Ukraine between the EU and Russia

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Presentation structure

1. Problem setting
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3. European Neighborhood Policy – Eastern Partnership
4. Geostrategies of the EU
5. Geopolitical models of the EU
6. Ukraine – possible scenarios

1. Problem setting

- Current crisis in Ukraine
- Border studies as investigation perspective
- Relations of the EU with its neighbors
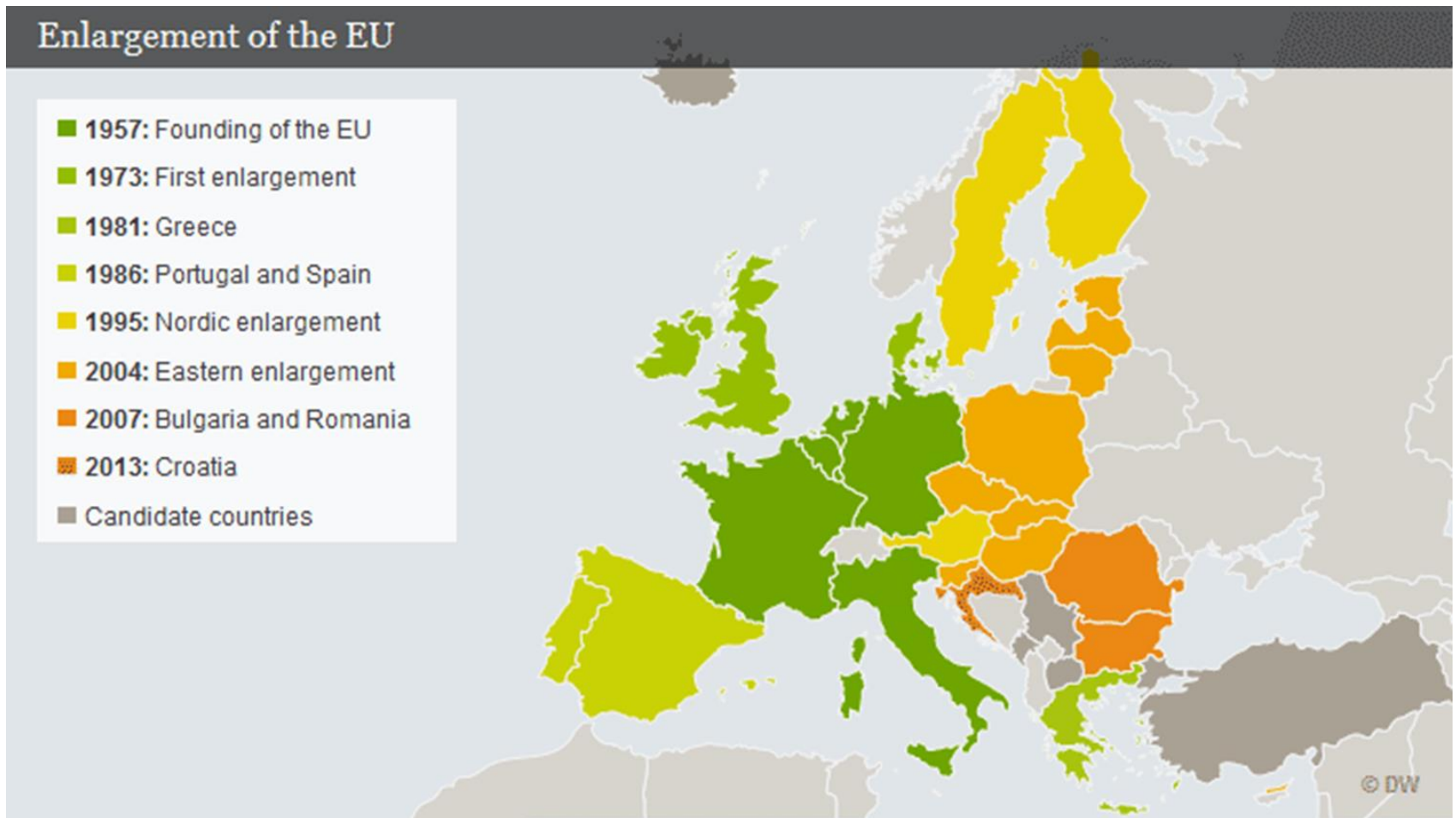- European Neighborhood Policy

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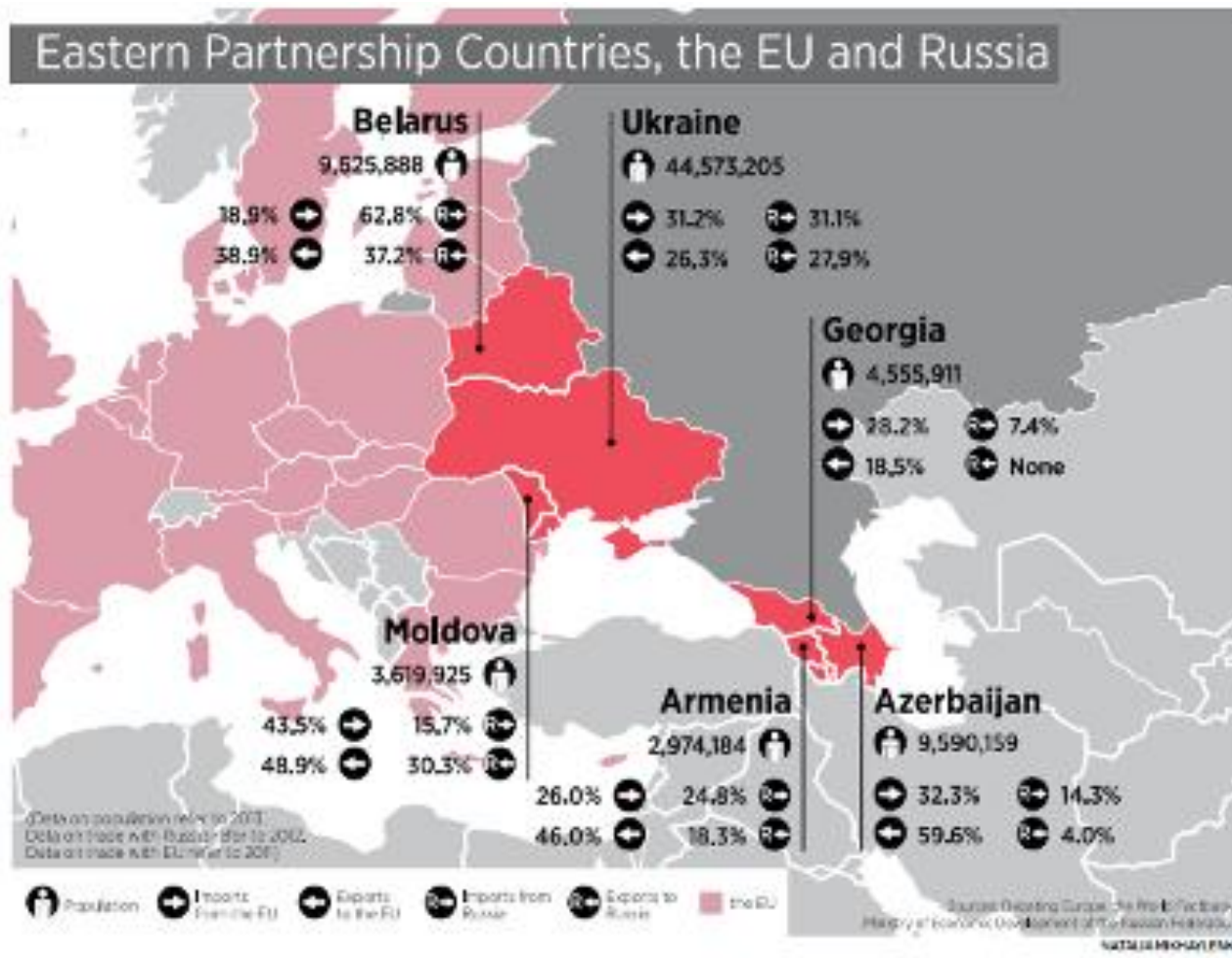
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Enlargement of the EU

- **1957:** Founding of the EU
- **1973:** First enlargement
- **1981:** Greece
- **1986:** Portugal and Spain
- **1995:** Nordic enlargement
- **2004:** Eastern enlargement
- **2007:** Bulgaria and Romania
- **2013:** Croatia
- Candidate countries

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Ukrainian conflict - timeline:
- 2004 Eastern Enlargement of the EU
- 2004/5 Orange Revolution
- 2009 Eastern Dimension
- November 2013 - Yanukovych refuses signing the association Agreement with the EU
- Beginning of 2014 – Euromaidan
- March 2014 – annexation of Crimea
- March 2014 – international sanctions on Russia
- Spring 2014 beginning of conflict in Donbass
- 2014 – now: Association Agreement

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European integration theories:

- Neo-functionalism

  (Haas 1964)

- (Liberal) intergovernmentalism

  (Waltz 1979; Moravcsik 1993; Moravcsik 1998)

- (Social) constructivism

  (Diez, Wiener 2004)

2. Actors involved

- European Union
- Poland, Lithuania, Germany
- Russia
- Ukraine

3. European Neighborhood Policy

- Barcelona Process
- Northern Dimension of the EU
- Eastern Dimension project
- European Neighborhood Policy
- Eastern Partnership

3. European Neighborhood Policy

The EU

- Dimensionalization threat
- Regional differences, regional preferences
- „To keep them in" or „to keep them out"

3. European Neighborhood Policy

Poland

- „Continent's defender" vs. „bridge to the East"
- Piast vs. Jagiellonian spatial concepts
- Prometheizm
- Security considerations
- EURO 2012
- Polish Presidency of the EU 2012

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Russia

- Soviet Union disintegration

- Panslavism

- „Biggest geopolitical catastrophe of the century"

- „Near abroad"

- Sochi 2014

3. European Neighborhood Policy

Ukraine – crisis interpretations:

- Clash of civilizations

- Ethnic

- Historical

- Political

- Social

Civilizational cleavage

Source: W. Wallace, THE TRANSFORMATION OF WESTERN EUROPE. London: Pinter, 1990. Map by Ib Ohlsson for FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Ethnic cleavages

Percentage of Ethnic Russians in Ukraine by region in 2001 Ukrainian census
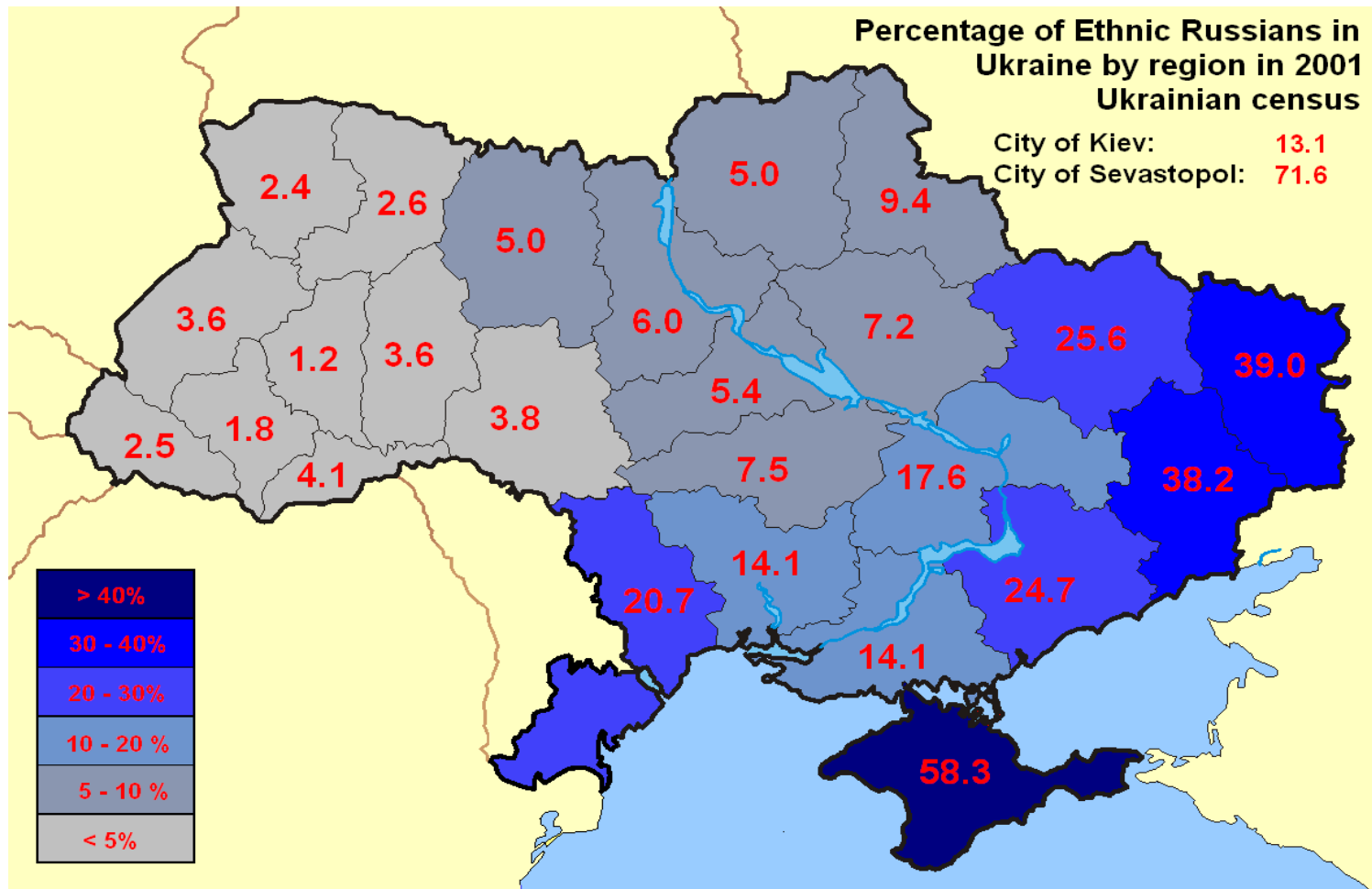
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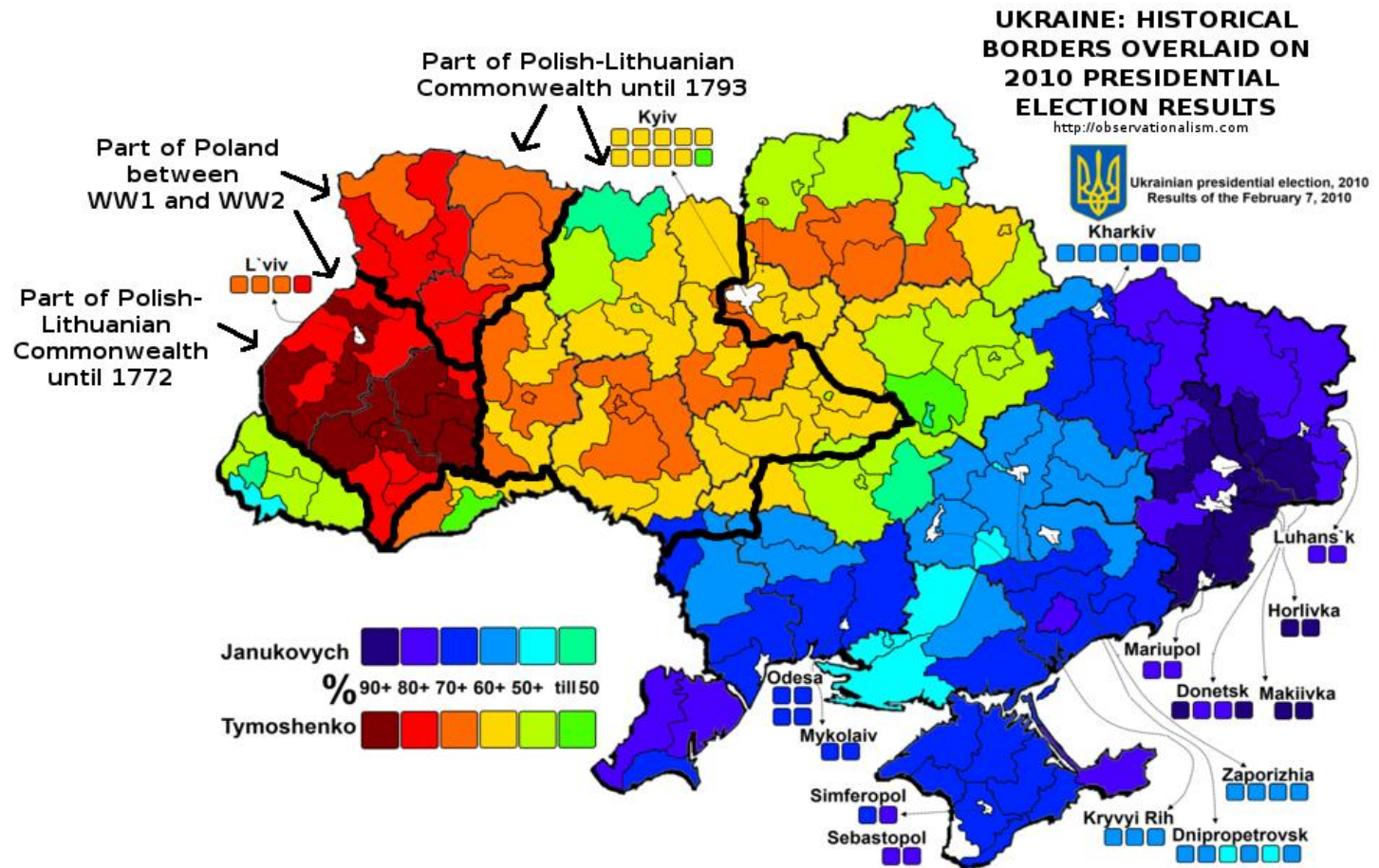
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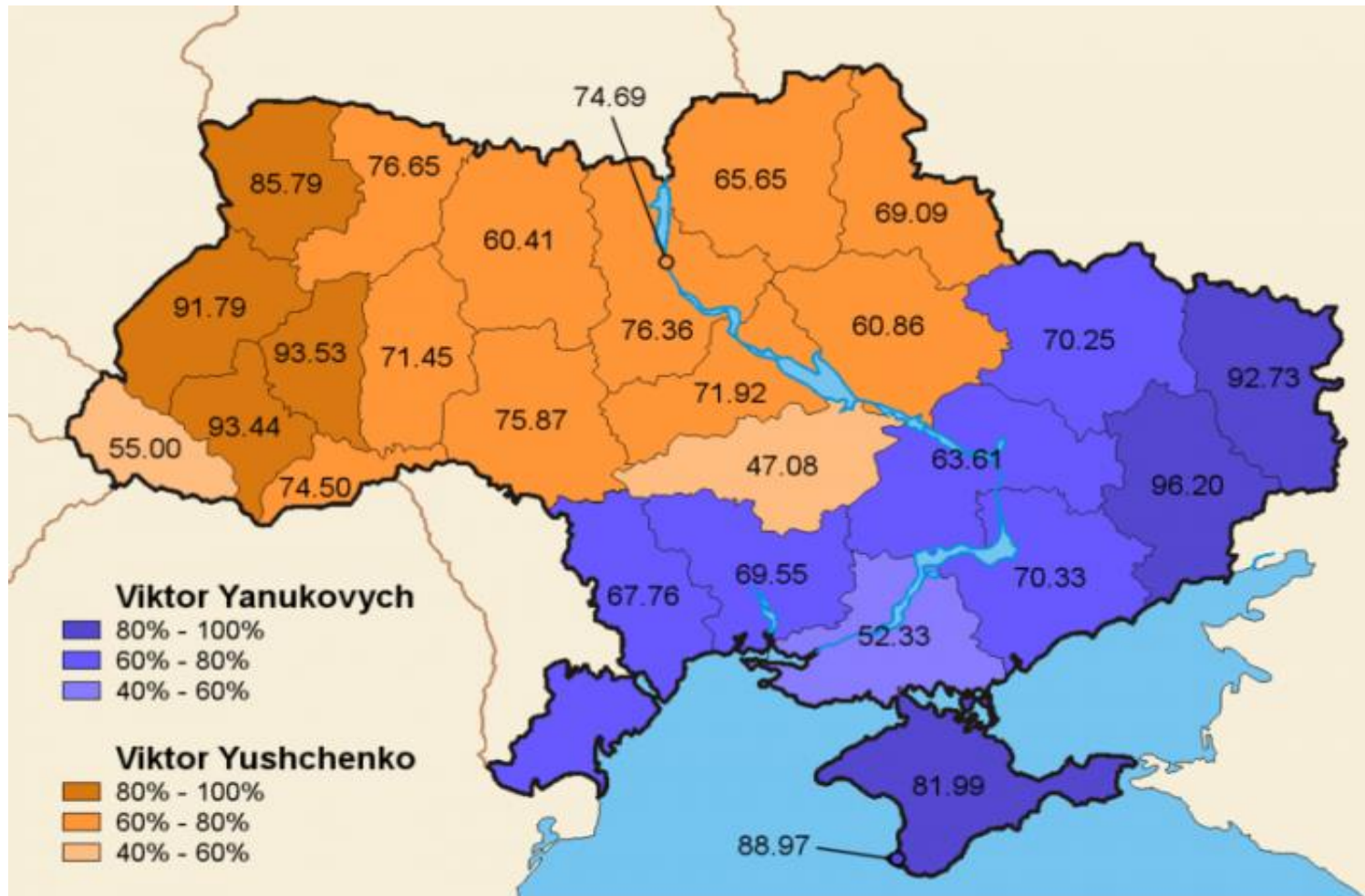
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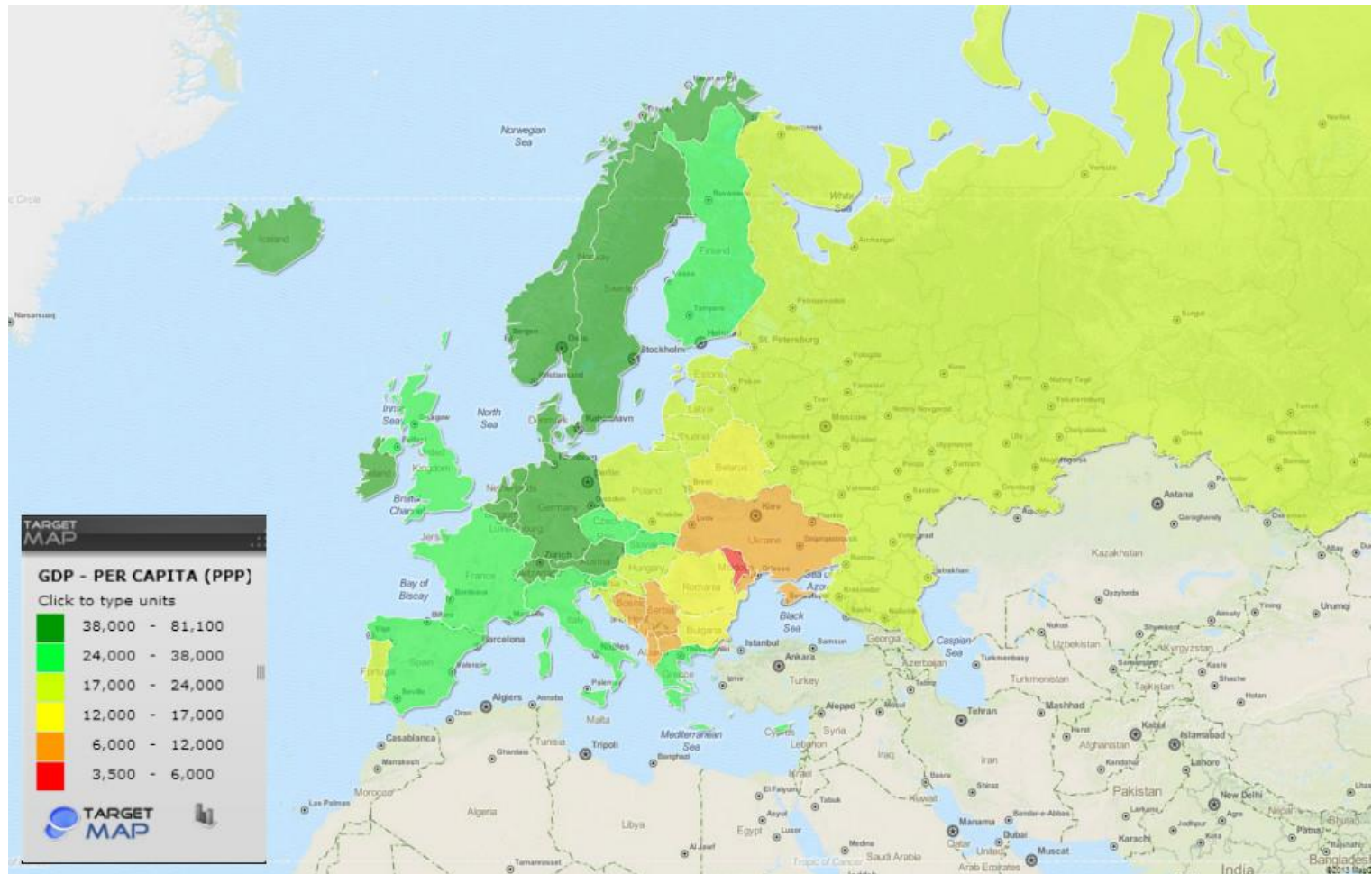
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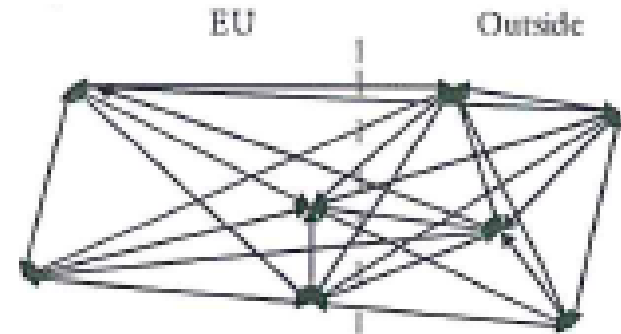
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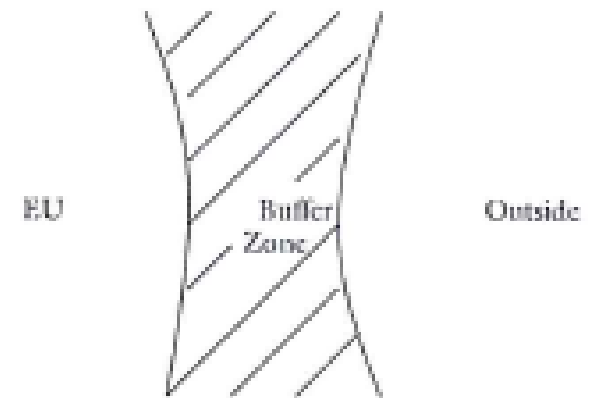
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Colonial frontier

Limes

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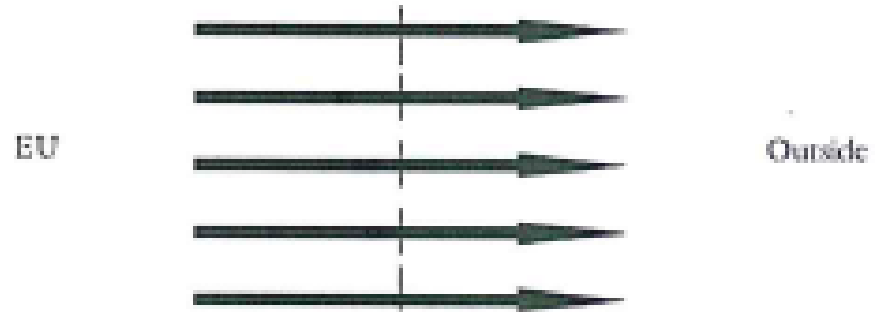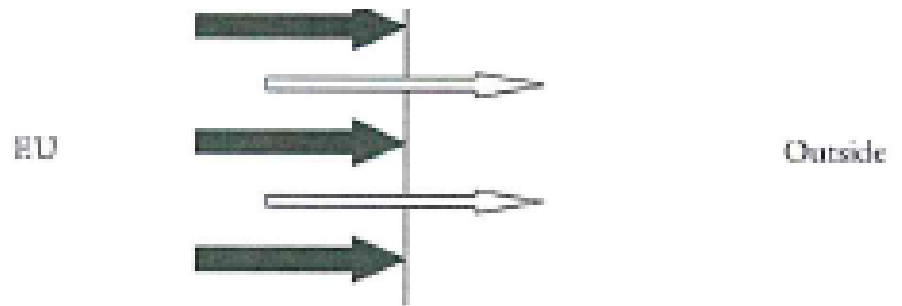
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Westphalian

Imperial

Neomedieval

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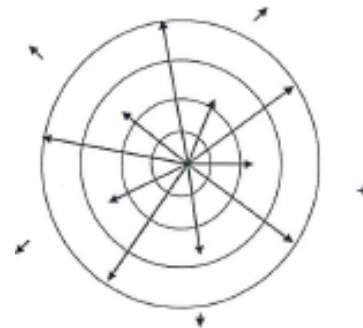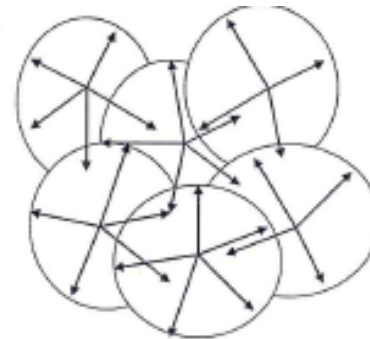
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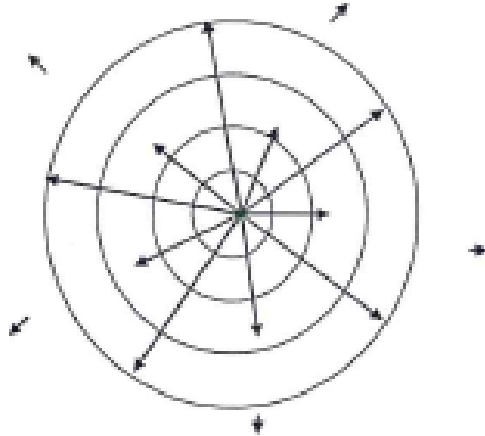
Expanding EU

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Expanding EU – reconstruction of the (Soviet-) Russian empire
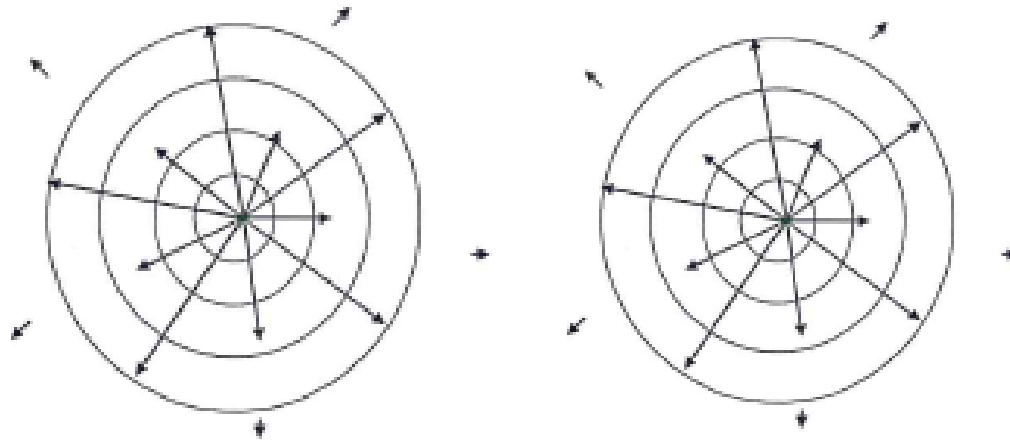
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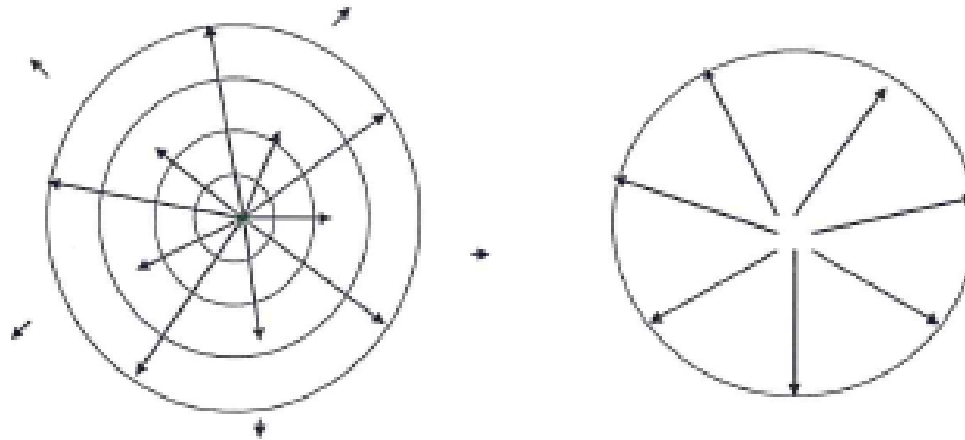
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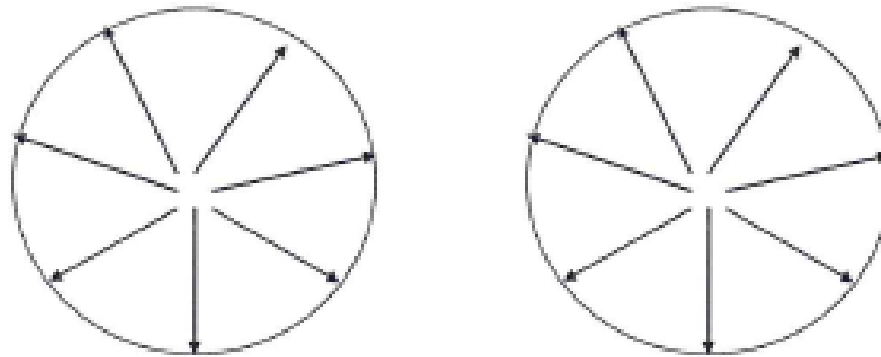
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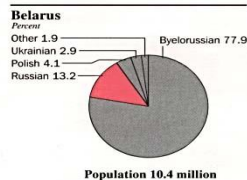
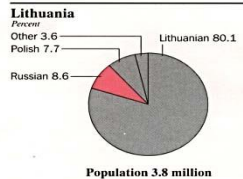EU as a network – Russian nation state creation
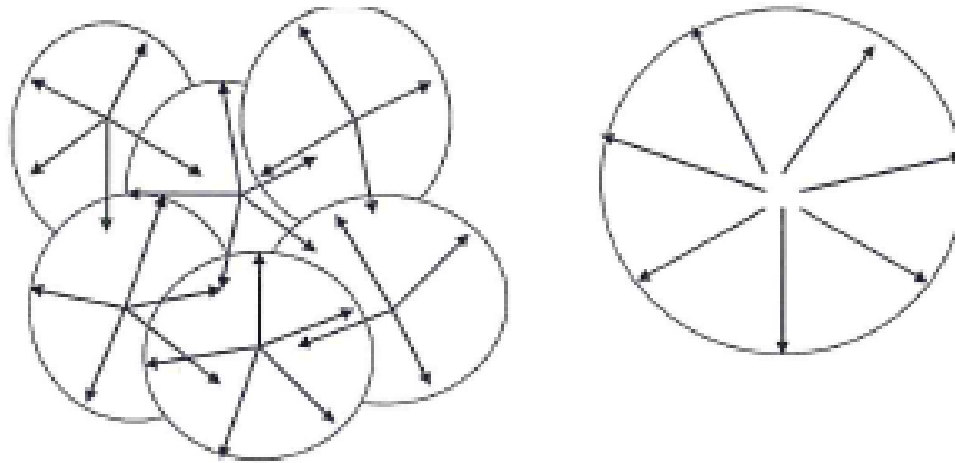
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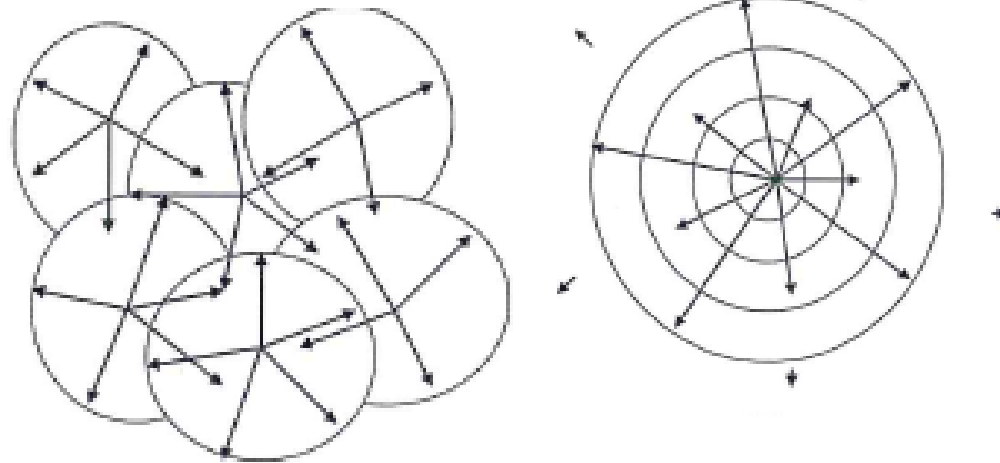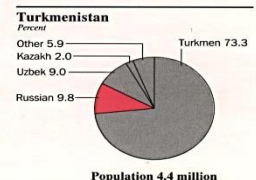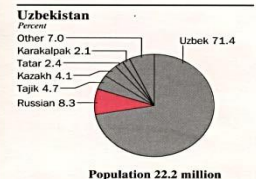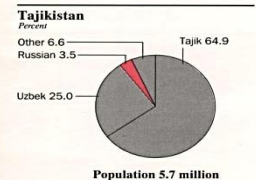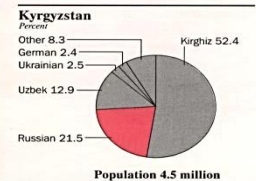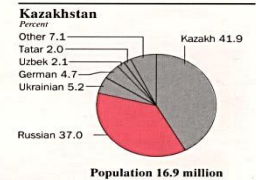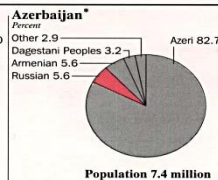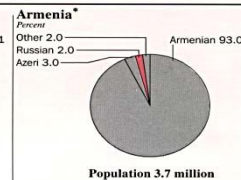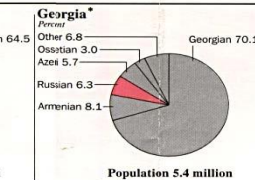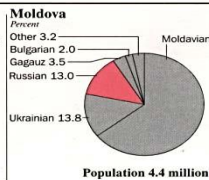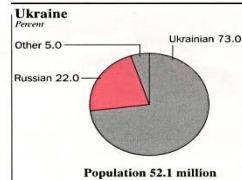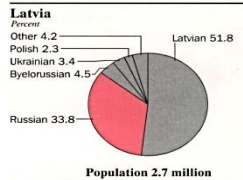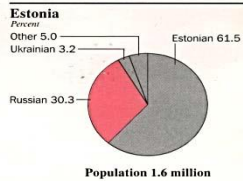
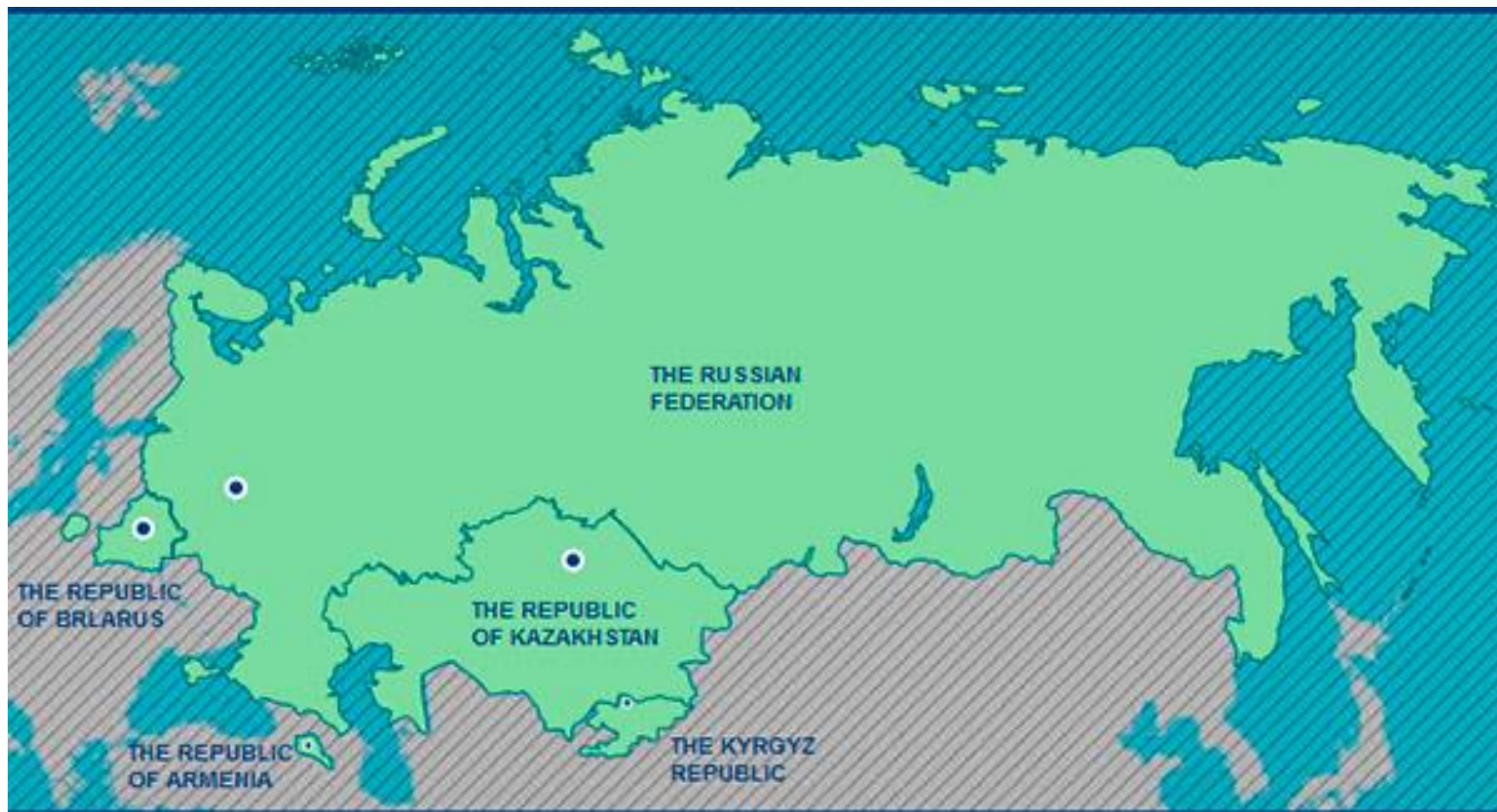# 6. Ukraine – possible scenarios

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