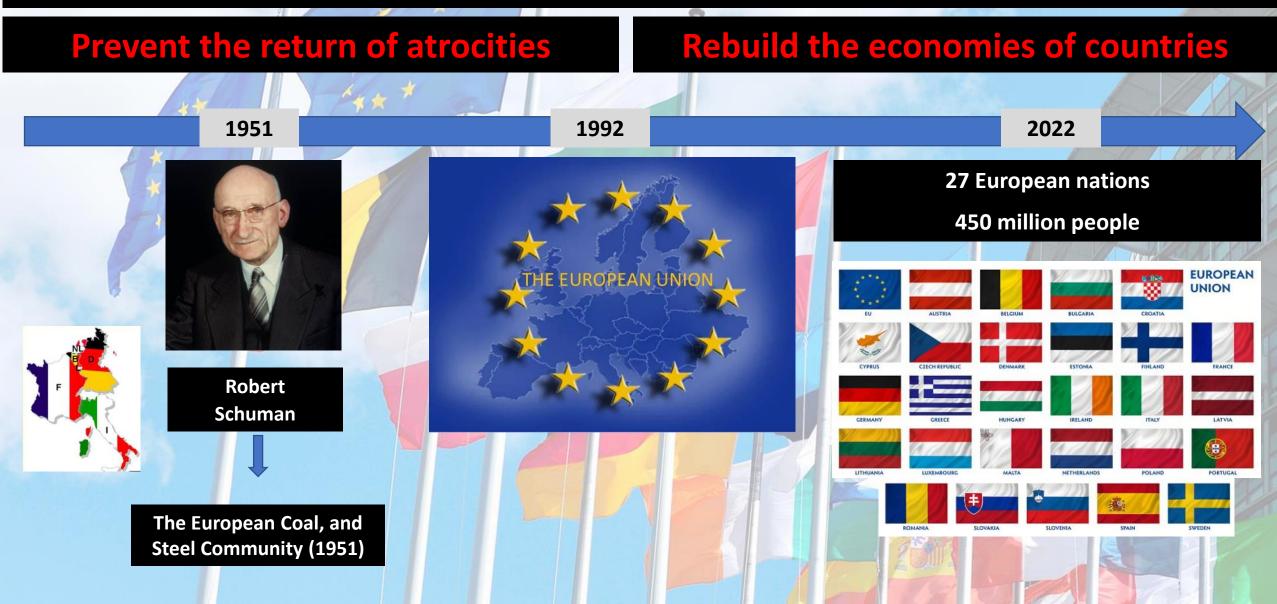


"Was the idea of a European Union a good one?"

Axel Dumoulin 2A

Geopolitics of Europe in a changing world – S03

After the Second World War, the idea of a union between countries responded to two key issues :

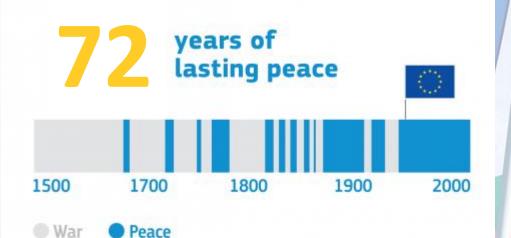


FIRST PART

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ?

SECOND PART

WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS THE EUROPEAN UNION FACES ?



The EU has brought us peace and prosperity

An important role in diplomacy

promote democracy, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law across member states

2012 The EU was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

Announcement of the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize to the European Union (EU), presented by Thorbjørn Jagland, Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, on 12 October 2012.

European Union has become the biggest single market in the world





Eliminates exchange rates

Strengthen the competitiveness of companies

Counteract the power of the dollar

The European Union has become the world's leading economic power

The EU is the world's largest exporter



Its agriculture and its industry are efficient





Transport, telecommunications and tourism sectors are successful

The European Union brings citizens' rights and protections

The European plays a role in protecting health & environment

EU laws and standards in the farming and food sectors









The strictest environmental standards in the world





EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

The European plays a role in international diplomacy

Acting together much more of a voice on the world stage !



The EU provides assistance to countries and populations



120 million people

receive humanitarian funding each year from the EU

All member countries don't share the same vision of EU organization

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NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

BREX

EUROPEAN UNION

SUPRANATIONALITY

A federal European Union

One voice in international forums

Citizens are losing confidence in the European Union since the financial crisis

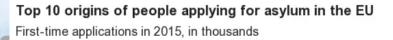


The refugee crisis of 2015

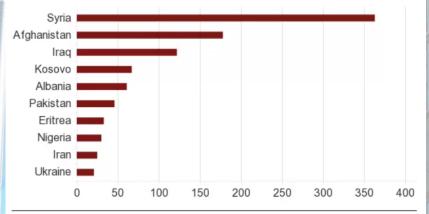


More than a million migrants and refugees crossed into Europe in 2015

Lots of tensions between members of the UE



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Source: Eurostat

Defence is another challenge for EU



The EU's Common Foreign & Security Policy



✓ Lots of positive points of the European Union

✓ The future lacks visibility

✓ There is a great risk that the populations will lose interest in this construction



VOTE

I propose to vote by show of hands

VOTE



Who is in favour of a smaller but better integrated EU ?

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