

THE IRISH PROBLEM

Geopolitic of Europe in a changing world



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SUMMARY



Geographical
context and
historical reminder

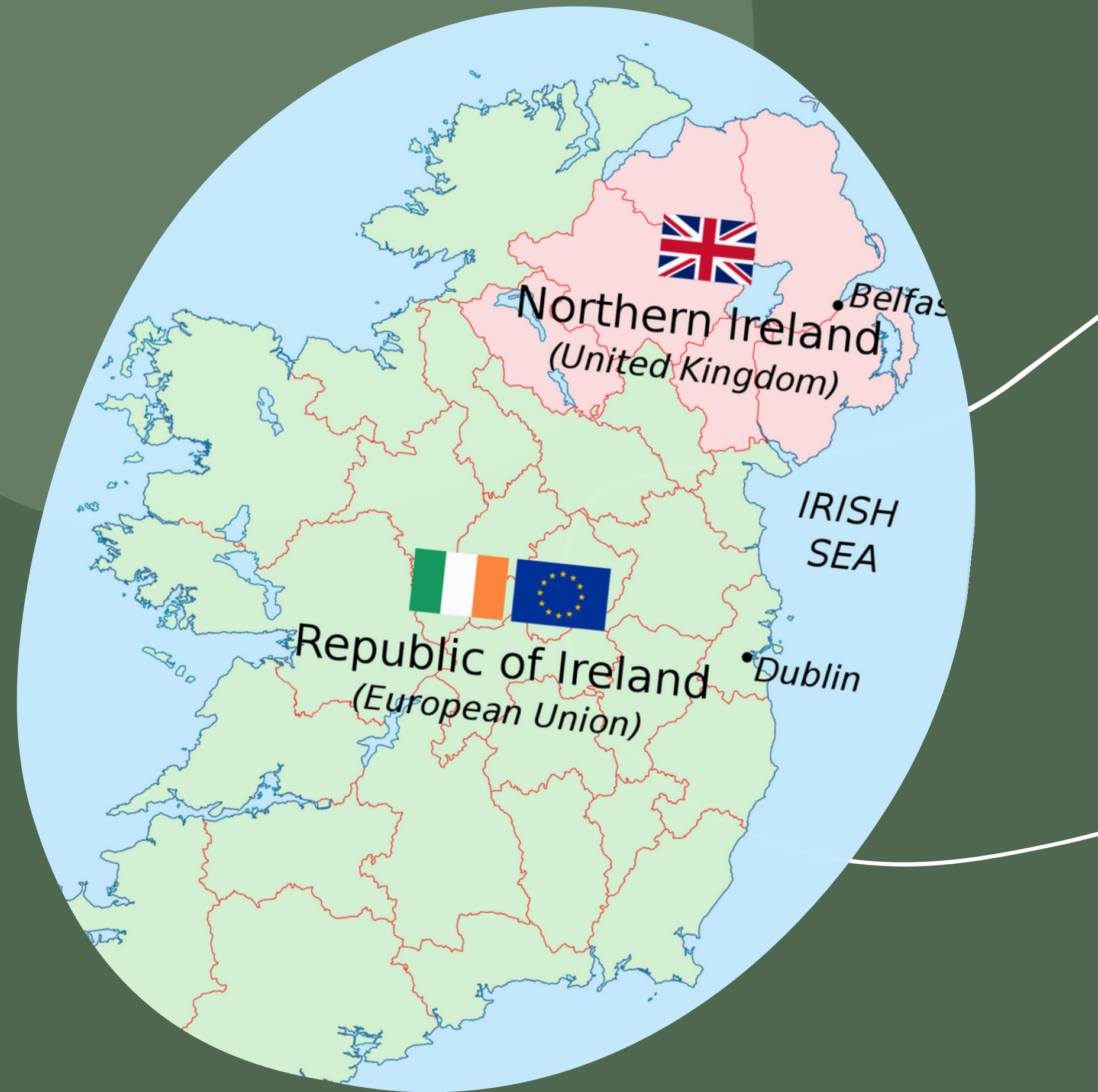
The consequences
of Brexit and the
border problem

Protocol for Ireland

The critics

Conclusion

Geographical context



Ireland is made up of 2 countries: The Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

HISTORICAL REMINDER



"The Troubles"

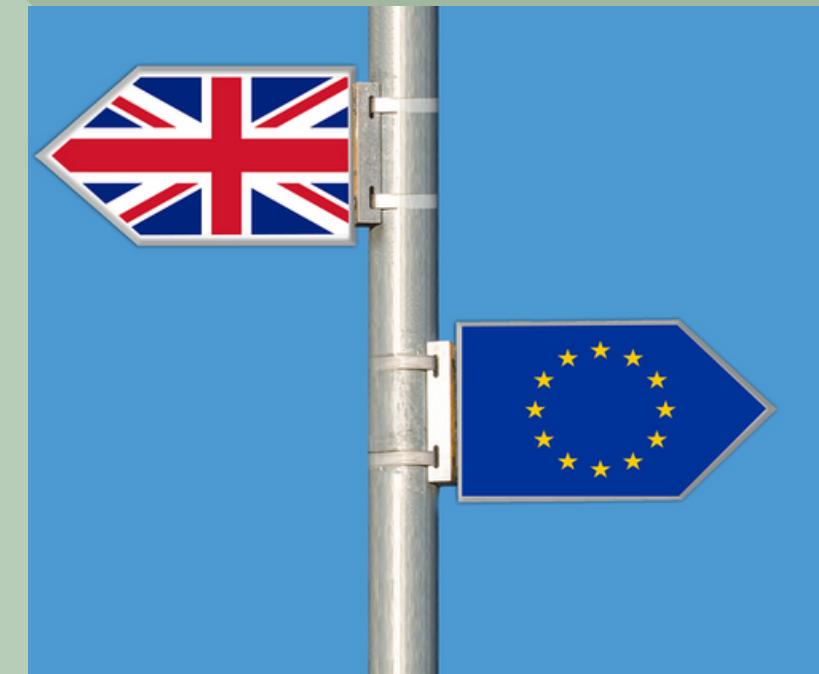
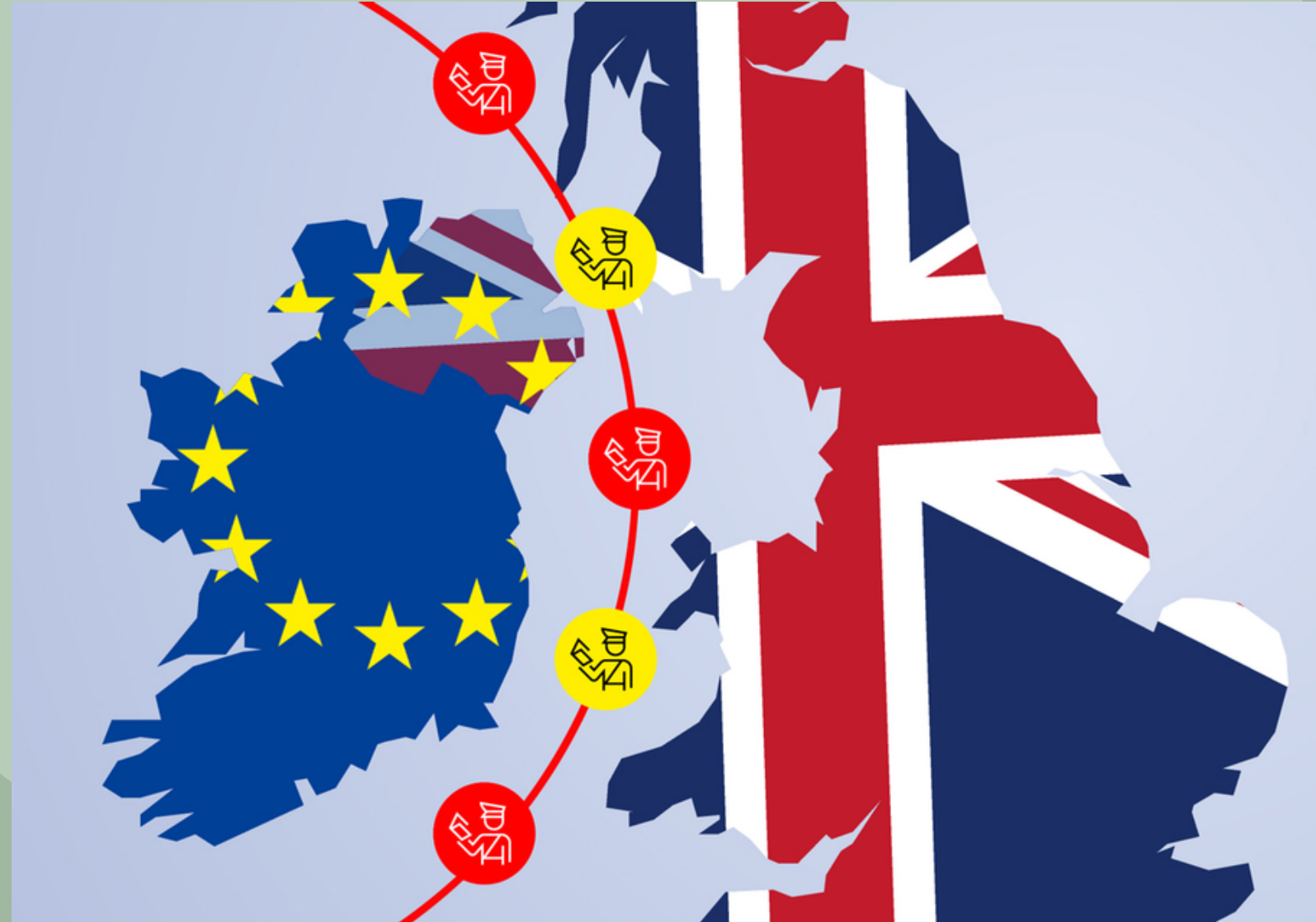


30 janvier 1972:
Bloody Sunday



Good Friday
Agreement

The consequences of Brexit for Ireland: The Irish Border Problem



Should we fear a weakening of the Good Friday agreements and the establishment of a harder border?

The protocol



- This allows Ireland to retain its place in the European **single market** and in the **customs union**
- Avoids the establishment of a physical border
- It impacts the course of **goods controls**



The critics

- Difficulties in the supply of goods to Northern Ireland from the UK
- Creating a customs border in the Irish Sea.
- More administrative formalities
- Some companies have not had enough time to adapt



The critics

This protocol is highly controversial in Northern Ireland:

- it is mostly supported by nationalists
- it provoked the anger of the unionists



On the side of the Republic of Ireland,

The Republic of Ireland is one of the European Union countries most affected by Brexit:

- 200,000 jobs depend directly on trade with the United Kingdom.
- Dependent on UK for imports
- Complications in fishing



Conclusion

Fears of a return of conflicts and tensions between the two Irelands may have appeared

Ireland is now faced with the **challenge of adapting** to this new way of functioning.

Victory of the **nationalists** in the last elections for the Northern Ireland Assembly: new political challenges?



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Thank you for
your attention