees

Military Organisation



**ACM Sir Stuart PEACH, RAF
Chairman, Mil Cte (CMC)**

Military Committee

International
Military Staff

Strategic commands

**GEN Andre LANATA
FRAF, SACT**



**GEN Tod WOLTERS,
USAF
SACEUR / SACO
(COMUSEUCOM)**



SACT and SACO



**ALLIED COMMAND
TRANSFORMATION (ACT)
NORFOLK, VA USA**



**SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED POWERS EUROPE (SHAPE)
ALLIED COMMAND OPERATIONS
MONS, BELGIUM**



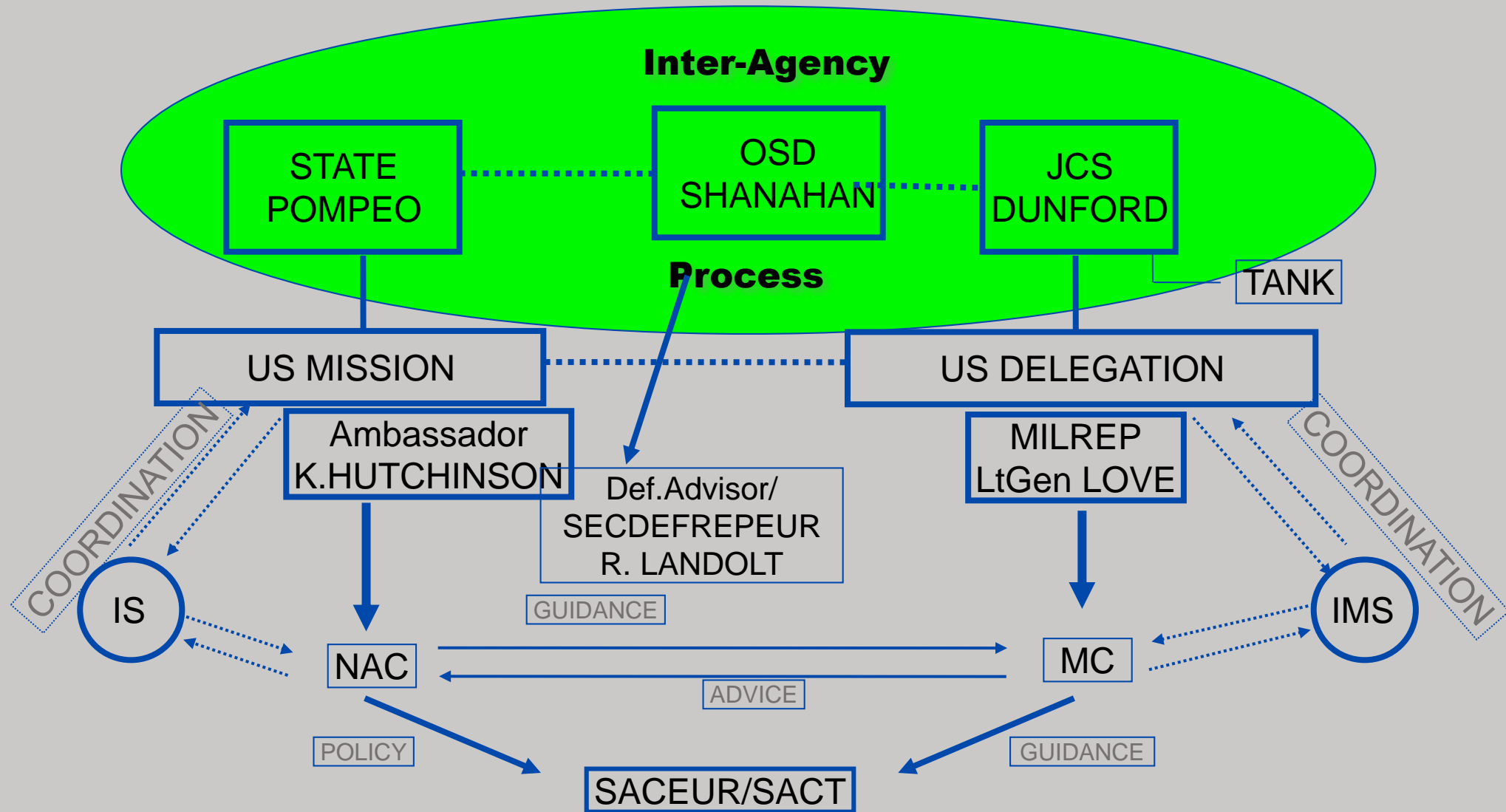
NATO BUDGETS

North Atlantic Council, 18 December 2018, Allies agreed:

a **civil budget of €250.5 million** and a **military budget of €1.395 billion** for 2019

- (CIVIL BUDGET = \$ US 280.6 MILLION - MILITARY BUDGET = \$ US 1.56 BILLION
 - U.S. NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET 2019 = \$ 716 BILLION)
- *“The world is changing, and NATO is adapting. Allies are investing in NATO to address the challenges of our time, including cyber and hybrid threats, a more assertive Russia, and instability across the Middle East and North Africa. NATO is committed to ensuring that we continue to keep our people safe, in a way that is both effective and financially responsible.”*
NATO SEC GEN STOLTENBERG

United States Representation to NATO



NATO TREATY

Washington, April 4, 1949

- **Articles**
Media versus reality
- **Sovereign Nations**
- **Consultation**
- **Open to the Future**

NATO – Washington Treaty 1949, Art. 5, Paragraph 1

The parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all, and consequently they agree that, **if such an armed attack occurs, each of them**, in exercise of the right of individual or collective self-defense recognised by Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, **will assist the Party or Parties so attacked by taking** forthwith, individually, and in concert with the other Parties, ***such action as it deems necessary***, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area.

NATO Decision Making

- Consensus (29)
- Silence Procedure
- Footnoting
- Inquisitiveness

NATO 2010 Strategic Concept Core Tasks



Lithuanian SOF



4 Multinational Battlegroups

ESTONIA:

United Kingdom
Belgium
Denmark
France
Iceland

LITHUANIA:

Germany
Belgium
Czech Republic
Iceland
The Netherlands
Norway

LATVIA:

Canada
Albania
Czech Republic
Italy
Montenegro
Poland
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain

POLAND:

United States
Croatia
Romania
United Kingdom

 Framework Nation
 Contributing Nation

Valid as of 23 April 2019



NATO Enhanced Forward Presence



ISSUES



China's rise

Restrictive state with major international goals



Rising illiberal leadership

Hungary, Poland, Turkey, perhaps Italy, the USA?



Russia's decline

Economically vulnerable, yet attacking and expansionist



Rising anti-Semitism

HU, US, GE, FR
Where else?



Islam's struggle

Collateral damage to the West



America's endurance

Loss of faith in the USA remaining a stalwart NATO ally



Trade war

Divide among North Americans and Europeans, China

NATO at Seventy

February 2019

Amb.(Ret.) Douglas Lute, Amb.(Ret.) Nicholas Burns

<https://www.belfercenter.org/sites/default/files/files/publication/NATOatSeventy.pdf>

- Ten Challenges noted
- Most significant, which NATO has not faced before: the absence of strong American presidential leadership.

NATO at Seventy

<https://www.belfercenter.org/sites/default/files/files/publication/NATOatSeventy.pdf>

- **Challenges within NATO's borders:**

- Reviving American leadership of the Alliance
- Restoring European defense strength
- Upholding NATO's democratic values
- Streamlining NATO's decision-making

- **Challenges from beyond NATO's borders:**

- Containing Putin's Russia
- Ending the Afghan war
- Refocusing NATO partnerships
- Maintaining an open door to future members

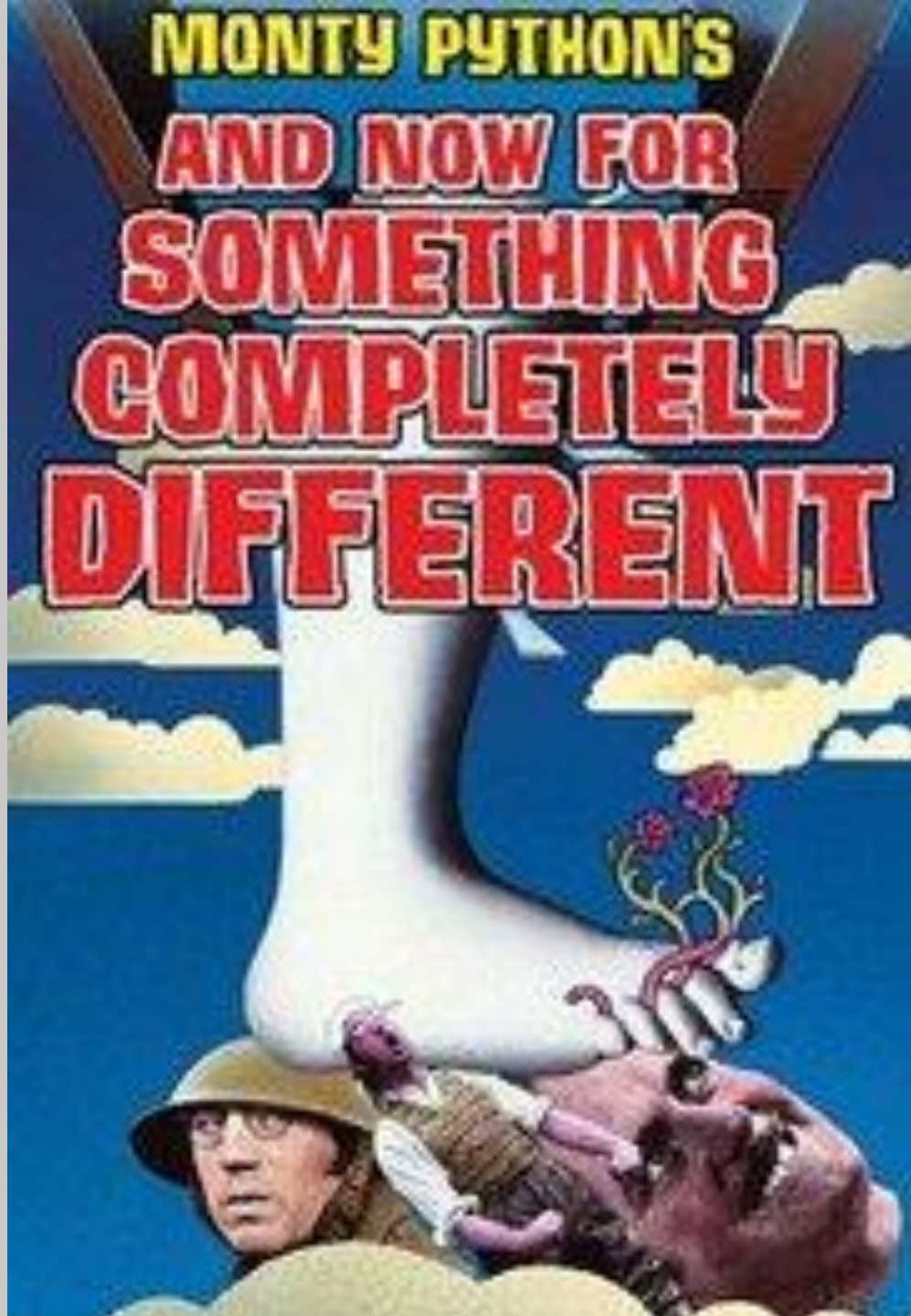
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- **Challenges on the horizon:**
 - Winning the technology battle in the digital age
 - Competing with China

Next NATO major events

- **Military Committee in Chiefs of Defense Session**
– 22 May 2019 - Brussels
- **NATO Summit - December 2019 - London**



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In the international environment, **your** success will be built upon:

- Understanding the cultures
- Communication
- Networking
- Consistency
- Politesse

In short, **YOUR**
talents!



Having a dinner party? Are you invited to one?

Prepare to answer – and ask – these:

What are our/your nation's interests?

How are they defined to you, your fellow citizens, and to the world?

What structures and policies best serve and advance those interests?

Key questions

- **What does success look like to YOU?**
- **What is the art of the possible?**

Understand these for multicultural success

1. NATO is not the USA.
2. History lives.
3. Listen strategically.
4. Consider and engage the person who is not speaking.
5. Perception equals reality.
6. Rhetoric is not a guarantee of resources.
7. Listen for what is not said.
8. Read for what is not written.
9. Perception does not equal reality.

The background of the slide is the European Union flag, featuring a blue field with twelve yellow five-pointed stars arranged in a circle. The flag is shown with a slight texture and some creasing, giving it a realistic appearance.

The European Union

Europe's Not What It Used To Be

MOGHERINI AT THE MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

The **European Union** is one of the main global powers of today's world – the **largest market in the world, the second largest economy in the world, the first trade partner for most countries in the world.** We invest as the European Union, more in development cooperation and humanitarian aid than the rest of the world combined.

And we have – this is a figure that we sometimes tend to forget – united, as **European Union, the second largest defence budget in the world.**

And we are determined to put this strength at the service of international cooperation, multilateralism, peace and security globally.

Five Points to Remember About the EU

1. The member states rule.
2. The EU does NOT want to be NATO.
3. EU bodies, procedures, and law are labyrinthine.
4. The EU does not always speak with one voice
5. The EU does not do democracy well

EU Enlargement: from six to 28 countries



EU 28
24 languages
508 m. population

USA
1+ languages
325 m. population

WORLD
7000+ languages
7.4 bn. population

515 million people in the EU

Members

Candidates

Albania

Montenegro

FYRO Macedonia

Serbia

Turkey

Prospects

Bosnia Herzegovina (BiH)

Ukraine

Kosovo

Norway

Austria - 1995

Belgium - 1958

Bulgaria - 2007

Croatia - 2013

Cyprus - 2004

Czech Republic - 2004

Denmark - 1973

Estonia - 2004

Finland - 1995

France - 1958

Germany - 1958

Greece - 1981

Hungary - 2004

Ireland - 1973

BLUE ITALICS = NATO

Italy - 1958

Latvia - 2004

Lithuania - 2004

Luxembourg - 1958

Malta - 2004

The Netherlands - 1958

Poland - 2004

Portugal - 1986

Romania - 2007

Slovakia - 2004

Slovenia - 2004

Spain - 1986

Sweden - 1995

United Kingdom - 1973

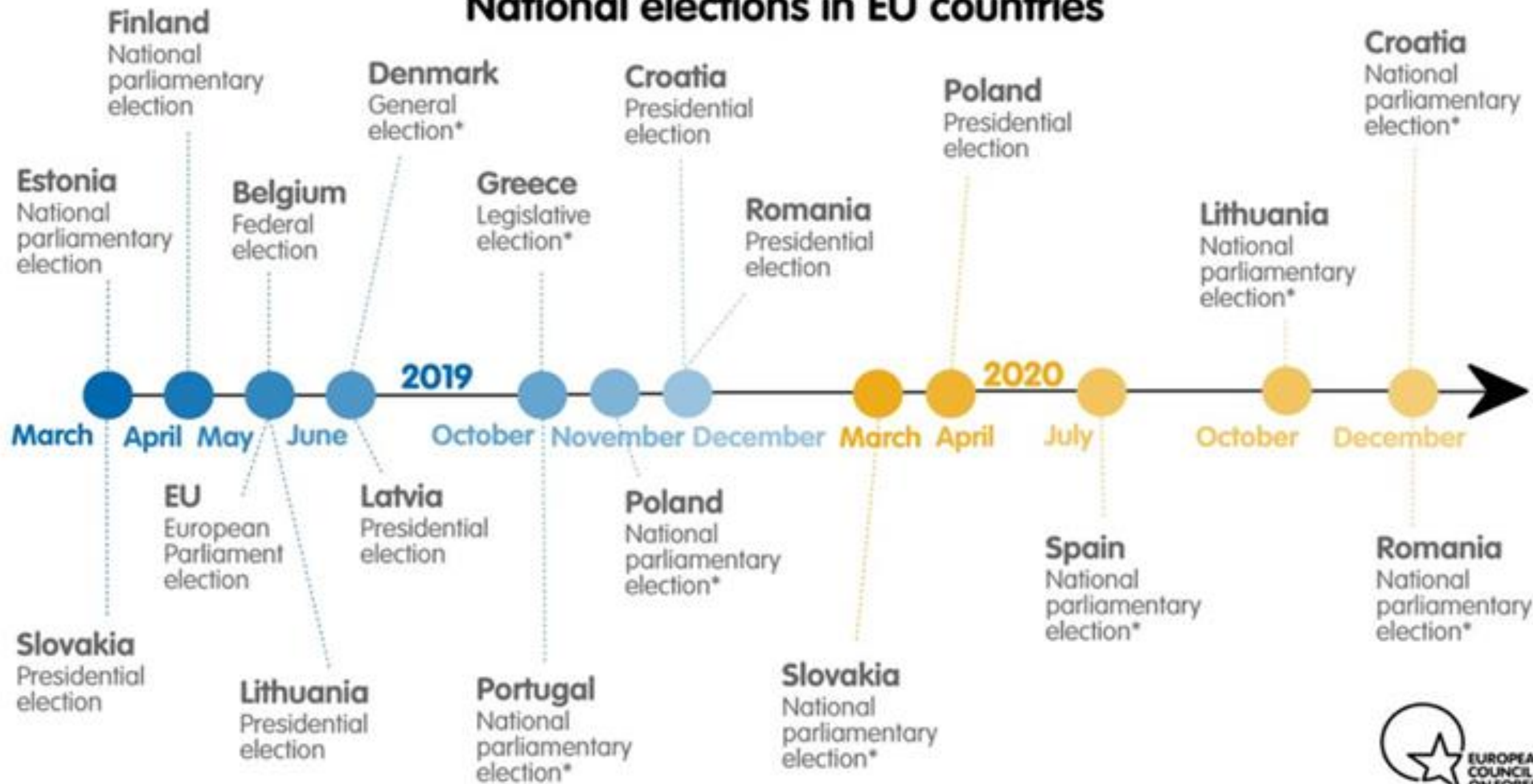
Exit vote 2016

European Union Budget 2019

EURO 165.6 Billion

(\$ US 185.5 Billion)

National elections in EU countries



*Deadline



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THE PEOPLE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Commission = ca. 23 000 permanent civil servants, 11 000 temp./contract workers

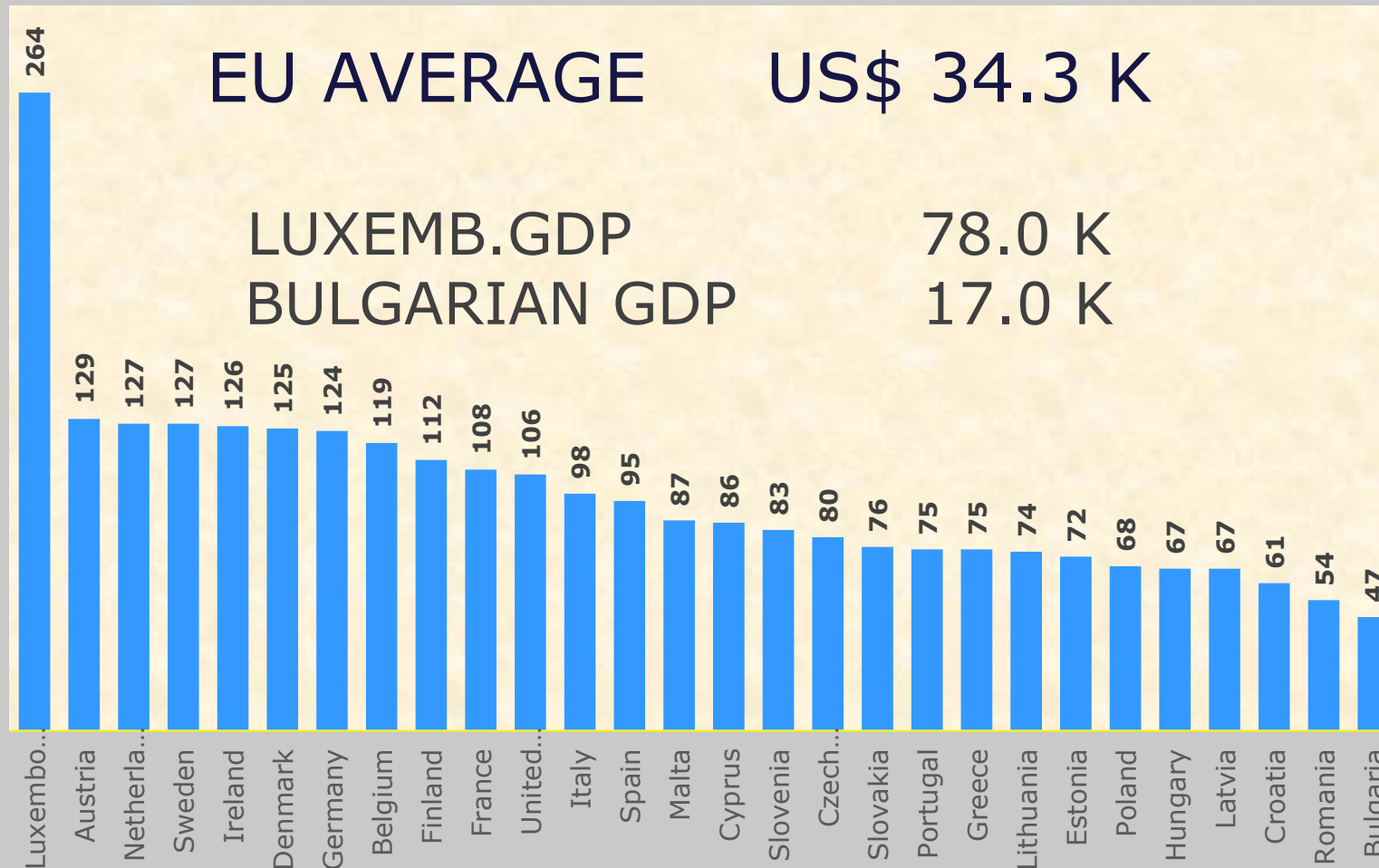
Other EU institutions = ca. 10 000 staff

- **Permanent civil servants**
- **Selected by open competitions**
- **Come from all EU countries**
- **Salaries decided by law**
- **EU administration costs €15 per EU citizen per year**



GDP per inhabitant: the spread of wealth

2013 Index where the average of the 28 EU countries is 100



Freedom of Movement

Schengen

- No police or customs checks at borders between most EU countries
- Controls strengthened at the EU's external borders
- More cooperation between police from different EU countries
- Buy and bring back any goods for personal use when you travel between EU countries





FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY

High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Frederica Mogherini

Former Italian Min. Foreign Affairs - 2014



Manages Common Foreign and Security Policy
VP of European Commission
Chairs Foreign Affairs Council
Heads EU External Action Service

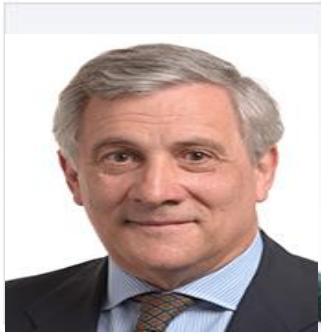


HIGH REP. MOGHERINI - MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE, FEB 15, 2019

...”we feel the need for a sort of ‘creative mix’ of tools that can – and sometimes does and sometimes has to - include the military one, but always requires also much more: economic support, protection and promotion of human rights, empowerment of young people and women, reconciliation, climate action ...”

.”Without losing our trade mark, which is soft power, but finally adding to that a credible hard power component. And doing it as the European Union. And doing it our own way, which is the European way – a cooperative way -, investing in partnerships and in multilateralism. We believe that the security threats we face can only be tackled through cooperation and in the multilateral framework”

Three Key Actors



The European Parliament

- voice of the people

Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament 1.17.2017



The European Council

- voice of the Member States

Donald Tusk, President of the European Council



The European Commission

- promoting the common interest

Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission

European Parliament

751 Members of European Parliament (MEPs)

- Sit by party, not nationality
- Only directly elected part of EU
- Elected to 5 year terms
- Seats appointed by MS' population

Political powers

- Approves appointment of Commission
- Censure/fire Commission

Legislative powers

- Shares power with Council on some issues

Budgetary powers

- Must approve EU budget
- Modify certain EU expenditures

Changes location every six months

Voting age: 18 (AUS 16)



Brussels



Strasbourg

Summit of EU Heads of State and Governments

- Held at least 4 times a year
- Sets the overall guidelines for EU policies
- President: Donald Tusk



The European Commission

Commission is the EU's executive arm and **runs the Union day-to-day**

- **28 Members (one per MS) – 5 year term**
 - Work in various directorates
 - \$340K/Year salary + benefits
- **Has power of the purse**
- “Guardian of the treaties”
- **Significant power player internationally**
 - Actions binding abroad (esp. in US)
- **Will enforce any new Euro regulations**
- Commissioners are appointed by EU members, do not represent member states' views
- **Can negotiate and act on its own**
- Commission, along with IMF and ECB, is **overseeing EU bailout of Greece**



Jean Claude Juncker





FRIEND OR FOE

(Pablo Martinez Monsivals/AP)

“Don’t read what we tweet, watch what we do.”

LTG Ben Hodges, USA, Ret., speaking about transatlantic relations at the Munich Security Conference

Feb 23, 2019

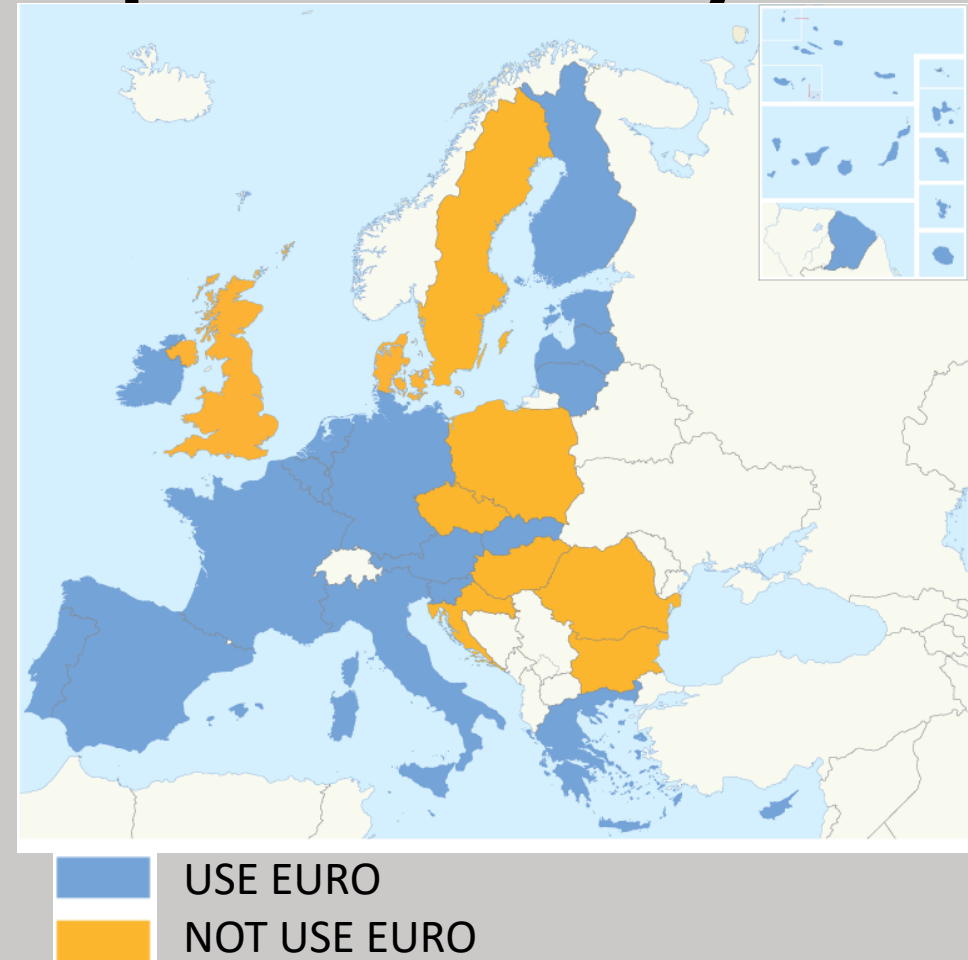
- “President Trump is the first U.S. president to view the European Union as an economic competitor rather than a vital partner of both the U.S. and NATO. *His troubling anti-NATO and anti-Europe bias has caused European governments to question the credibility of the U.S. as the leader of the West for the first time since the Second World War. The European public confidence in American leadership is also at historically low depths.*”
- NATO at Seventy, Ambs. Burns, Lute, February, 2019
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The Euro – a single European currency

Why the Euro?

- **No fluctuation risk and foreign exchange cost**
- **More choice and stable prices for consumers**
- **Closer economic cooperation between EU countries**

1 Euro = US \$ 1.12, 5.14.2019



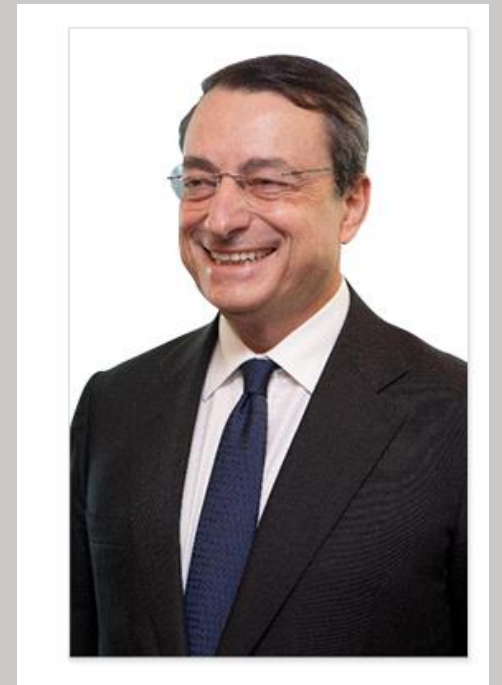
- **Coins: one side with national symbols, one side common**
- **Notes: no national side**



THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

- Ensures price stability
- Controls money supply and decides interest rates
- Supervises that banks are safe
- Works independently from governments

MARIO DRAGHI, PRES., ECB





EU closes mammoth trade deal with Japan

‘Biggest trade deal we have ever negotiated,’ Commissioner Malmström said.

By [SAIM SAEED](#)

12/8/17 12:00 PM CET

EU Challenges

- *Brexit*
- *Migration*
- *Rise of Eurosceptics*
- *Russia*
- *Turkey*
- *Illiberalism*
- *Climate change*

[Daniel Boffey](#) *in Brussels*

Fri 10 May 2019 06.00

UK – The Guardian



BREXIT

Donald Tusk: chance of Brexit being cancelled could be 30%.
There is
significant reason to believe the leave vote could be reversed...

“The referendum was at the worst possible moment, it is the result of a wrong political calculation.’ The chances of the UK staying in the EU are as high as 30% as the country would be likely to reject Brexit in a second referendum

Describing the decision by the former British prime minister, David Cameron, to call the vote as a political miscalculation, **Tusk said he would expect a different result in a vote today given what had been learned about the consequences of leaving.**

What EU/EEA citizens Give & Take

1. France £2.3bn	11. Sweden £394m
2. Poland £2.2bn	12. Romania £368m
3. Ireland £1.9bn	13. Hungary £288m
4. Italy £1.3bn	14. Belgium £264m
5. Germany £1.2bn	15. Denmark £213m
6. Spain £802m	16. Latvia £210m
7. Netherlands £627m	17. Slovak Rep £208m
8. Portugal £473m	18. Bulgaria £177m
9. Greece £439m	19. Czech Rep £156m
10. Lithuania £436m	20. Switzerland £144m
	Other countries £595m

£14.7 billion

Paid in tax and national insurance
for the tax year 2013/2014

1. Poland £911m	11. Italy £78m
2. Lithuania £207m	12. Czech Rep £63m
3. Portugal £203m	13. Spain £62m
4. Romania £129m	14. Hungary £60m
5. Netherlands £128m	15. Bulgaria £58m
6. Latvia £122m	16. Sweden £36m
7. Slovak Rep £122m	17. Denmark £24m
8. Ireland £97m	18. Belgium £22m
9. France £90m	19. Greece £14m
10. Germany £81m	20. Switzerland £7m
	Other countries £68m

£2.6 billion

Tax credits and child benefits
for the tax year 2013/2014

We've known this all along, but still many people don't believe it. Citizens living here from the rest of the EU/EEA give much more to Britain than they take. They are a boon, not a burden, and we'd be poorer without them.

JOHN DANZIG
30 OCT 2017, EU ROPE

Did Russia interfere with the UK's Brexit vote?

Twitter activity by Russian bots in the run-up to the Brexit vote*



@StatistaCharts

* Accounts were classified as bots due to abnormal activities such as posting large volumes of tweets

Sources: Swansea University and the University of California, Berkley

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Rise of Anti-EU or "Euroskeptic" Political Parties

Congressional Research Service, The European Union: Ongoing Challenges and Future Prospects Updated December 3, 2018 (R44249)

- Over the last several years, many EU countries have seen a rise in support for populist, nationalist, antiestablishment political parties. These parties are often termed "euroskeptic" because many have also been fueled by worries that too much national sovereignty has been relinquished to Brussels.
- For example, parties with varying degrees of euroskeptic views lead the government or are part of coalition governments in Italy, Poland, Hungary, Austria, and Finland. In Denmark, a minority government relies on a euroskeptic party to provide parliamentary support. In Germany, the anti-immigrant and euroskeptic Alternative for Germany party secured enough support in federal elections in 2017 to enter parliament, becoming the first far-right German political party to do so since the end of World War II.

Russia


- Kaliningrad (larger than Conn.)
- Turkey
- Syria
- Ukraine
- Gas production and distribution
- Election / media attacks







A protest against the right-wing government of Prime Minister Viktor Orbán in Budapest, Hungary. He was recently re-elected. Credit Laszlo Balogh/Getty Images

A photograph of President Donald Trump and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán. President Trump is on the left, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie, with a small American flag pin on his lapel. He is speaking and looking slightly to the right. Prime Minister Orbán is on the right, wearing a dark suit and an orange tie, looking towards the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

President Trump hosted Hungarian Prime Minister Orbán on Monday, a gesture the past two U.S. presidents avoided granting to the hard-right European leader.

"We are proud to stand together with the United States on fighting against illegal migration, on terrorism, and to protect and help the Christian communities all around the world," Orbán added.

The existential challenge to international security

But the climate crisis has already been solved. We already have all the facts and solutions. All we have to do is to wake up and change.

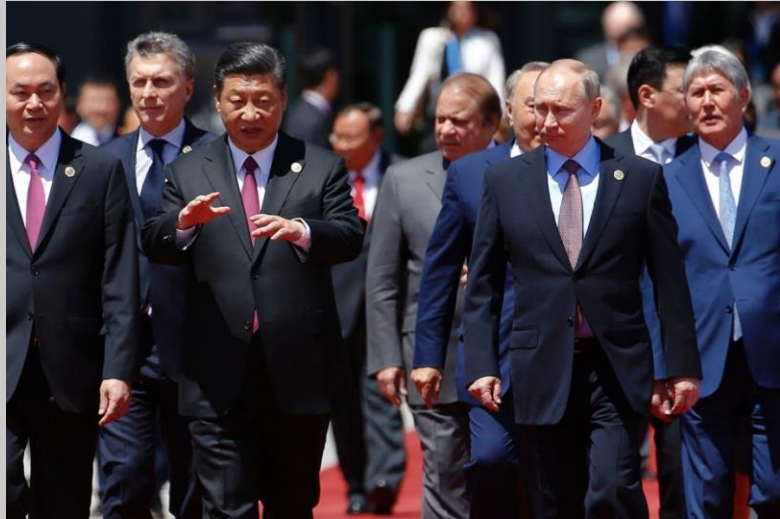
And why should I be studying for a future that soon will be no more, when no one is doing anything whatsoever to save that future? And what is the point of learning facts in the school system, when the most important facts given by the finest science of that same school system clearly means nothing to our politicians and our society?

Some people say that Sweden is just a small country and that it doesn't matter what we do. But I think that if a few children can get headlines all over the world just by not coming to school for a few weeks, imagine what we could all do together if we wanted to?

Now we're almost at the end of my talk and this is where people usually people usually start talking about hope... But I'm not going to do that. We've had 30 years of pep talking and selling positive ideas. And I'm sorry but it doesn't work because if it would have, the emissions would have gone down by now. They haven't.

And yes, we do need hope. Of course, we do. But the one thing we need more than hope is action.

Once we start to act, hope is everywhere. So instead of looking for hope, look for action. Then and only then, hope will come today.



CHINA

The two-day Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation

- With the new Silk Road initiative, China is seeking to portray itself as a new champion for globalisation at a time when the world has become increasingly concerned with US President Donald Trump's anti-globalisation and isolationist agenda.
- The forum explored Xi's "Belt and Road Initiative" to revive ancient trade links between China, Asia, Africa and Europe. The countries along the routes account for about 40 per cent of the world's gross domestic product.

Are you and your spouse politically aware?

“Start to *understand the international situation* a little more.
Start to *understand the political context* in which we do our business.”

“Anybody who says that politics is nasty, and military people should stay away from it, or never become a political general – don’t worry about that –

you’re not going to be successful.

Politics is the way the country runs...”

Colin S. Powell, Naval War College, 1990

One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.

Plato, ca. 360 BCE



**We do not see things as they are,
we see things as we are.**

Talmud – 200CE

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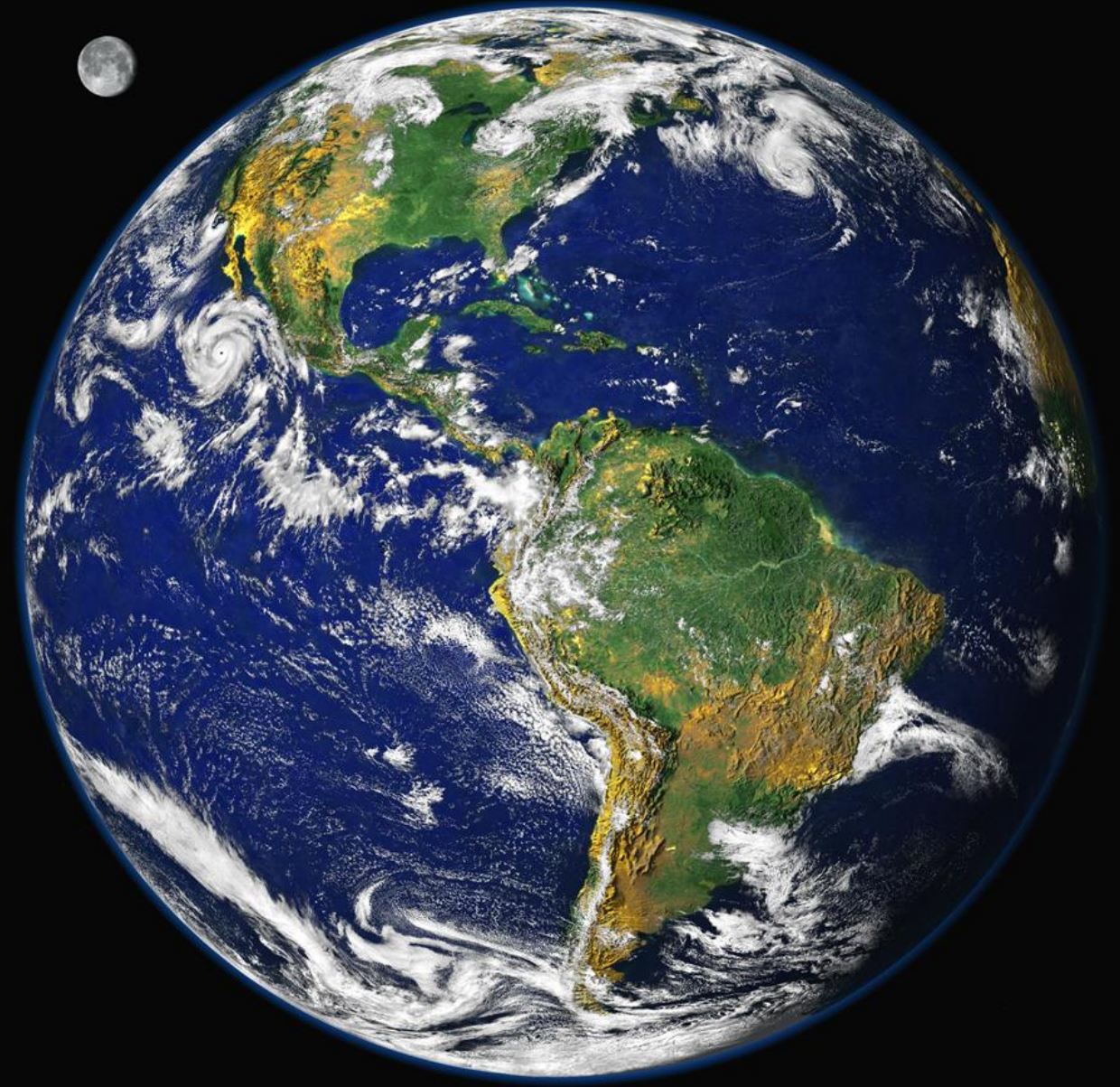
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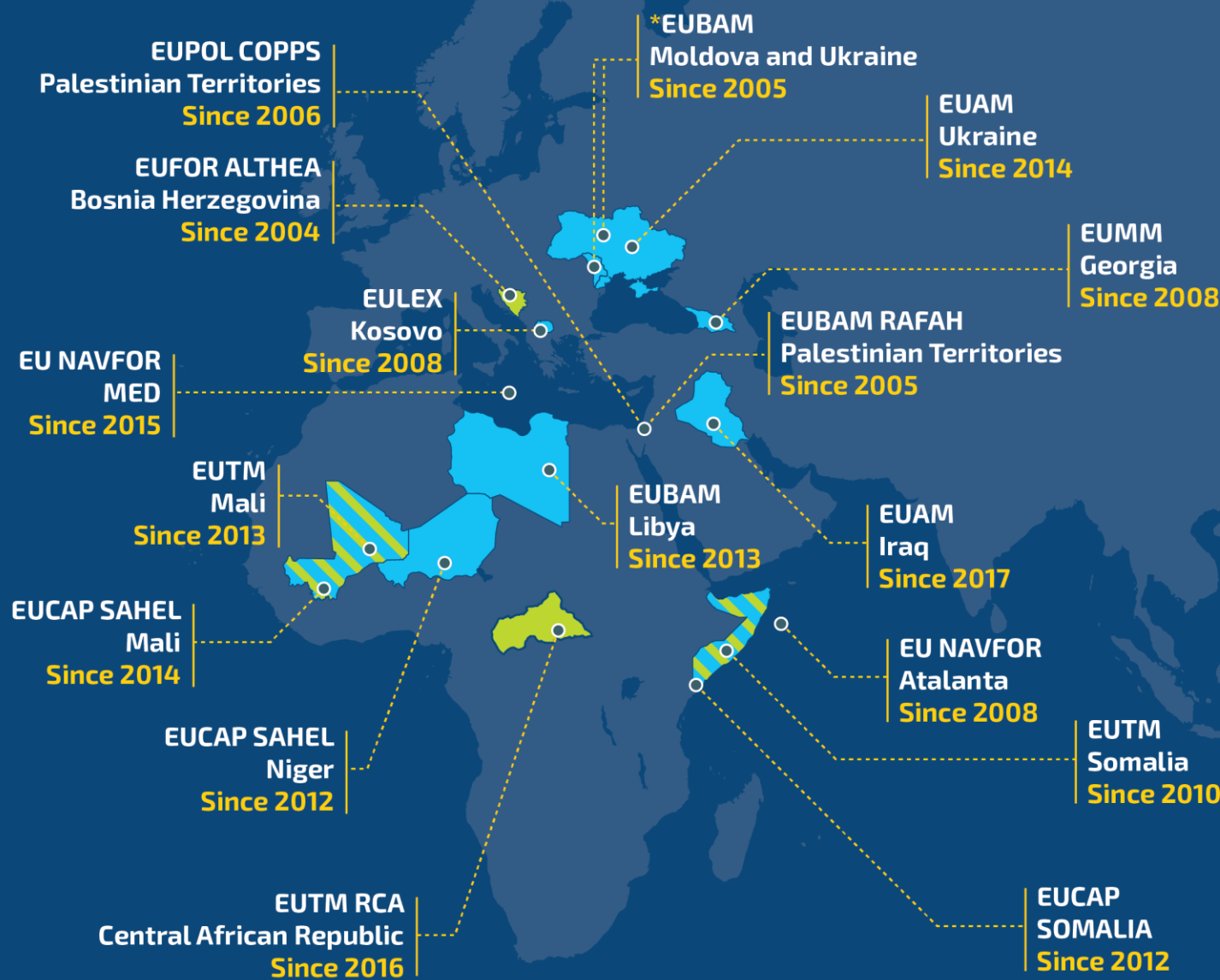
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EUROPEAN UNION CSDP MISSIONS AND OPERATIONS 2019



— Military Missions/Operations
— Civilian Missions

6 on-going military Missions/Operations

10 on-going civilian Missions

Around **5,000** people currently deployed

Objectives:
Peace-keeping, conflict prevention, strengthening international security, supporting the rule of law, prevention of human trafficking and piracy.

*This Mission is not managed within CSDP structures, but its objectives are very similar to the other Missions, so we include it here

The European Parliament – voice of the people

Decides EU laws and budget together with the Council of Ministers
Democratic supervision of all the EU's work

Members elected in each country

Number of members elected in each country

Austria - 18

Belgium - 21

Bulgaria - 17

Croatia - 11

Cyprus - 6

Czech Republic - 21

Denmark - 13

Estonia - 6

Finland - 13

France - 74

Germany - 96

Greece - 21

Hungary - 21

Ireland - 11

Italy - 73

Latvia - 8

Lithuania - 11

Luxembourg - 6

Malta - 6

Netherlands - 26

Poland - 51

Portugal - 21

Romania - 32

Slovakia - 13

Slovenia - 8

Spain - 54

Sweden - 20

United Kingdom - 73

Total - **751**

European Union Basics

EU is a compact of Member States

- - Member States have the power
- - **Not the United States of Europe**

Member States **cede authority** to EU

- - **Especially monetary issues**
- - Euro turned 20 years old 1 Jan 2019

EU: complex, ambitious, dynamic and tedious

- Good on vision – often short on detail
- **Leverages EU's power** (e.g. EU with/vs. China is easier than Belgium with/vs. China)
- States will not allow too much EU interference
(finance YES; terrorism and immigration NO)

EU's role is expanding into security, foreign and military areas

- **Seeking security capabilities commensurate with economic power**