

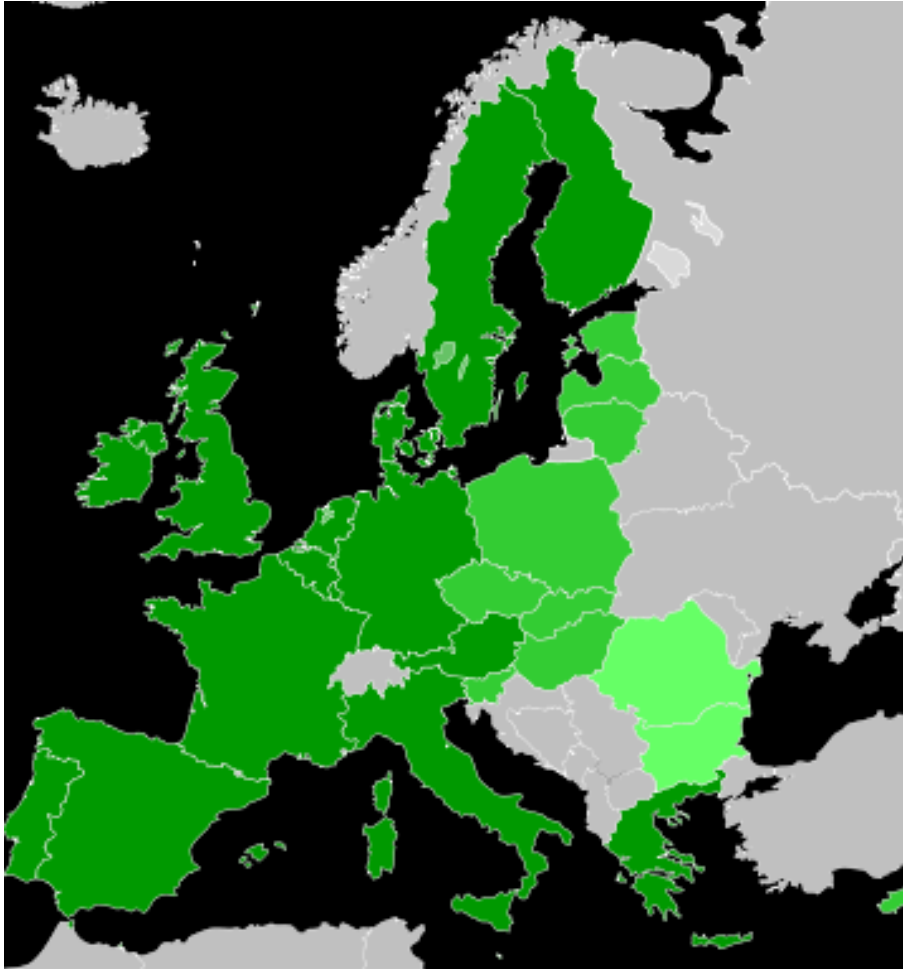
THE CHANGING POLITICAL LANDSCAPE ACROSS THE BALTIC AND EUROPE

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RECAP: THE EASTERN ENLARGEMENT IN 2004



Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

The greatest triumph of the EU – or was it not?



THE COPENHAGEN CRITERIA (1993)

- Stable institutions able to guarantee democracy, the rule of law, human rights, and the respect for and the protection of minorities;
- In order for negotiations of accession to begin, the candidate must meet this first criterion.
- The criteria seemed to reign supreme at the time. Even Russia seemed prepared to join in Yeltsin's day

BUT TODAY – LIBERAL DEMOCRACY IS UNDER PRESSURE....

- Russia's "sovereign democracy" and its neglect of international law
- Hungary, Poland: "illiberal democracies", 2010- & 2014-
. Pay attention to h the canaries!
- Turkey's challenge; failed coup of 2016
- Right-wing populist surge in the EU (Euro crisis, "migration crisis")
- Brexit
- Trump's electoral win in 2016
- Stemming the tide in France?

WHAT FUTURE FOR THE EU?

Promised Land

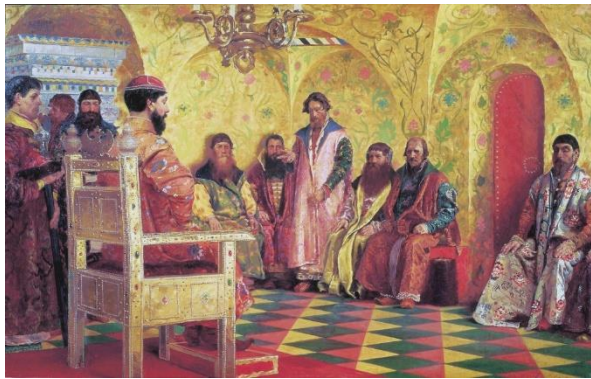
Bogeyman

Anachronism

Contested Ideal

From Persson, Petersson & Stokholm Banke (2015):
Playing Second Fiddle?

WHO SPEAKS IN THE NAME OF EUROPE? BASES FOR LEGITIMACY IN RUSSIA



THE BATTLE OF DISCOURSES: WHAT IS NORMALITY?

- Liberal democracy
- vs.
- Illiberal democracy
- vs.
- Sovereign democracy

What lies ahead for Europe?

