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History of European Integration

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Structure of the Lecture

- I. Why did European integration come into existence? Why at that moment in history? What were the general aims of European integration?
- II. What drives European integration and what is the specific principle of its historical development?
- III. What are the main milestones of European integration in terms of main steps in history, decisive break-throughs, failures, crises and achievements?
- IV. What will be the outlook on future prospects of European integration?

The European Union Quiz



How many Member States does the EU have?

(A) 15

(B) 25

(C) 28

(D) 30



Which of the following states does not belong to the EU?

(A) Sweden

(B) Finland

(C) Norway

(D) Bulgaria



Which of the following institutions does not belong to the EU?

- (A) European Council
- (B) Council of Ministers
- (C) Council of Europe



Who was Jean Monnet?

- (A) A famous painter
- (B) Founding Father of Europe
- (C) First President of the European Parliament



I. Motives and aims of European integration

What aims and motivations of European integration would you identify?

- European integration is the historical alternative to the long series of European hegemonial wars (balance of power vs. supranational integration)
- World War II gave birth to European integration

II. Principle of European Integration

(Robert) Schuman Declaration of 9 May 1950:

- How shall Europe be built?
- Why cooperation on the coal and steel market?
- What principle of European integration? i.e. What is the Monnet Method?

II. Principles of European Integration

Four driving forces:

- Ever deeper
- Ever wider
- Ever in crisis?
- Ever more differentiated

III. Milestones of European Integration

1. Foundation Period:

- Declaration Robert Schuman (1950)
- European Coal and Steel Community (1952)
- Failure of the European Defence Community (1954)
- Treaties of Rome (1957)

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2. Consolidation Period 1957-1974:

- Fouchet Plans (1961)
- Empty Chair Crisis (1965)
- The Hague Summit (1969);
- Northern enlargement 1973 (UK, Ireland DK)
- focus on the effects of deepening on widening

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3. Relaunch Period 1974-1986:

- Southern enlargement (Greece 1981, Spain Portugal 1986),
- Single European Act 1986
- effects of widening on deepening

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4. European Union and Adjustment Period 1987-2000:

- Maastricht Treaty/EMU (1993),
- EFTA enlargement 1995 (Sweden, Finland, Austria),
- Treaty of Amsterdam (1999) and
- Treaty of Nice (2002)
- focus on the effects of deepening on widening

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5. Constitutional Period 2000-2009:

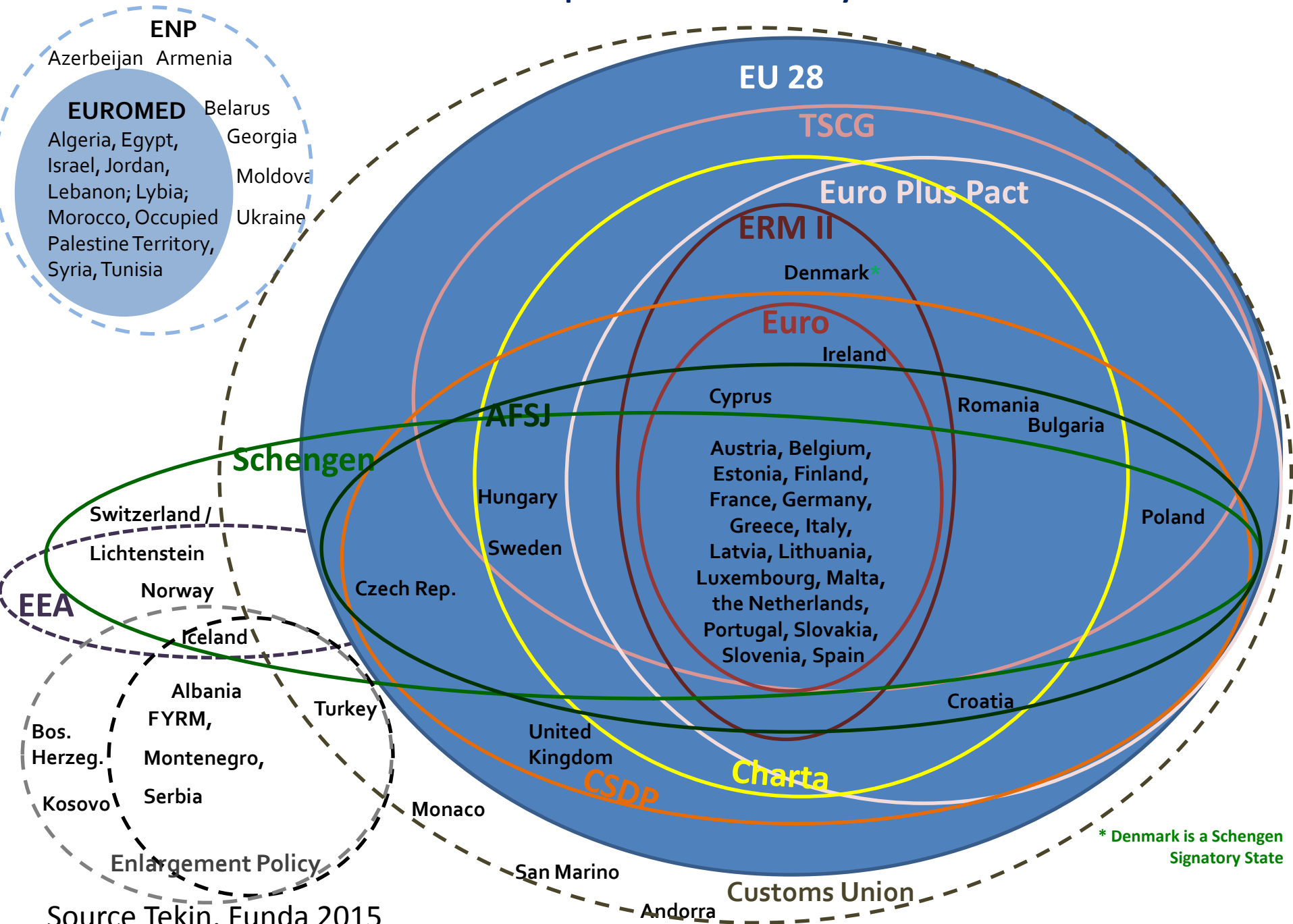
- big bang enlargement (2004/2007)
- Constitutional Treaty (2004)
- Lisbon Treaty (2009)
- focus of widening on deepening

III. Milestones of European Integration

5. Constitutional Period 2008-today:

- Financial crisis,
- solving the crisis,
- Croatia joining EU (2013)
- focus on crisis management – widening is out of the focus.

Europe United in Diversity



* Denmark is a Schengen Signatory State

IV. Outlook

- GREXIT?
- BREXIT?
- Associate Membership?
- Political Union?