



Sovereignty in the EU

Contemporary European politics

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The image features a blue background with a central, slightly wavy representation of the European Union flag. The flag consists of a blue field with twelve five-pointed gold stars arranged in a circle. The word "Introduction" is written across the center of the flag in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered horizontally and vertically, with the stars of the flag appearing behind the letters.

Introduction

1) The current situation

A- The historical behaviour of countries

- the Turkish situation
- The German Sanction
- All these countries had to leave their pride to join the EU



B) Military problems in the EU

- Mutual defense clause in EU
- Impact of NATO
- Lack of confidence in EU



B-The War in Ukraine and its consequences for



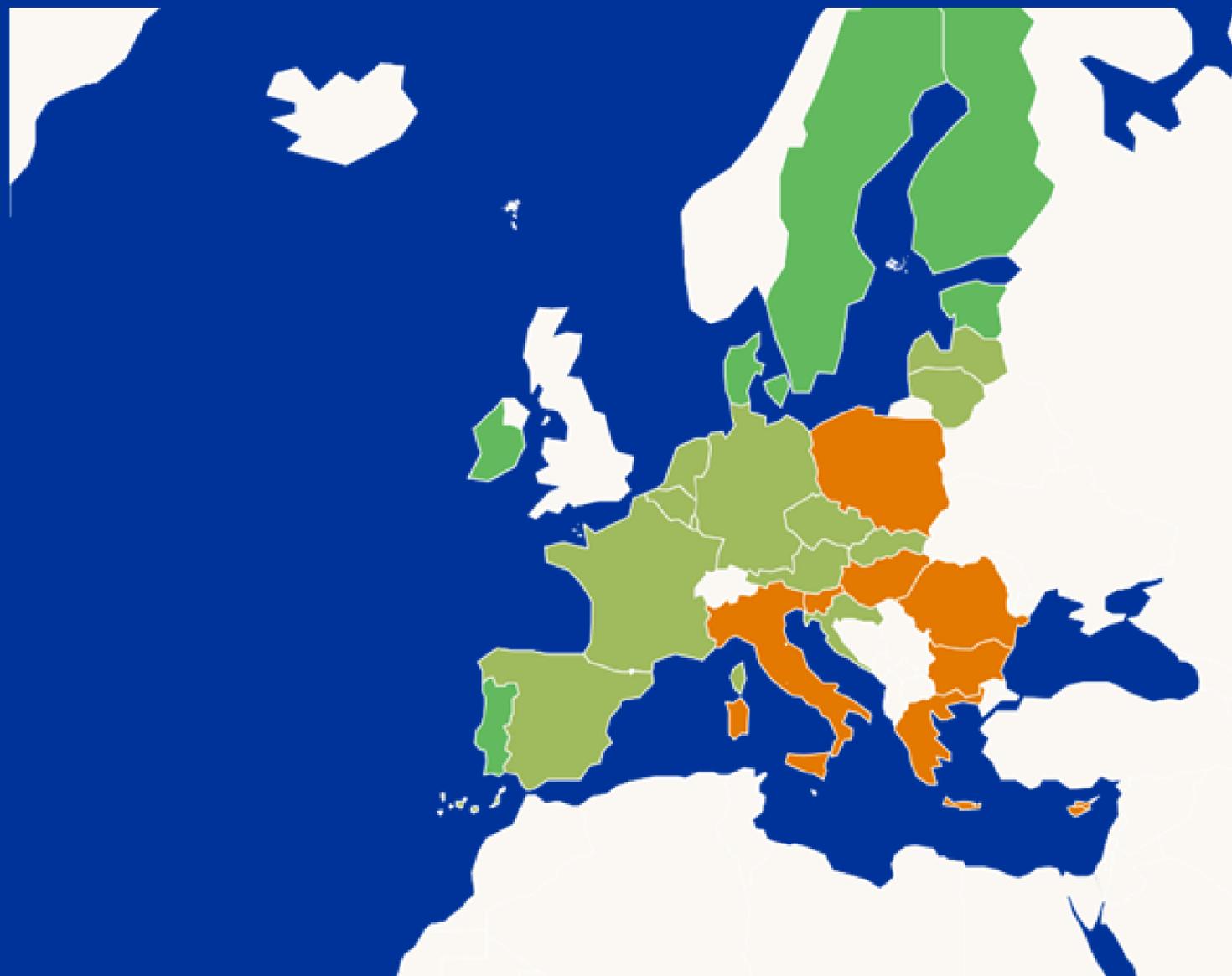
"To handle the wider impact of the war against Ukraine, we need to bolster European Economic resilience, end our energy dependence on Russia and further strengthen European defense."

-Joseph Borrell, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

- The price of freedom and democracy
- The need to increase defence spending
- European Union felt weak and not very sovereign in its territories



C- The social freedom of countries



A. Freedom of the press
political, legal, economic, socio-cultural and
security context

B. Individual freedom
governed by the nation, not
the union

How to distinguish between protecting the European
citizen and respecting the religious convictions of some?

the lighter the colour, the more freedom of
the press is respected



2) Problem Solving and Consequences

A- Should EU go easier on sanctions?

- **by reducing old long terme sanctions**
- **by not being involved politically at all**

(go back to a trade agreement?)



B- Integration in defence and security.

- Could security and defense integration be established in the European Union?
- Could the states do without their sovereignty in matters of defense and security and allow the creation of a single army in command of the European Union?

Considering that we already share an economic system and a central bank, we could think of an idea of common defense that could be the sign of an increasingly clear integration within the member countries.

- Sovereignty of states vs. EU
- Put in the background national sovereignty in matters of defense and security for a common goal.



C- Laws regarding human rights

Fundamental rights:
dignity, freedom, equality, solidarity,
justice

If rules are disobeyed:

- preventive way
- punitive way

-> ineffective because of unanimity

Solution:

Removing unanimity



Consequences: would the sanction be
taken seriously if it was given by one
organization only?

would EU rules overrule national rules?



★ Conclusion ★

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