



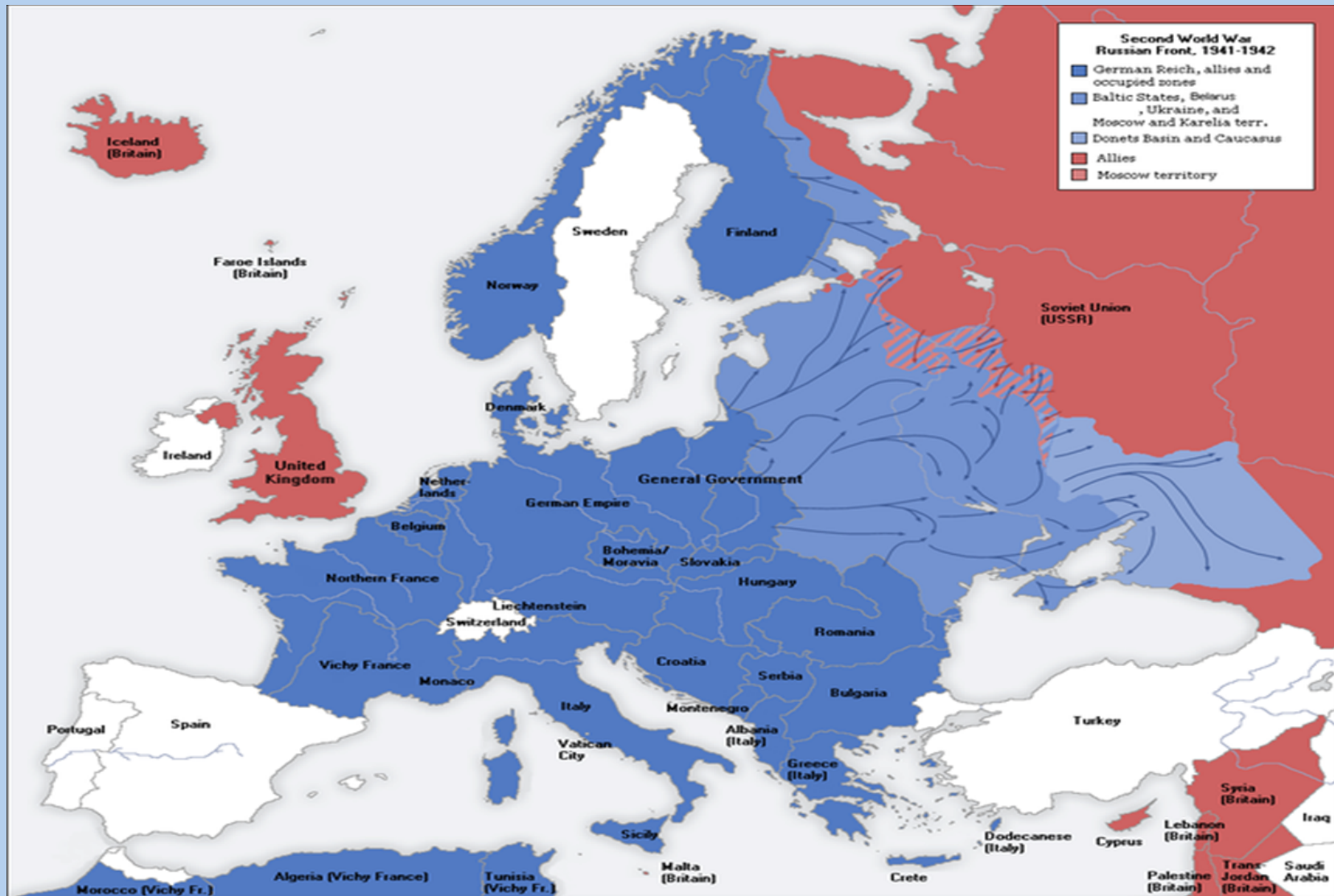
# The European Union

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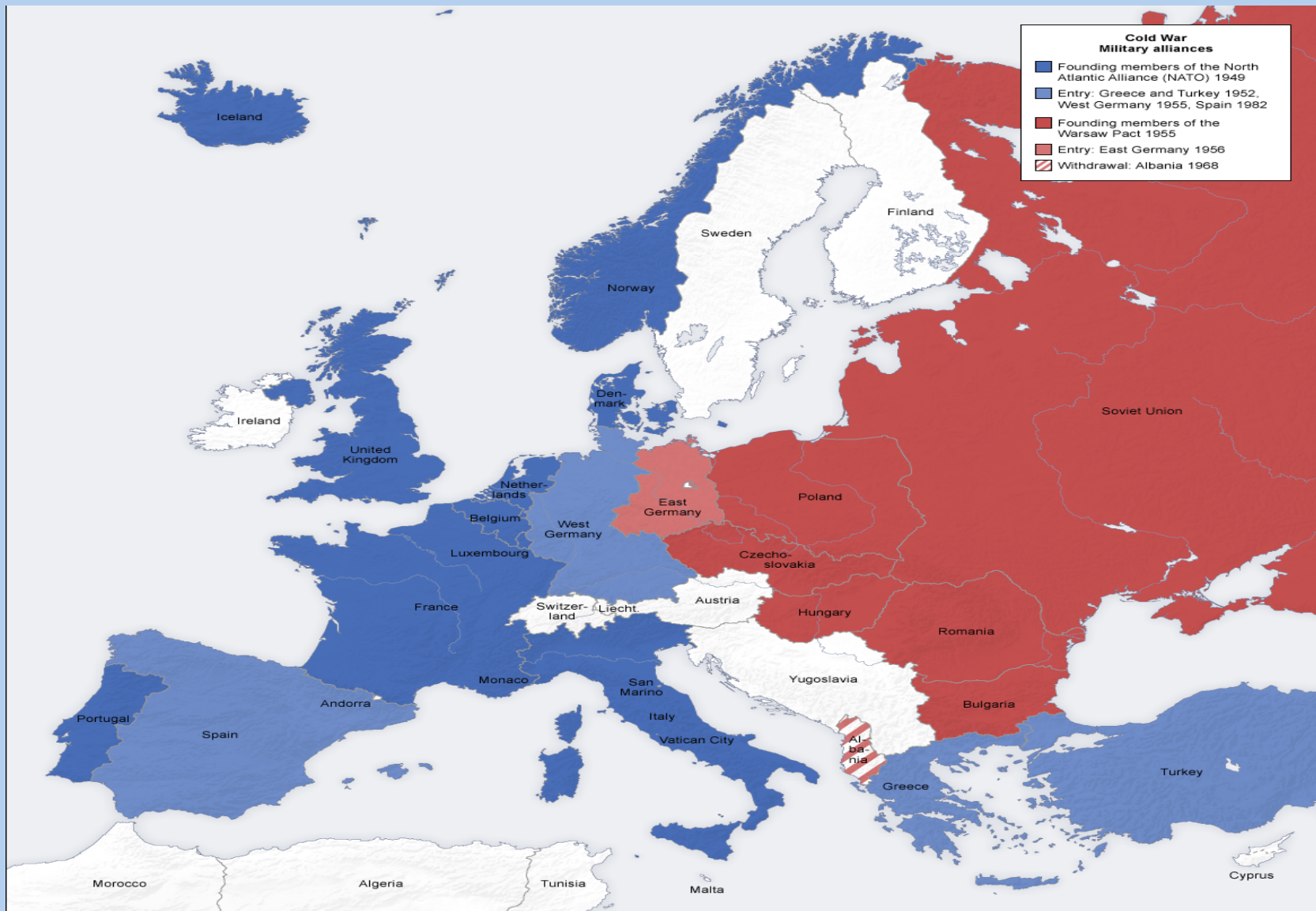
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Blue: Axis Powers & Red: Allies

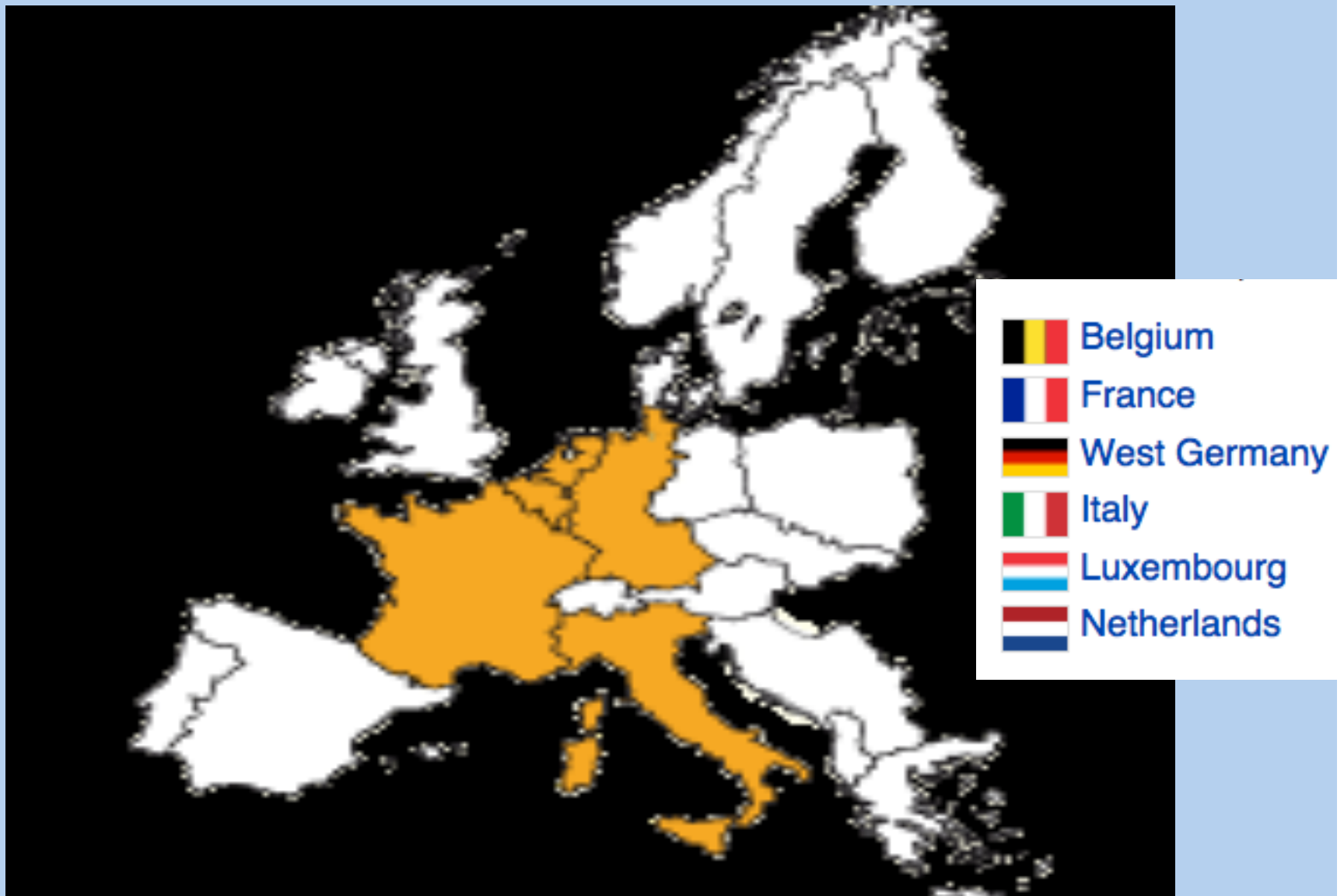


# Cold War Alliances

## NATO (Democracies) vs. Warsaw Pact (Communists)



# Original European Union Members



# EUROPEAN UNION

## EU Countries

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| <b>1</b> Britain     | <b>9</b> Portugal    |
| <b>2</b> Ireland     | <b>10</b> Spain      |
| <b>3</b> France      | <b>11</b> Italy      |
| <b>4</b> Belgium     | <b>12</b> Greece     |
| <b>5</b> Denmark     | <b>13</b> Austria    |
| <b>6</b> Netherlands | <b>14</b> Germany    |
| <b>7</b> Sweden      | <b>15</b> Luxembourg |
| <b>8</b> Finland     |                      |

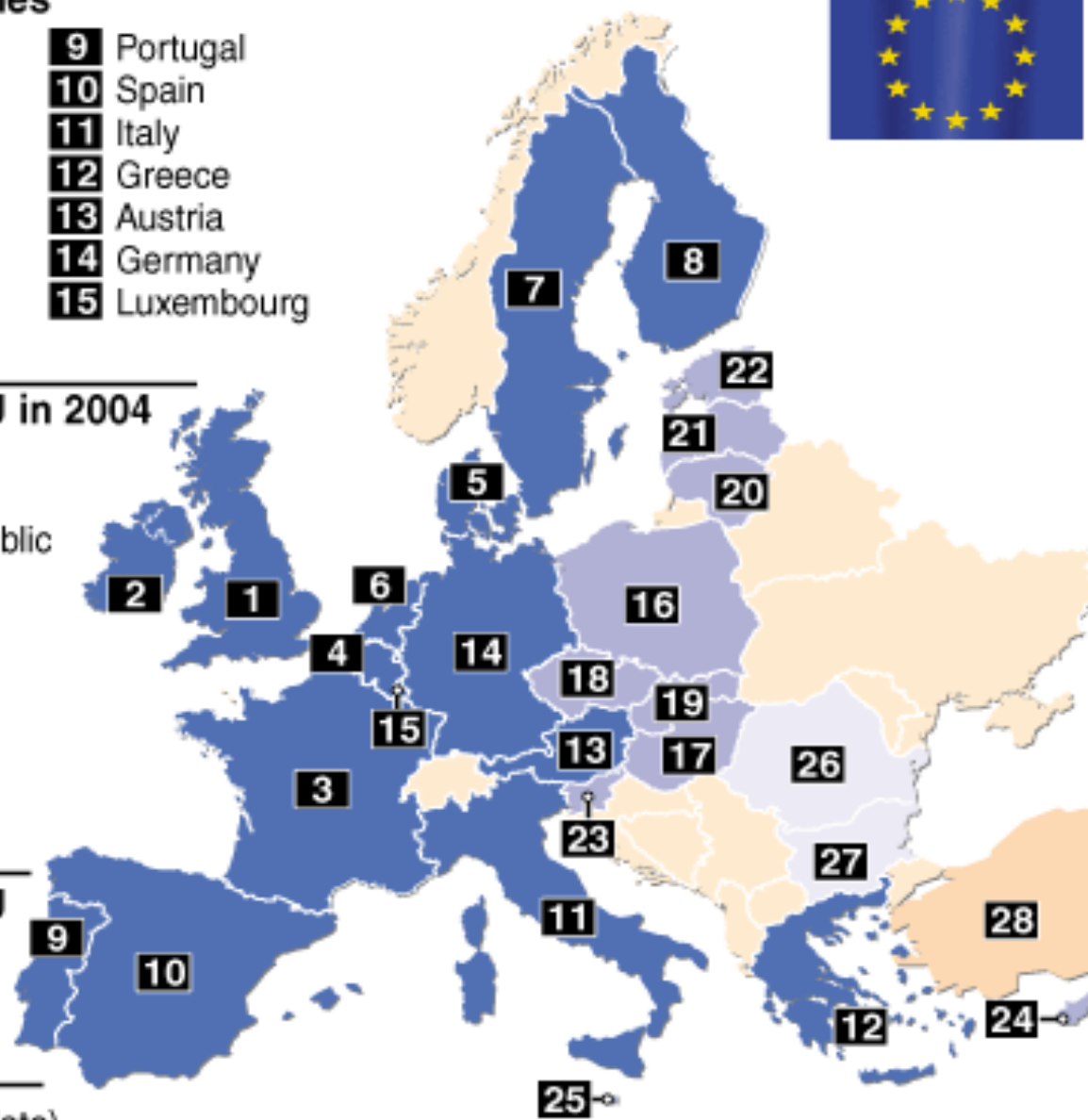
## Joining EU in 2004

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| <b>16</b> Poland         |
| <b>17</b> Hungary        |
| <b>18</b> Czech Republic |
| <b>19</b> Slovakia       |
| <b>20</b> Lithuania      |
| <b>21</b> Latvia         |
| <b>22</b> Estonia        |
| <b>23</b> Slovenia       |
| <b>24</b> *Cyprus        |
| <b>25</b> Malta          |

## Joining EU in 2007

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| <b>26</b> Romania  |
| <b>27</b> Bulgaria |

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| <b>28</b> Turkey (no date) |
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\*Membership would effectively cover only the southern, Greek Cypriot populated areas

# Pros & Cons

## PROS

- Largest economy
- Open borders (trade and travel)
- Common form of money
- Less likely to go to war against each other
- Trade bloc (alliance) influences world trade
- Creates a common European cultural identity
- Diversifies the economy
- Supranational (the practice of international cooperation above and beyond national limitations)

## CONS

- Lack of border control
- Difficulty agreeing on decision
- Some countries didn't adopt Euro
- Dependency
- Loss of power/sovereignty
- Cultural boundaries
- Growing size
- National identity is lost
- Small countries suffer in parliament because of their size

# You as the Ambassador



- You, as the Ambassador of a country in Europe, wants your country to be part of this organization, European Union.
- Develop a paper preparing your presentation on why your country would like to join this organization and what will your country benefit from being a participant of the organization. Type in COMPLETED sentences.
- You must include:
  - Name of your country
  - Type of government
  - 3 reasons why your country wants to join
- Be prepared to defend your country.
- See rubric for grading points.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph: Introduce yourself and your country. Explain your interest for joining the European Union.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph: 1<sup>st</sup> reason – be sure to elaborate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph: 2<sup>nd</sup> reason – be sure to elaborate
- 4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph: 3<sup>rd</sup> reason – be sure to elaborate
- 5<sup>th</sup> Paragraph: Closing (your chance to convince the European Union)

4	Paper/presentation gives <b>clear, appropriate and relevant reasons</b> for joining the organization including accurate assertions of the <b>positive effects of globalizations, connectivity, and standard of living</b> . There are no obvious omissions.
4	Student provides the <b>main ideas or generalizations related to the concept studied</b> . <b>Supporting details</b> are used to illustrate the general points. There are no inaccuracies.
4	Paper includes all 5 paragraphs and completed sentences. No error in spellings, capitalizations, and punctuations. All sentences are well-constructed.