



NATO

What Is Its Role Today?

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Berlin Airlift, 1948



Truman Signs North Atlantic Treaty, April 4, 1949

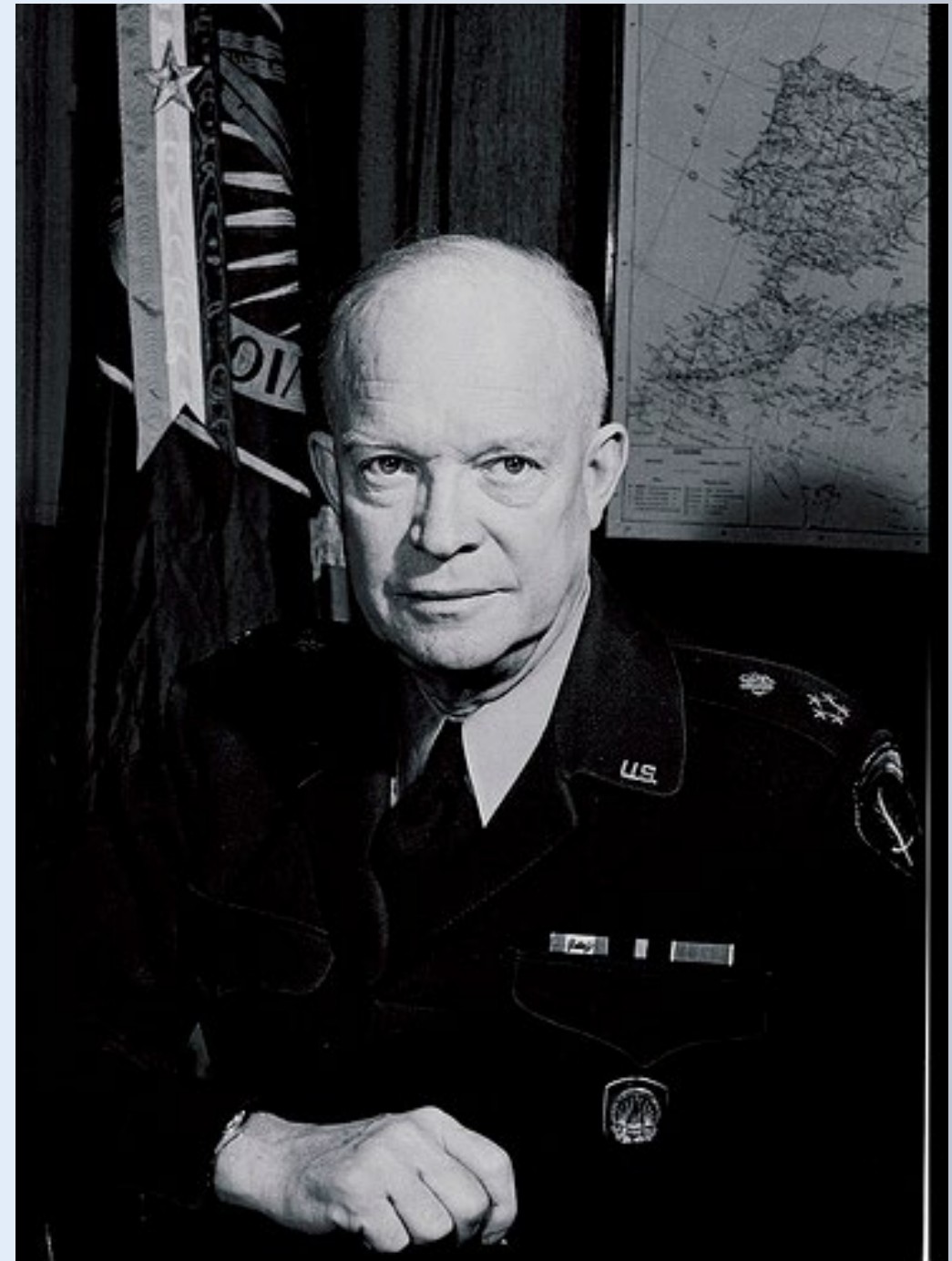


Article 5

North Atlantic Treaty

“The Parties of NATO agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all. Consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them, in exercise of the right of individual or collective self-defence recognised by Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, will assist the Party or Parties being attacked, individually and in concert with the other Parties, by such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area”.

First NATO Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower



Cold War Military Alliances



Old NATO Headquarters, Brussels

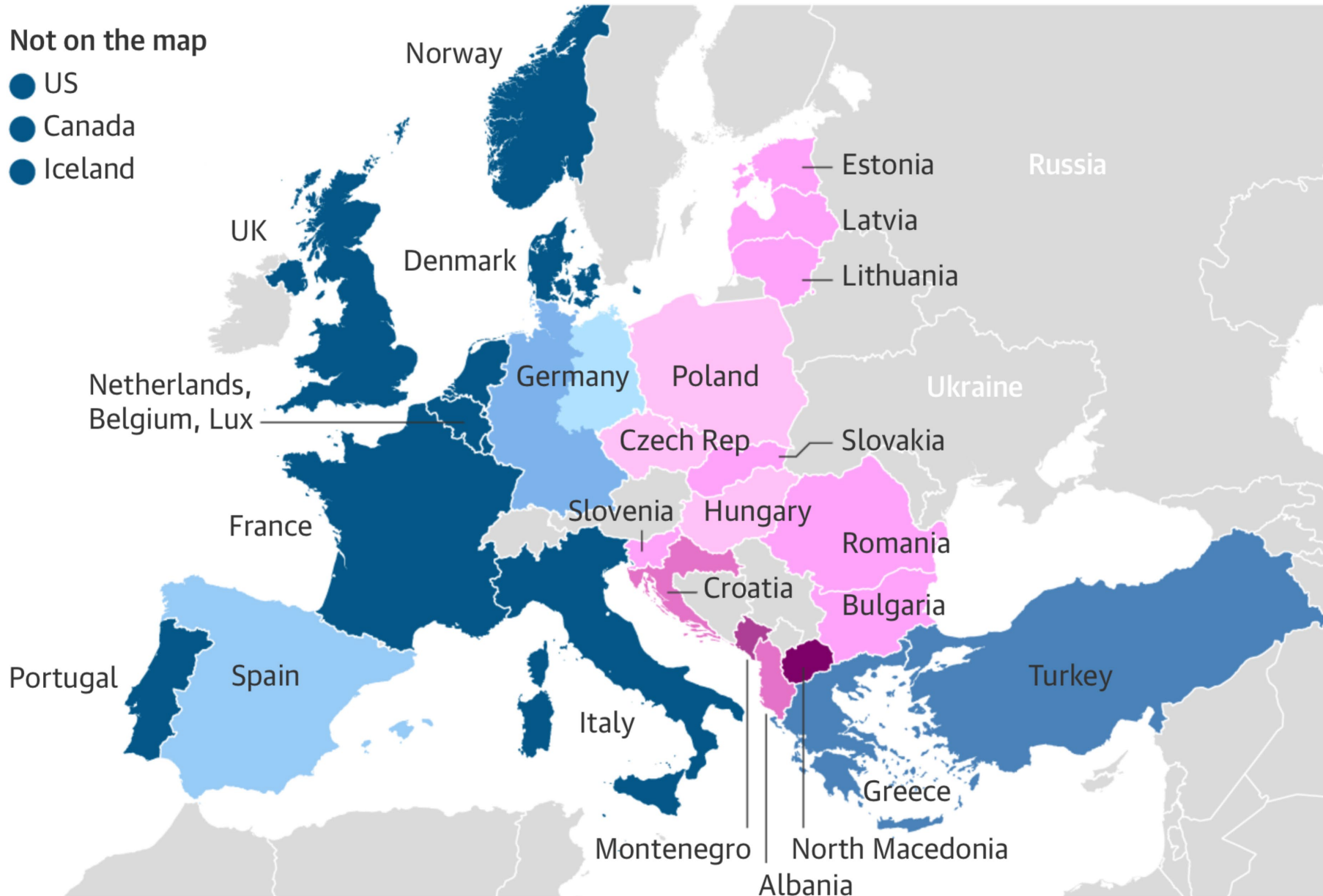


1949 1952 1955 1982 1990 1999 2004 2009 2017 2020

NATO Expansion

Not on the map

- US
- Canada
- Iceland



German Reunification

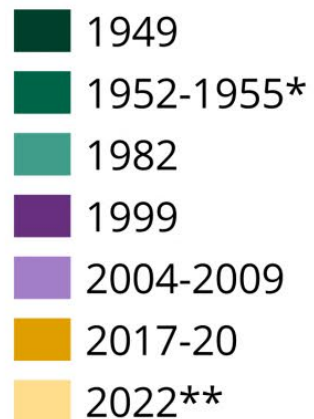


Two Plus Four Treaty



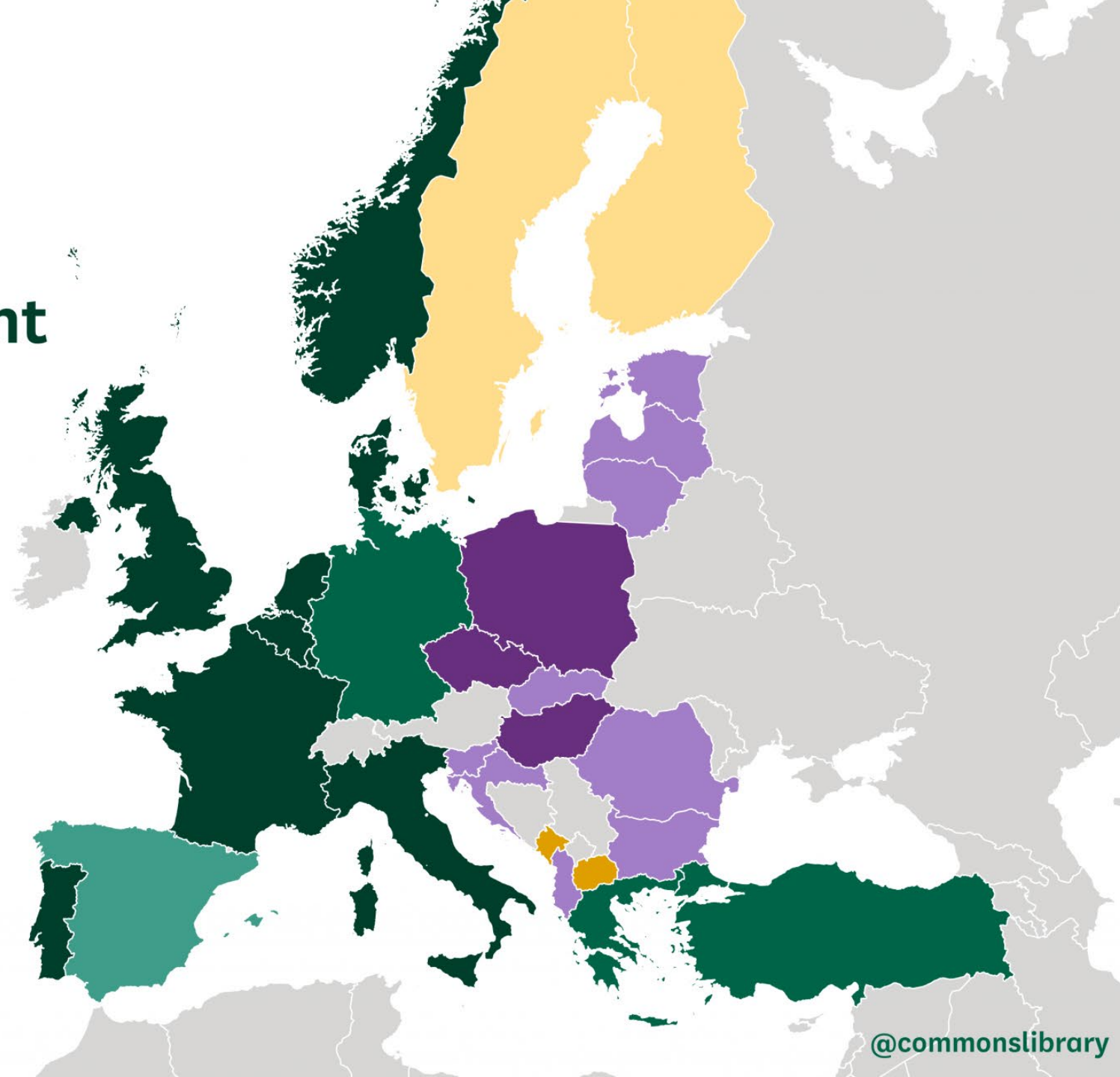
NATO enlargement in Europe

Date of joining

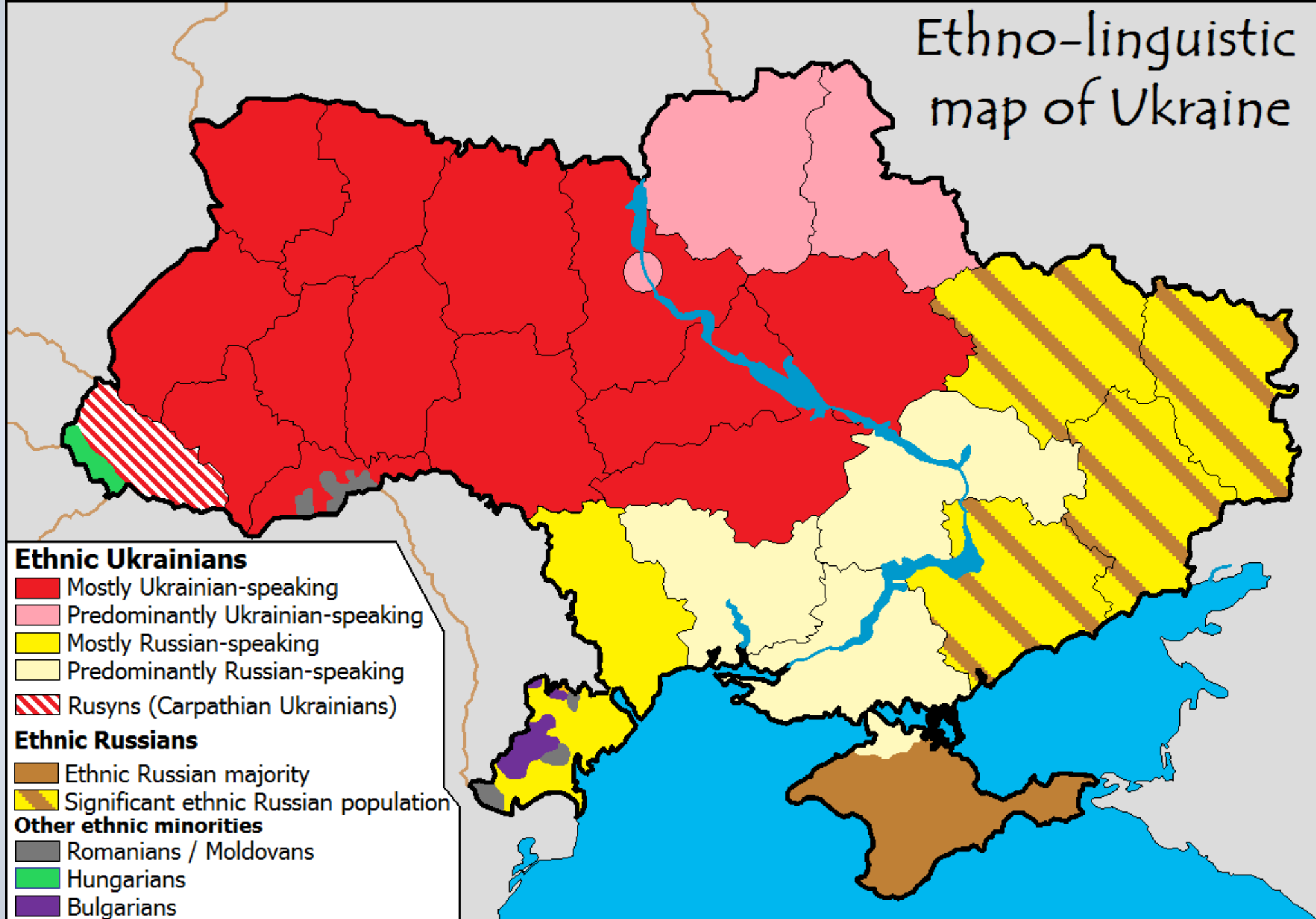


* East Germany was not a member until reunification in 1990.

** Finland and Sweden are awaiting NATO membership.



Ethno-linguistic map of Ukraine



NATO members, current and prospective

- NATO member*
- Prospective NATO members
- Current NATO border
- - Prospective NATO border



Source: EIU.

* The US and Canada are also NATO members, not shown on the map.



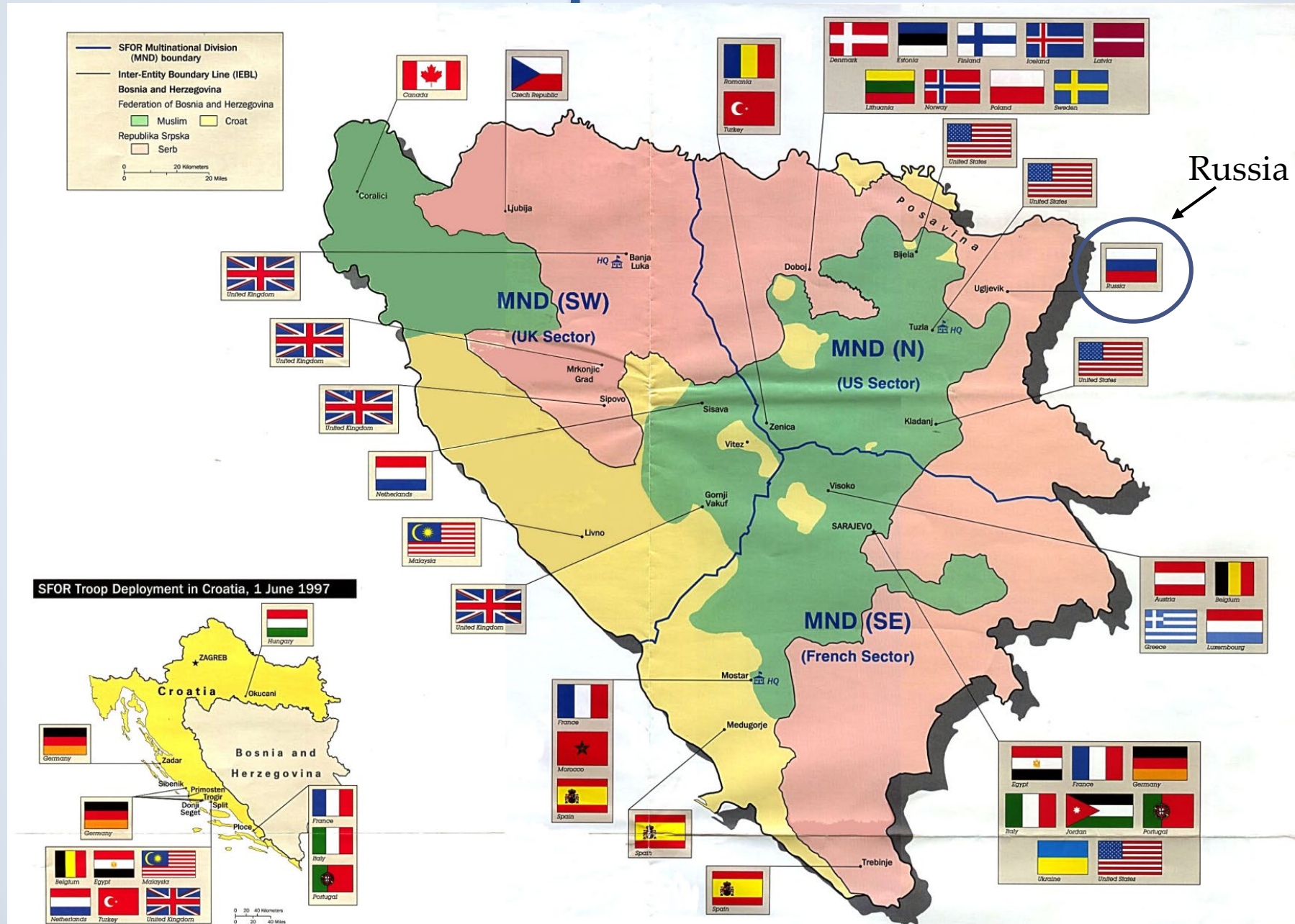
NATO Response Force



NATO In Bosnia, 1993-2004



SFOR Troop Contributors



NATO in Kosovo, 1999 - Present





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NATO AWACS in Exercise with USAF F-16s



German ISAF Helicopter



French Carrier in Libya Operation



4 Multinational Battlegroups

ESTONIA:

United Kingdom
Denmark
Iceland

LITHUANIA:

Germany
Belgium
Czech Republic
France
Iceland
Luxembourg
The Netherlands
Norway

LATVIA:

Canada
Albania
Czech Republic
Iceland
Italy
Montenegro
Poland
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain

POLAND:

United States
Croatia
Romania
United Kingdom

 Framework Nation
 Contributing Nation

Valid as of 20 October 2020



NATO Enhanced Forward Presence





NATO's Eastern Flank: STRONGER DEFENCE AND DETERRENCE

40,000 TROOPS UNDER DIRECT NATO COMMAND
130 ALLIED AIRCRAFT AT HIGH ALERT
100,000 US TROOPS DEPLOYED TO EUROPE
140 ALLIED SHIPS AT SEA

CARRIER STRIKE GROUP

NORWAY



EXERCISE COLD RESPONSE
OVER 30,000 TROOPS FROM 27 COUNTRIES



AIR POWER
ALLIED TROOPS 4,000
HOST NATION 16,800

ESTONIA



AIR POWER
ALLIED TROOPS 2,000
HOST NATION 7,000

LATVIA



AIR POWER
ALLIED TROOPS 1,700
HOST NATION 7,400

LITHUANIA



24/7 AIR PATROL & SURVEILLANCE

POLAND



AIR DEFENCE
ALLIED TROOPS 10,500
HOST NATION 120,000

SLOVAKIA

ALLIED TROOPS 800
HOST NATION 24,000

HUNGARY



AIR DEFENCE
ALLIED TROOPS 2,100
HOST NATION 13,000

ROMANIA



ALLIED TROOPS 3,300
HOST NATION 76,000

BULGARIA

ALLIED TROOPS 900
HOST NATION 26,000



CARRIER STRIKE GROUP

FLAGS OF 30 MEMBER STATES OF THE NATO



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION



ALBANIA



BELGIUM



BULGARIA



CANADA



CROATIA



CZECH REP.



DENMARK



ESTONIA



FRANCE



GERMANY



GREECE



HUNGARY



ICELAND



ITALY



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POLAND



PORTUGAL



ROMANIA



SLOVAKIA



SLOVENIA



SPAIN



TURKEY



UK



USA

New NATO Headquarters

