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SAFER SPACE PRINCIPPLE

- shared rules

Be aware of your own preconceptions and its affect on your actions. Everyone has the right to be encountered and to be treated equally.

Respect everyones personal space. Do not touch without persmission and give everyone the opportunity to share what they are comfortable with.

Create a space, where it is easy for everyone to speak and express themselves.

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Better Europe for the Young

- founded in 1997
- activity is open for all the youth between 15-28
- the meaning of the organization is to function independently from religion or political parties
- we increase information about European union and its impacts
- we function as a discussion platform and as an influencer canal for the youth interested in Europe-related context



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EUROPEAN UNION



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EU IS A UNION OF STATES

27

There are 27 member states, from which United Kingdom voted in favor for withdrawal in 2016

446

The population of EU is 446 million and it is around 6% of the population in the whole world.

GDP (gross national product): 15 300 mjrđ. EUR (2017), one of the biggest with China and the USA

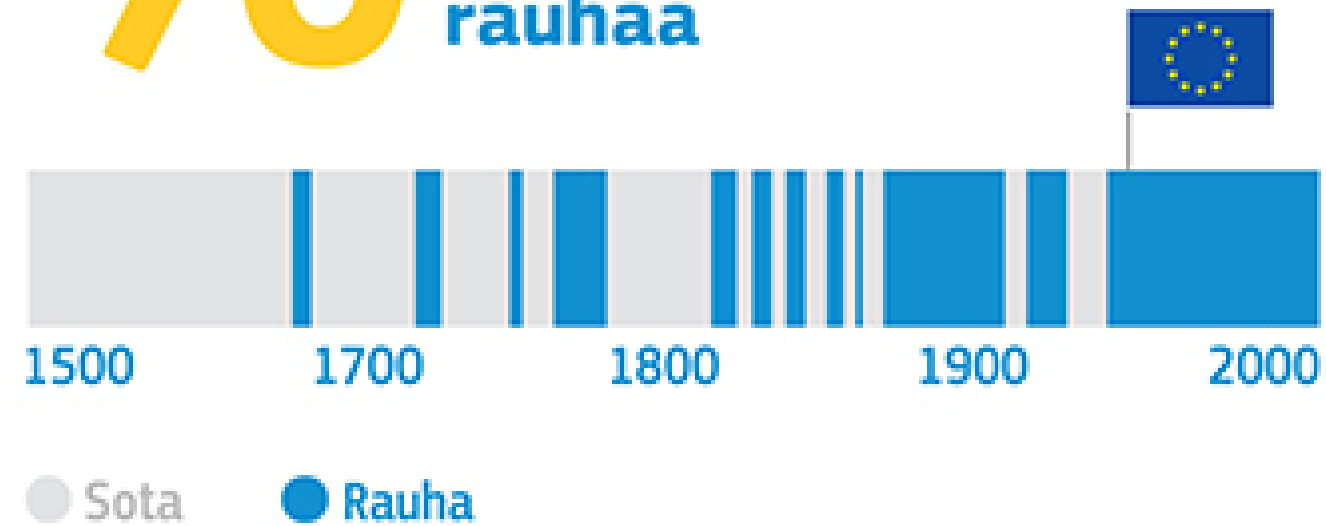
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In the EU there are 24 official languages spoken and all official documents are translated to all these languages

1995

Finland joined the European Union in 1995

70 vuotta kestäväää rauhaa



European union is a peace project.

The goal is to improve peace, the values of the union and the well-being of its citizens.

The fundamental EU values:

- Human dignity
- Freedom
- Democracy
- Equality
- Rule of law
- Human rights



History of EU

- short version

A EU history related video published by the European Commission, 4min

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8r-NWCzMX9w>

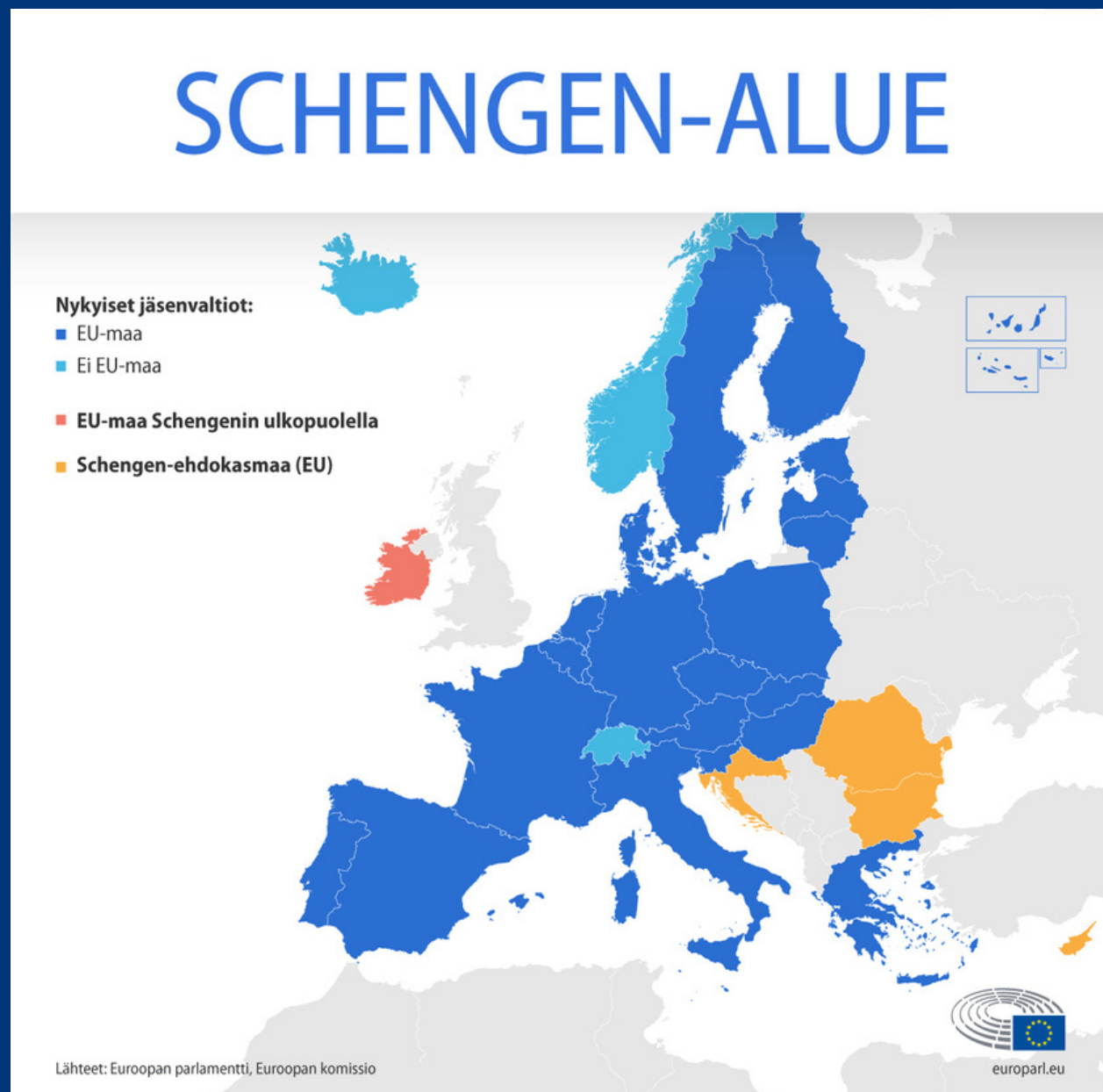
Find answers to these questions from the video:

Why was EU founded?

What are the 4 basic freedoms of the EU?

What different fields of cooperation are mentioned in the video?

HOW DOES THE EU APPEAR IN YOUR LIFE?



EU INSTITUTIONS



European Commission



European Council
Council of the European
Union



European parliament



PARLIAMENT

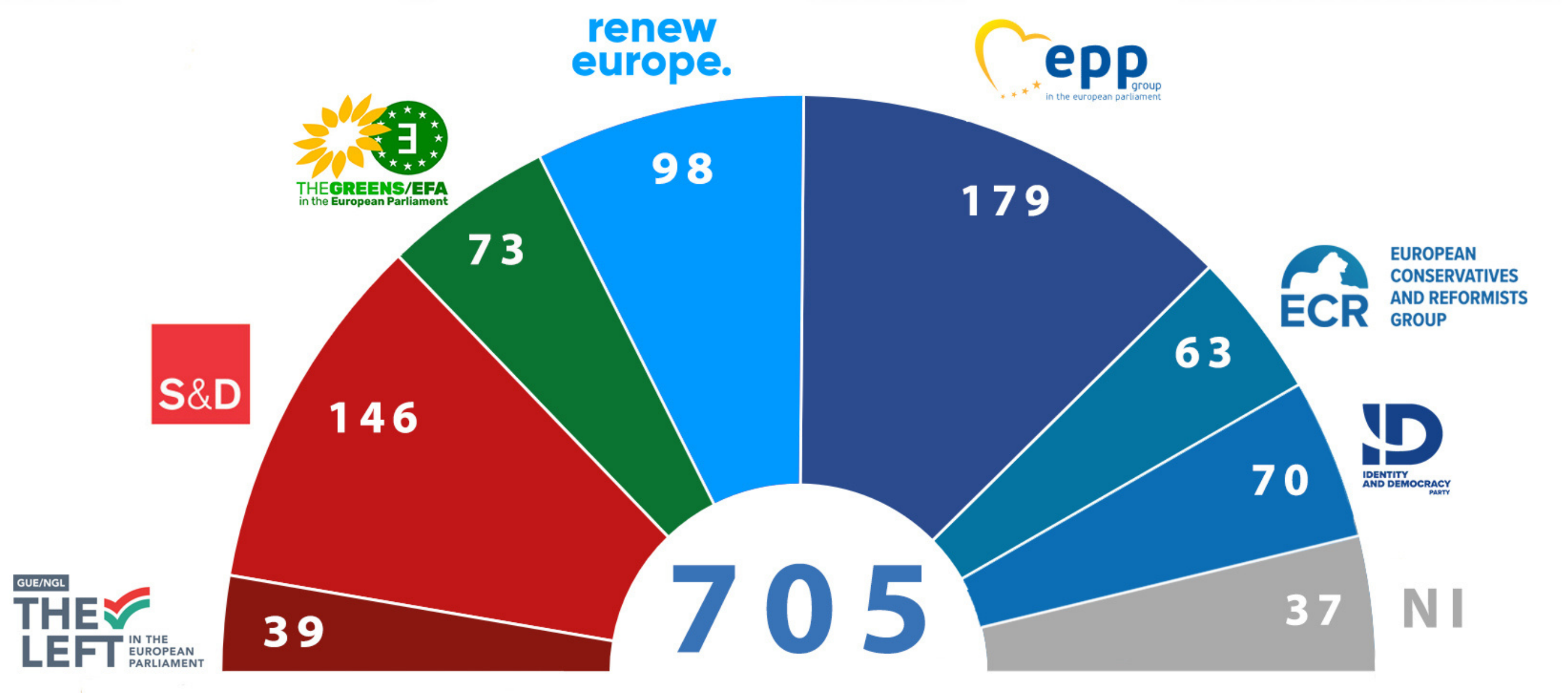
- 705 members of the parliament
- they represent the EU-citizens
- over 18-years-old are able to vote
- next election in may 2024
- plenary session = meeting of the parliament
- makes decisions related to EU legislation in cooperation with the Council
- approves the EU budget
- Finland 14 MEPs
- Italy 76 MEPs



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<https://euranetplus-inside.eu/polls-predict-douse-u-vote-as-eu-rs0-meme-gains>



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THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

- = summit meeting
- The heads of state of the EU member states gather to decide on the Union's central policies
- political guidance and leadership at the highest level
- NO legislative power

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- = Council of Ministers
- the responsible ministers negotiate the positions of the member states on the legislation
- legislate the laws together with Parliament
- rotating presidency (Finland was 2019)



<https://eurooppatiedotus.fi/eun-ulkopolitiikka/eun-ulkopolitiikka-suomi/>

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- 27 commissioner
- the parliament elects the commission
- initiates the legislative process and proposes new programs based on the general interest of the EU
- the executive body of the EU
- manages the EU's politicians and budget, and ensures that Member States apply EU legislation correctly



https://twitter.com/eu_commission/status/1010066166128286721



https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/fi/hearing-of-jutta-urpilainen-commissioner-designate-international-partnerships_13215_pk

Separation of Powers



Euroopan parlamentti

European Parliament

legislative power



European Commission

executive power

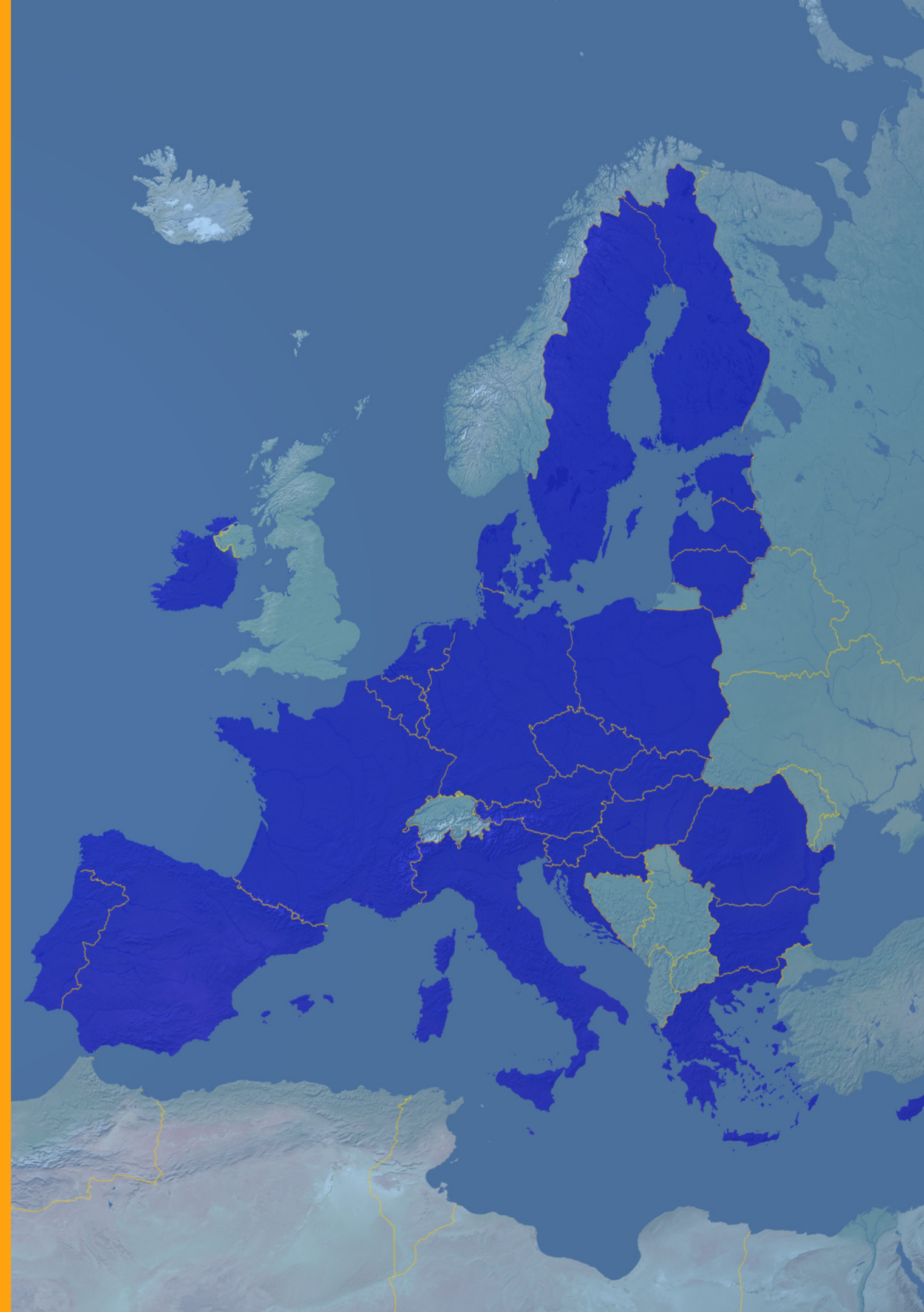


Court of Justice of the
European Union

jurisdiction

More than the sum of its parts

- The EU has faced big challenges in recent years, but was able to meet them through cooperation
- the cooperation deepened during the pandemic was put to the test in the spring of 2022 after Russia attacked Ukraine
- The EU and other western countries have cooperated in imposing sanctions on Russia and supporting Ukraine
- The EU aims to secure peace in Europe, as it has done for decades



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