

THE END OF HISTORY?



# The European Union

- 1985 = European Economic Community (EEC) adopts the Single Europe Act
  - Common tariff policies
  - Single passport
  - Common labor standards/training
- October 1991 = EEC combines with European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
  - EEC + EFTA = European Economic Area
  - Over 380,000,000 consumers

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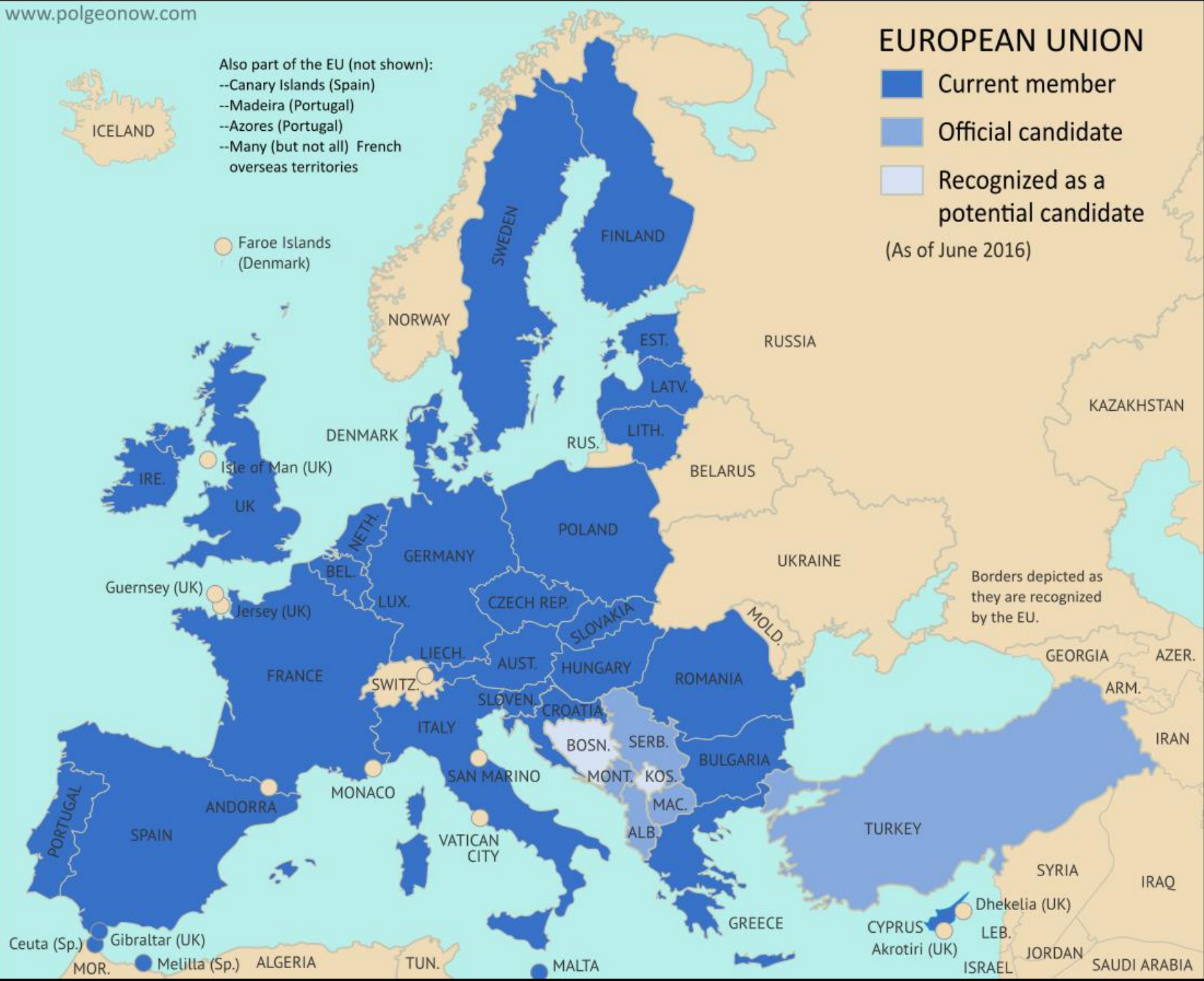
- Current member
- Official candidate
- Recognized as a potential candidate

(As of June 2016)

Also part of the EU (not shown):

- Canary Islands (Spain)
- Madeira (Portugal)
- Azores (Portugal)
- Many (but not all) French overseas territories

Faroe Islands (Denmark)



Borders depicted as they are recognized by the EU.

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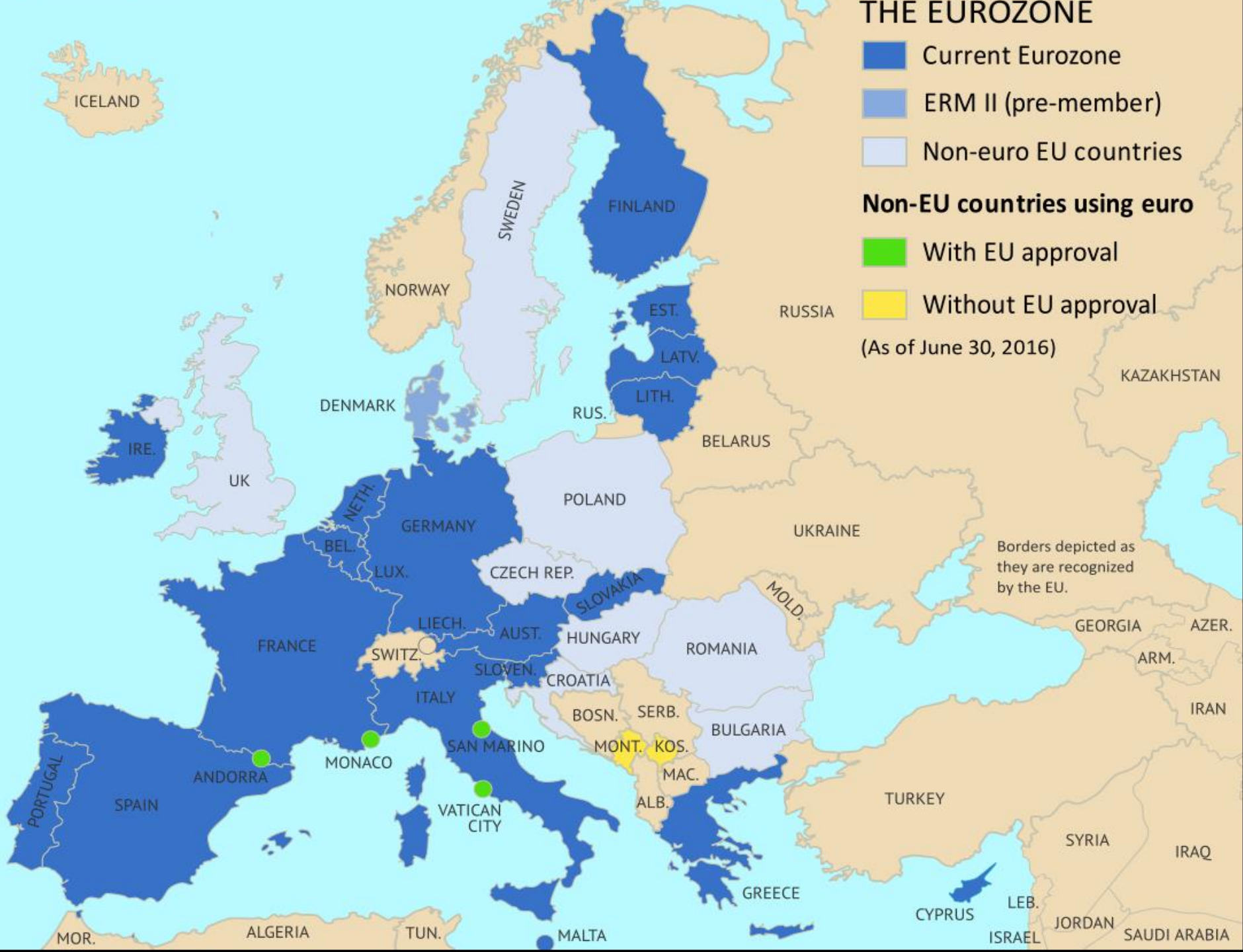


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  - Established the Euro and the European Union
    - 15 original member states
- 1 January 2002 = 12 member states switch to the Euro
  - Second most traded currency to the \$
- Today, 28 EU member states
  - 19 have adopted the Euro



# THE EUROZONE

-  Current Eurozone
  -  ERM II (pre-member)
  -  Non-euro EU countries
  - Non-EU countries using euro**
    -  With EU approval
    -  Without EU approval
- (As of June 30, 2016)



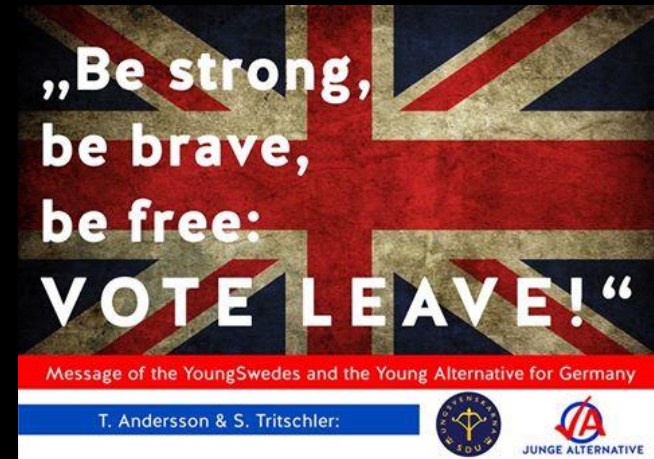
# Immigrant Labor



- 1970s and 1980s = huge influx of immigrants to and throughout Europe
  - Within Europe
  - From North Africa
  - New migrant laborers willing to work for cheap
- Immigration creates tension . . .
  - Migrant workers exploited/marginalized
  - Children of migrants feel alienated

# Immigrant Labor

- Renewed ultra-nationalism in Europe
  - Frustration with migrants taking jobs
  - 1970s-1980s = general center-right shift in Europe
  - French National Front, Alternative for Germany, Hungarian Jobbik Movement, "Brexit"
- Clash of culture: the example of France
  - 2004 = all excessive religious symbols banned from French schools
  - 2010 = face coverings banned throughout France





# Contemporary Women's Rights

- Two major problems for women, post-1960s:
  - Women are paid less than men for the same work
  - Women are not compensated for child care
- Today, only three nation-states do not grant any kind of paid maternity/parental leave
  - Lesotho, Papua New Guinea, U.S.
- 1970s = focus on int'l problems: rape, sexual violence, access to contraceptives/abortion

# The New “War on Terror”

- Terrorism on the rise after the re-creation of Israel
  - Angry, displaced Palestinians
  - 1968 = Palestinians hijack their first plane
- 1979 = Iran’s Islamic Revolution
- 1980s = global identity created among Islamic fundamentalists fighting the Soviet Union in Afghanistan
  - Created a loose, but global network of militants

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- Not all terrorism is about religion . . .
  - 1970s = Red Army Faction (communist militants in West Germany)
  - 1995 = Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City bombing (anti-federal government)
  - July 2011 = Anders Breivik and the Utøya massacre (anti-multicultural, Islamophobic)
- . . . But a lot of terrorism is about religion
  - 1993 attempt to bomb World Trade Center
  - Osama bin Laden’s obsession with the United States
    - August 1998 = bombing of U.S. embassies in Kenya & Tanzania
    - October 2000 = bombing of the *USS Cole*
    - June 2001 = calls for a “jihad” against the United States
    - 11 September 2001 = World Trade Center attacks



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- October 2001 = U.S. invades Afghanistan
  - U.S. removes Taliban from power
  - 2004 = free elections
  - As of 2017, some troops still there
- March 2003 = U.S. invades Iraq
  - Looking for “weapons of mass destruction”
  - 2006 = Saddam Hussein was tried and executed for crimes against humanity
  - May 2007 = Iraqi Parliament asks U.S. to leave
  - December 2011 = U.S. leaves Iraq
- 2011 = Arab Spring

