

UNICA & EU: SUCCESS STORIES

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Europe: a bloody history until 1945



- ***Six European countries decided to pool their resources in the coal and steel sector, traditional drivers of the war machine, and to create an international organisation to manage peaceful use of these resources. In Paris on 18 April 1951 Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands signed the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) Treaty.***

The important role of Migrants



https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/approfondimenti/marcinelle-e-accordi-immigrazione.html

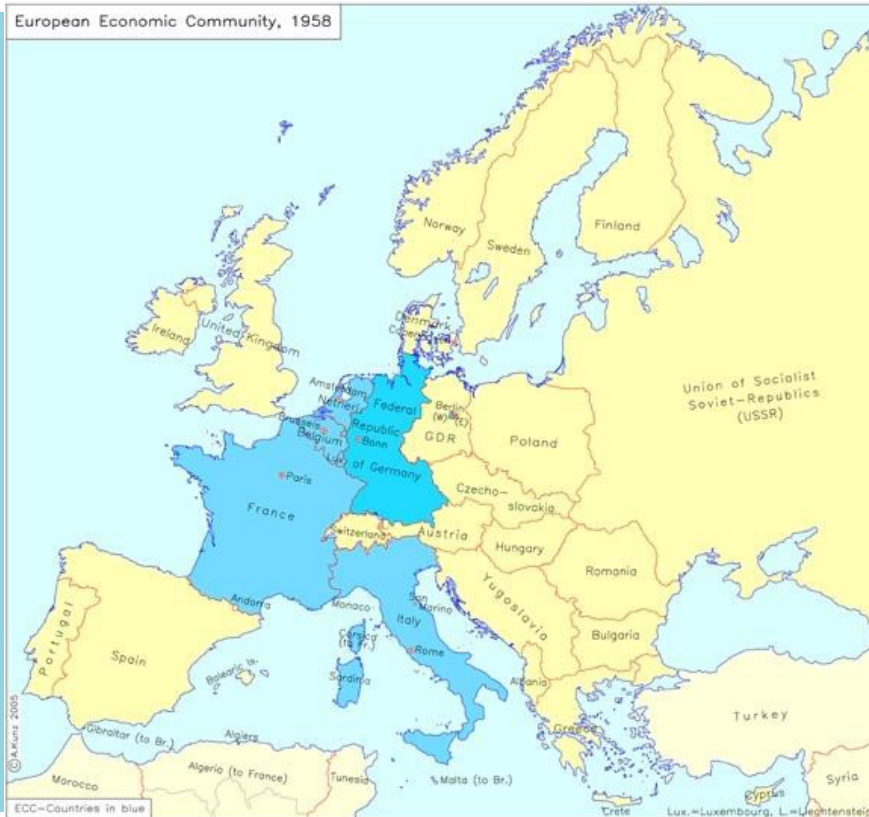
European Economic Community (Rome, 1957)

Two treaties were signed on 25 March 1957 - the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community (EEC) and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC or Euratom).



<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/about-parliament/en/in-the-past/the-parliament-and-the-treaties/treaty-of-rome>

European Economic Community in 1958



Mitterrand and Kohl, leaders in reconciliation (Verdun, 1984)

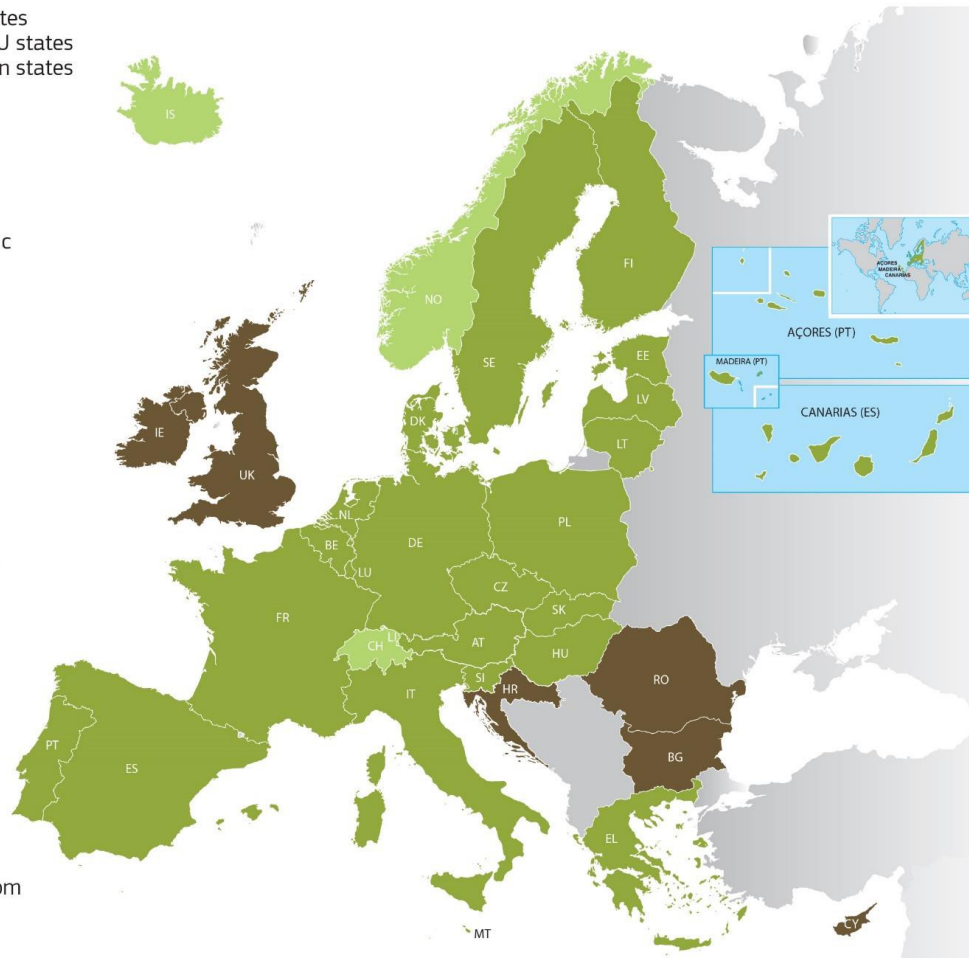


https://europa.eu/european-union/sites/europaeu/files/eu_pioneers_kohl_mitterrand_en.pdf

Schengen area (since 1985)

- EU Schengen states
- Non-Schengen EU states
- Non-EU Schengen states

- AT Austria
- BE Belgium
- BG Bulgaria
- CH Switzerland
- CY Cyprus
- CZ Czech Republic
- DE Germany
- DK Denmark
- EE Estonia
- EL Greece
- ES Spain
- FI Finland
- FR France
- HR Croatia
- HU Hungary
- IE Ireland
- IS Iceland
- IT Italy
- LI Liechtenstein
- LT Lithuania
- LU Luxembourg
- LV Latvia
- MT Malta
- NL Netherlands
- NO Norway
- PL Poland
- PT Portugal
- RO Romania
- SE Sweden
- SI Slovenia
- SK Slovakia
- UK United Kingdom



https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/visa-policy/schengen_visa_en

Fall of the Berlin Wall (1989)



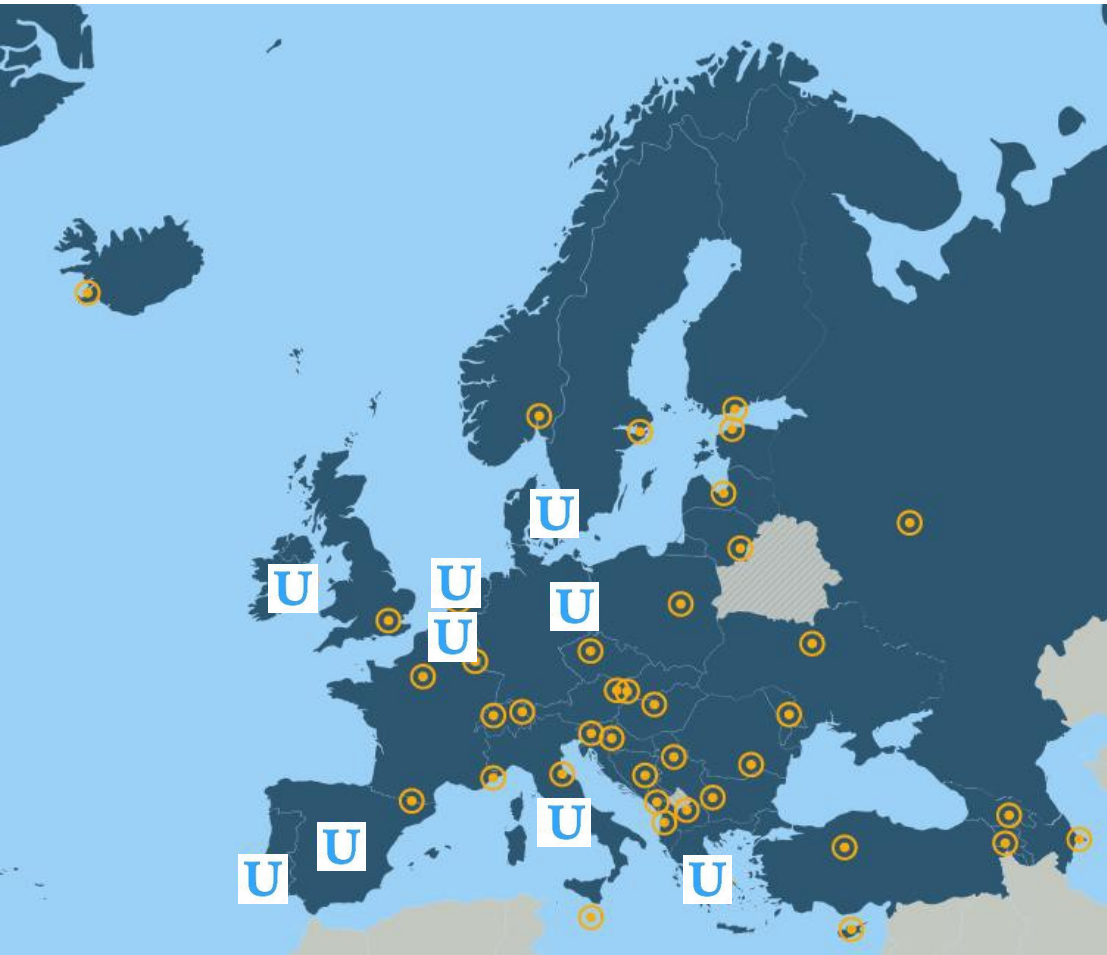
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European Economic Community in 1990



<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-24367705>

1990: CREATION OF UNICA!



Belgium	Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Belgium	Université Libre de Bruxelles
Denmark	University of Copenhagen
Germany	Freie Universität Berlin
Greece	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Ireland	University College Dublin
Italy	Sapienza University of Rome
Netherlands	University of Amsterdam
Portugal	Universidade NOVA de Lisboa
Spain	Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
Spain	Universidad Complutense de Madrid

30th UNICA General Assembly & Rectors Seminar

THREE DECADES OF UNICA:
ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR EUROPEAN
UNIVERSITIES IN THE COVID-19 ERA

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30
YEARS



RESEAU DES UNIVERSITES DES CAPITALES EUROPEENNES

Nous, soussignés, réunis à Bruxelles à l'initiative du Recteur de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles M. Georges Verhaegen, les 24 et 25 janvier 1990, à l'occasion de la création du Réseau des Universités des Capitales Européennes marquons notre accord de principe sur les objectifs de ce réseau tels que présentés en annexe et déclarons notre intention d'œuvrer ensemble à l'élaboration et au renforcement des coopérations interuniversitaires en matière d'enseignement, de recherche, de haute administration et de diffusion de l'information au sein de cette structure.

Dans le souci d'assurer à ce réseau à la fois une certaine cohérence et le maximum de représentativité et d'efficacité, nous approuvons le principe de l'organisation des activités du réseau en groupes opérationnels: un groupe de coordination générale et des groupes spécifiques, coordonnés, chacun, par une Université différente.

Fait à Bruxelles, le 24 janvier 1990.

1991: War again Europe



<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-17632399>

1992: Maastricht Treaty: the European Economic Community becomes the European Union



<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/maastricht-treaty/>

EU in 1995



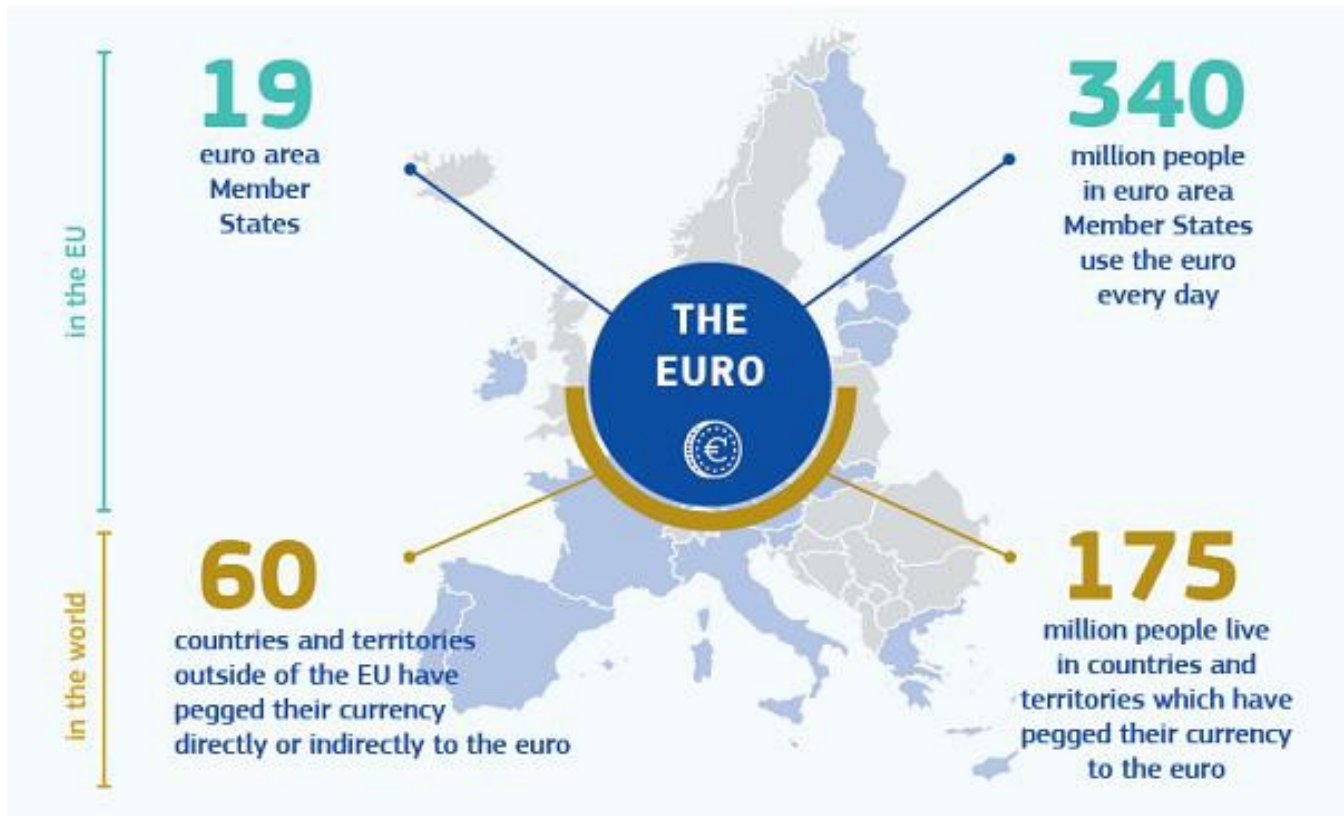
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UNICA in 1995



1993	Hungary	Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest
1993	Italy	Roma Tre University
1993	Poland	University of Warsaw
1993	Sweden	Stockholm University
1994	Austria	University of Vienna
1994	Cyprus	University of Cyprus
1994	Slovakia	Comenius University in Bratislava
1994	Switzerland	Université de Lausanne

EURO currency (since 1999)



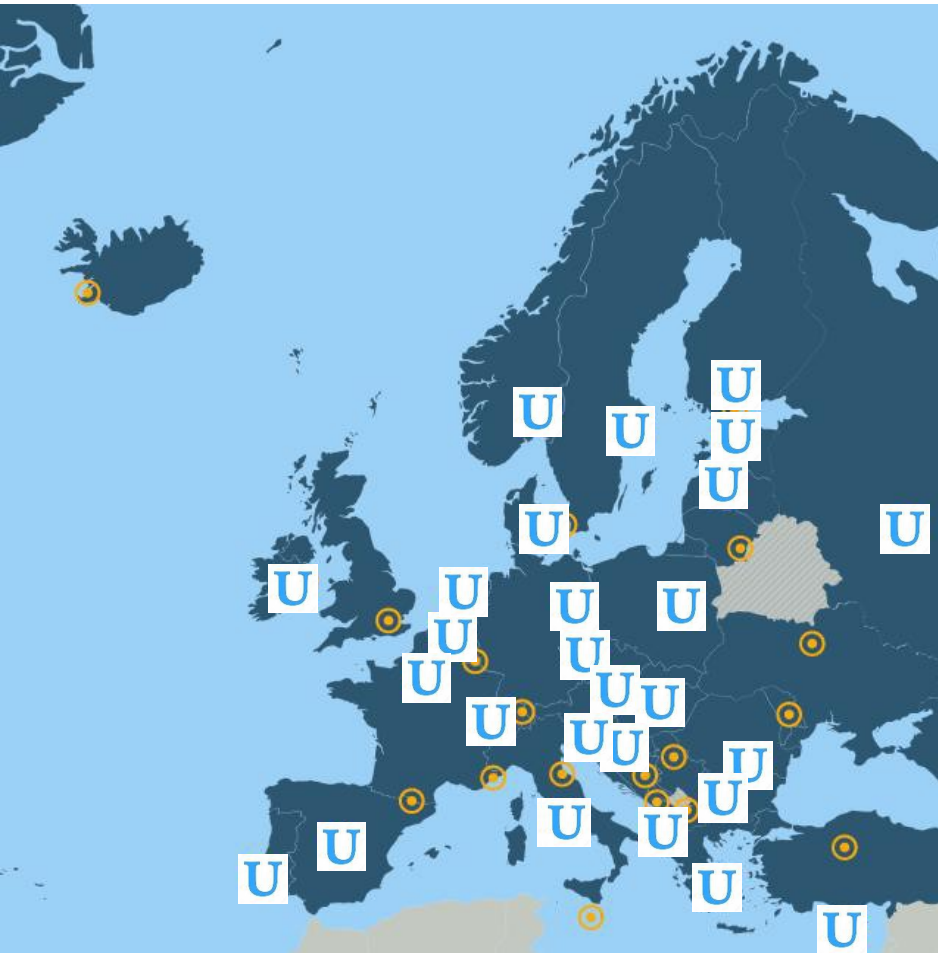
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EU in 2004



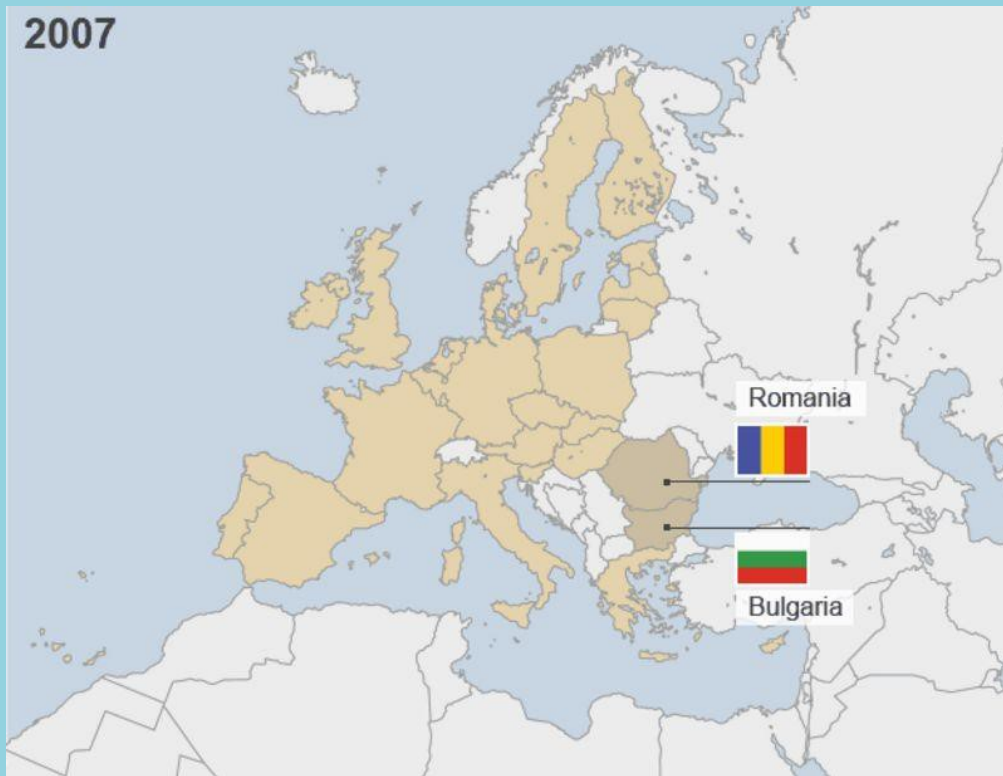
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UNICA in 2004



1996	Finland	University of Helsinki
1996	Norway	University of Oslo
1998	Albania	Tirana University
1998	Albania	Polytechnic University of Tirana
1998	Romania	University of Bucharest
2000	Latvia	University of Latvia
2001	Croatia	University of Zagreb
2001	Czech Republic	Charles University in Prague
2001	Estonia	Tallinn University of Technology
2001	Slovenia	University of Ljubljana
2002	France	Sorbonne Université (former UPMC)
2002	Germany	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2002	Italy	University of Rome "Tor Vergata"
2003	Bulgaria	Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski
2003	France	Université Paris-Dauphine
2003	Russia	Lomonosov Moscow State University
2004	France	Université Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3

EU in 2007



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2012 The EU is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize "for over six decades [having] contributed to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe"



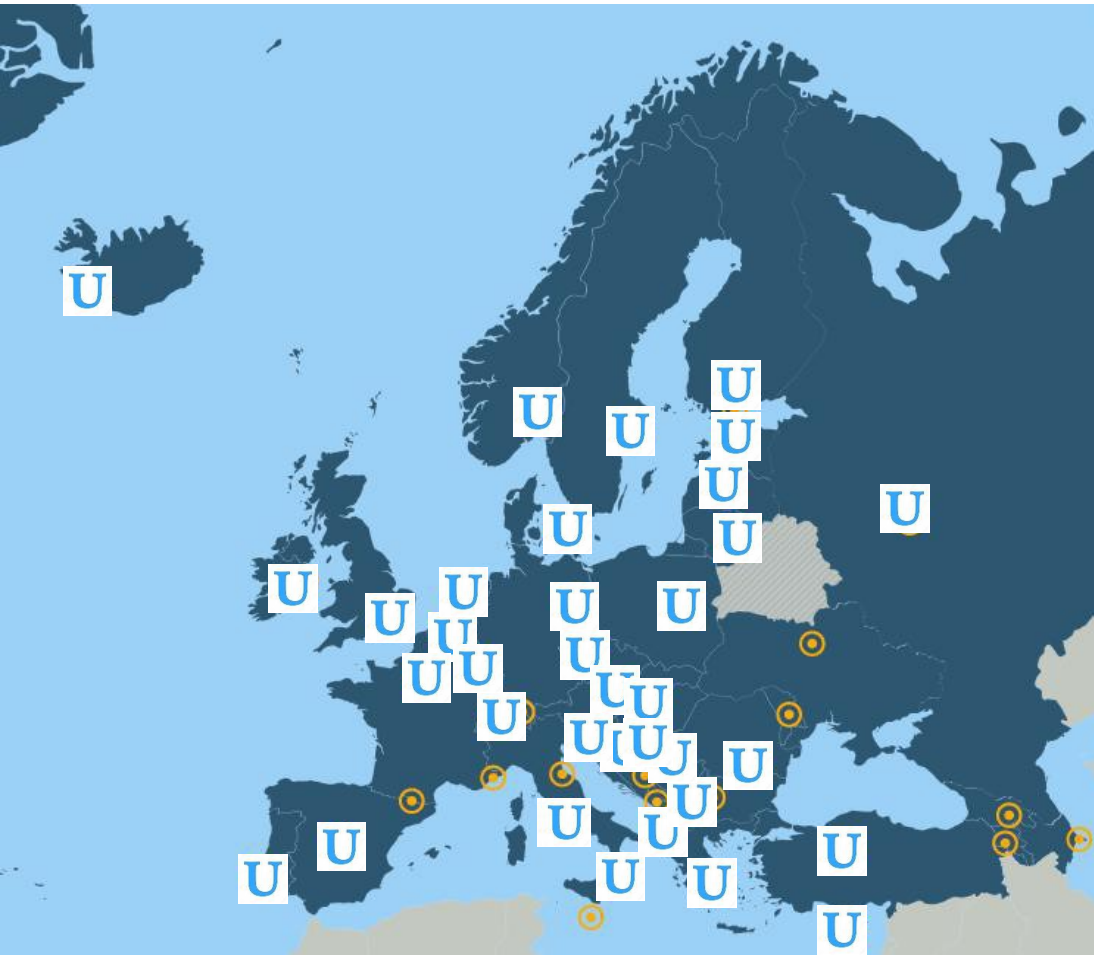
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EU in 2013



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UNICA in 2013



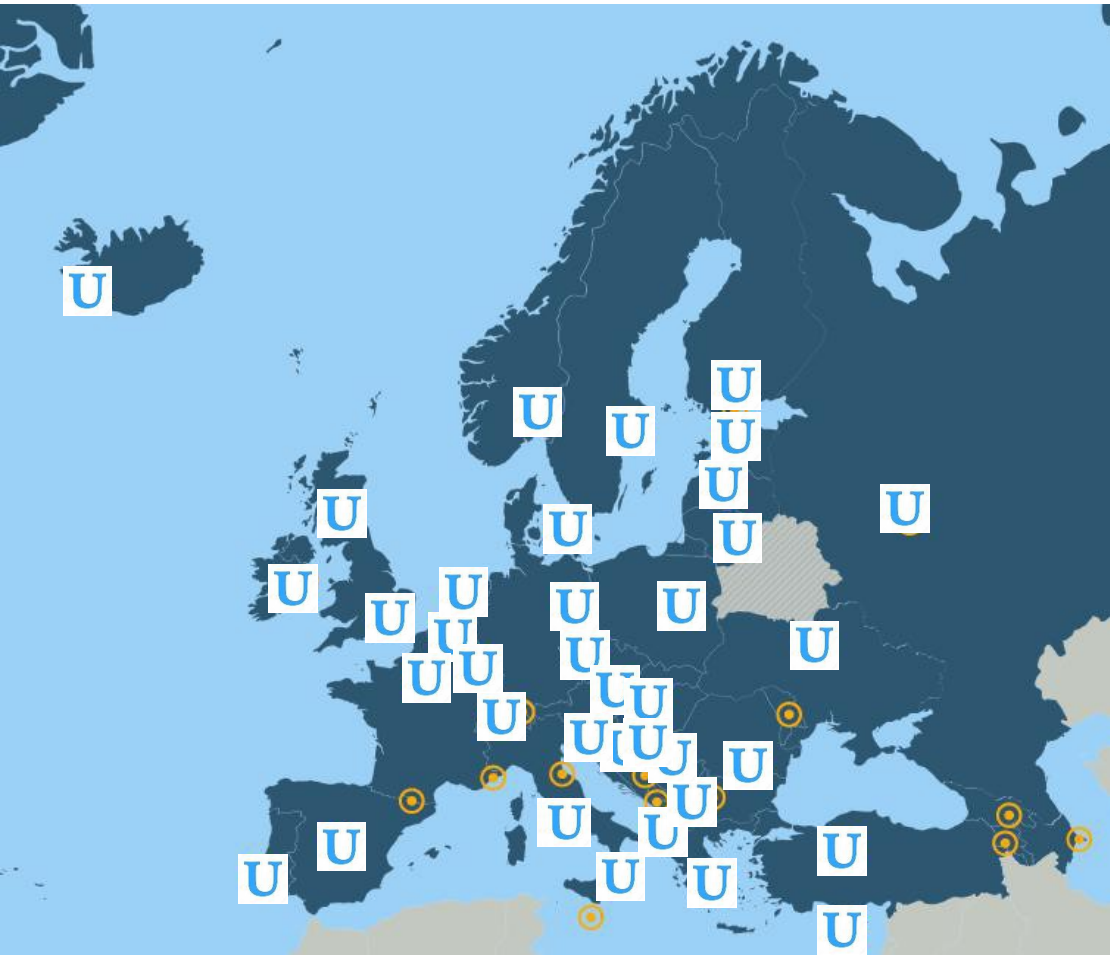
2005	Lithuania	University of Vilnius
2005	North Macedonia	Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje
2006	Estonia	Tallinn University
2008	Portugal	Universidade de Lisboa
2011	Turkey	Ankara University
2011	Turkey	Middle East Technical University
2011	United Kingdom	King's College London
2012	Luxembourg	University of Luxembourg
2012	Serbia	University of Belgrade
2013	Iceland	University of Iceland

2014, war again in Europe: Ukraine



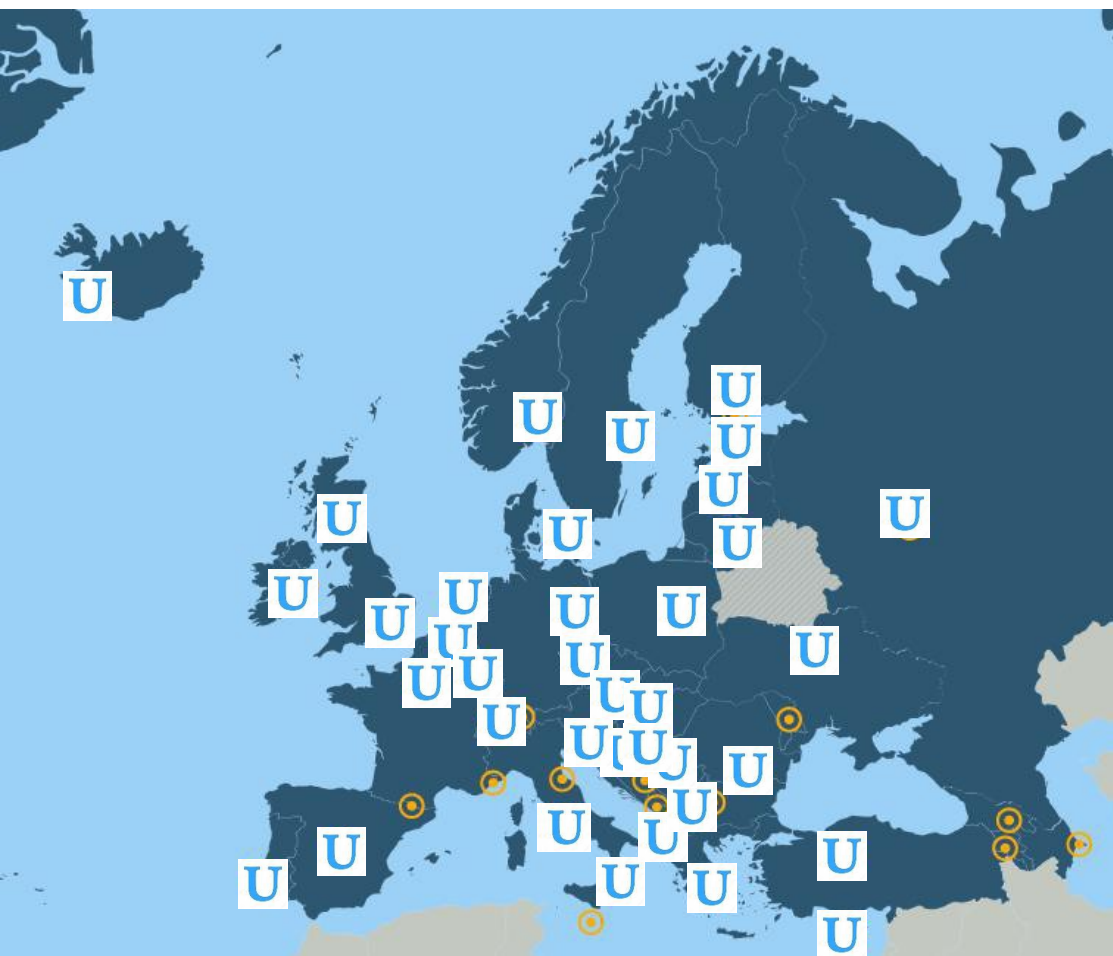
<https://www.rt.com/news/178384-un-ukraine-refugees-humanitarian/>

UNICA in 2019



2016	Russia	National Research University Higher School of Economics
2018	Spain	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
2018	Ukraine	Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute
2018	United Kingdom	University of Edinburgh
2019	Italy	University of Rome "Foro Italico"
2019	Russia	People's Friendship University of Russia (RUDN)
2019	Hungary	Semmelweis University

UNICA in 2020: WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: (University of Sarajevo and Bucharest University of Economic Studies)!

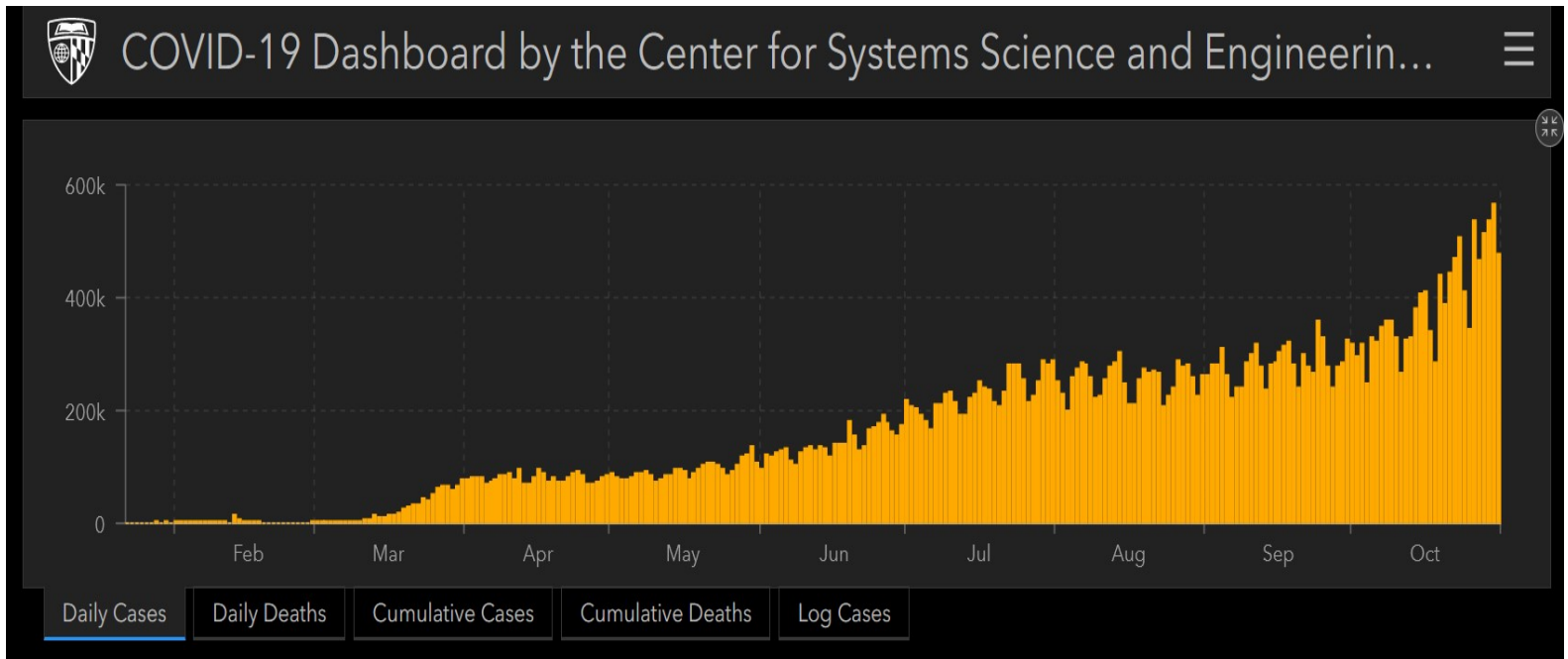


2020 BREXIT:



<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/de/press-room/20200123IPR70904/brexit-the-withdrawal-agreement-passes-the-first-european-parliament-test>

2020: COVID-19 PANDEMIC



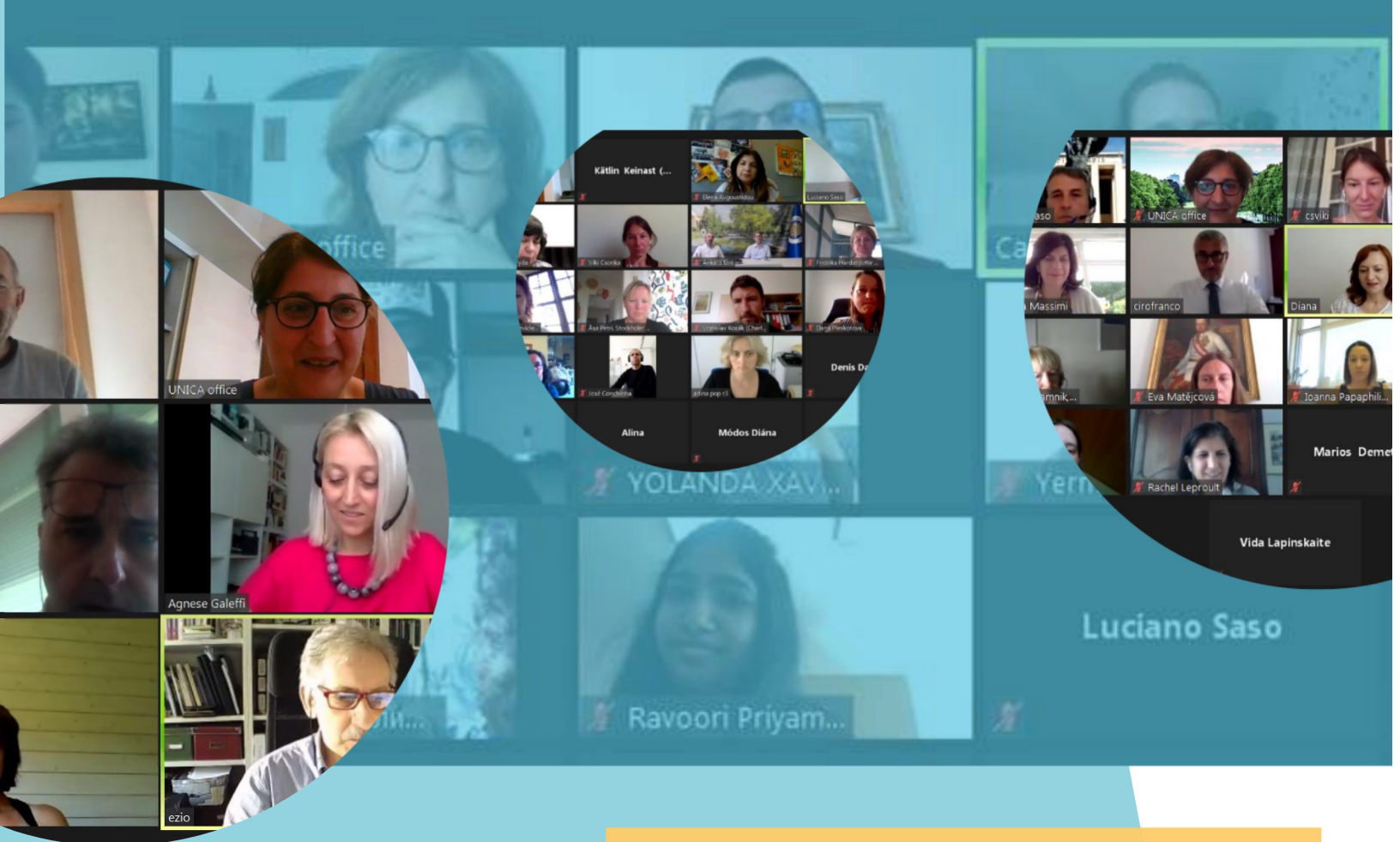
<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

COVID EU



- [Economic measures](#)
- [Supporting research for treatment, diagnostics and vaccines](#)
- [Public health](#)
- [Borders and mobility](#)
- [Fighting disinformation](#)

https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response_en



UNICA ACTIVITIES



55 Universities in 38 capital cities



7 Working Groups



21 Webinars



> 990
participants



4,64/5
Average evaluation



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from the Capitals of Europe

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Thank you for your attention

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