



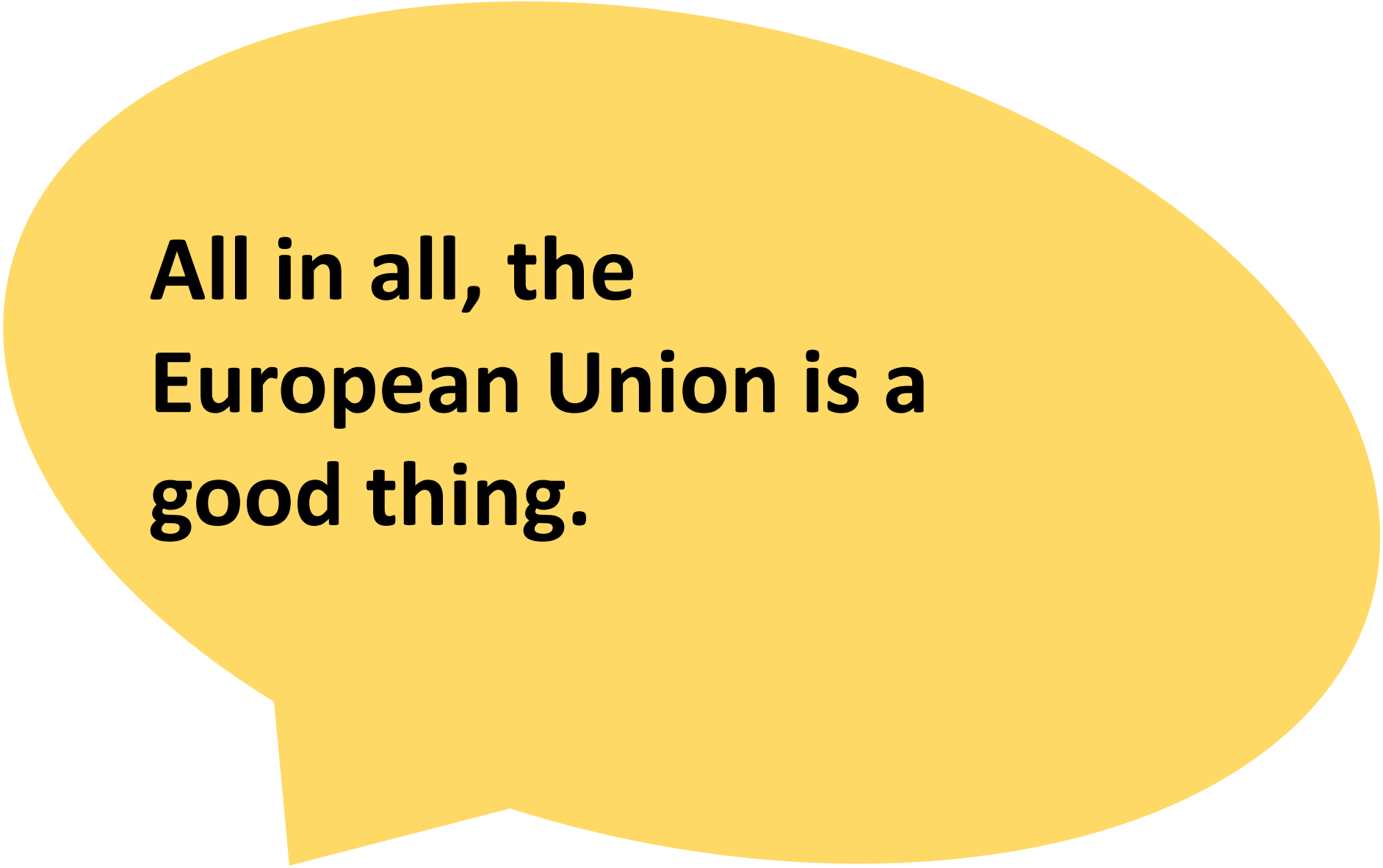
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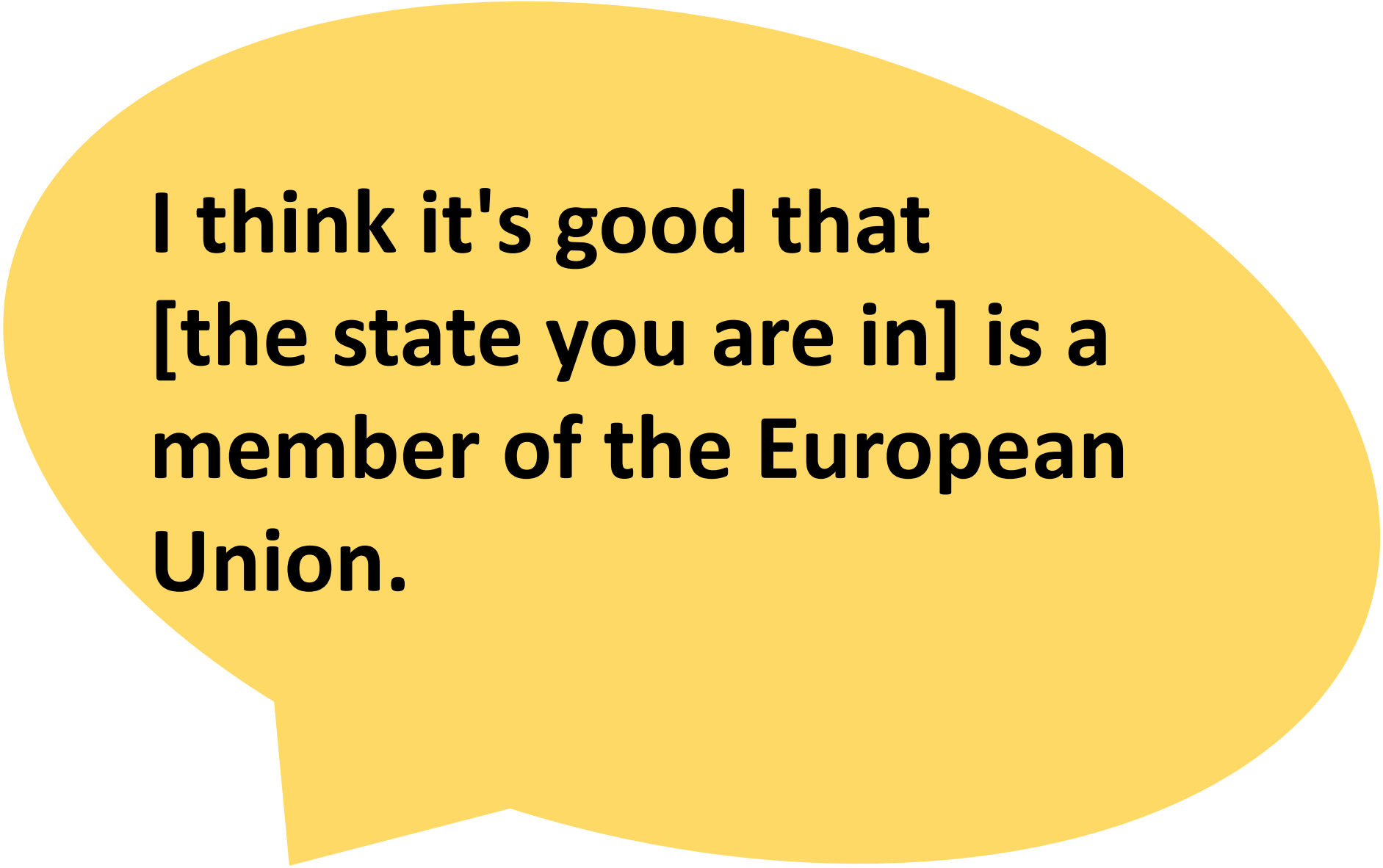
**I'm looking forward to the  
EU workshop**



**I know a good deal about  
the European Union.**



**All in all, the  
European Union is a  
good thing.**



**I think it's good that  
[the state you are in] is a  
member of the European  
Union.**

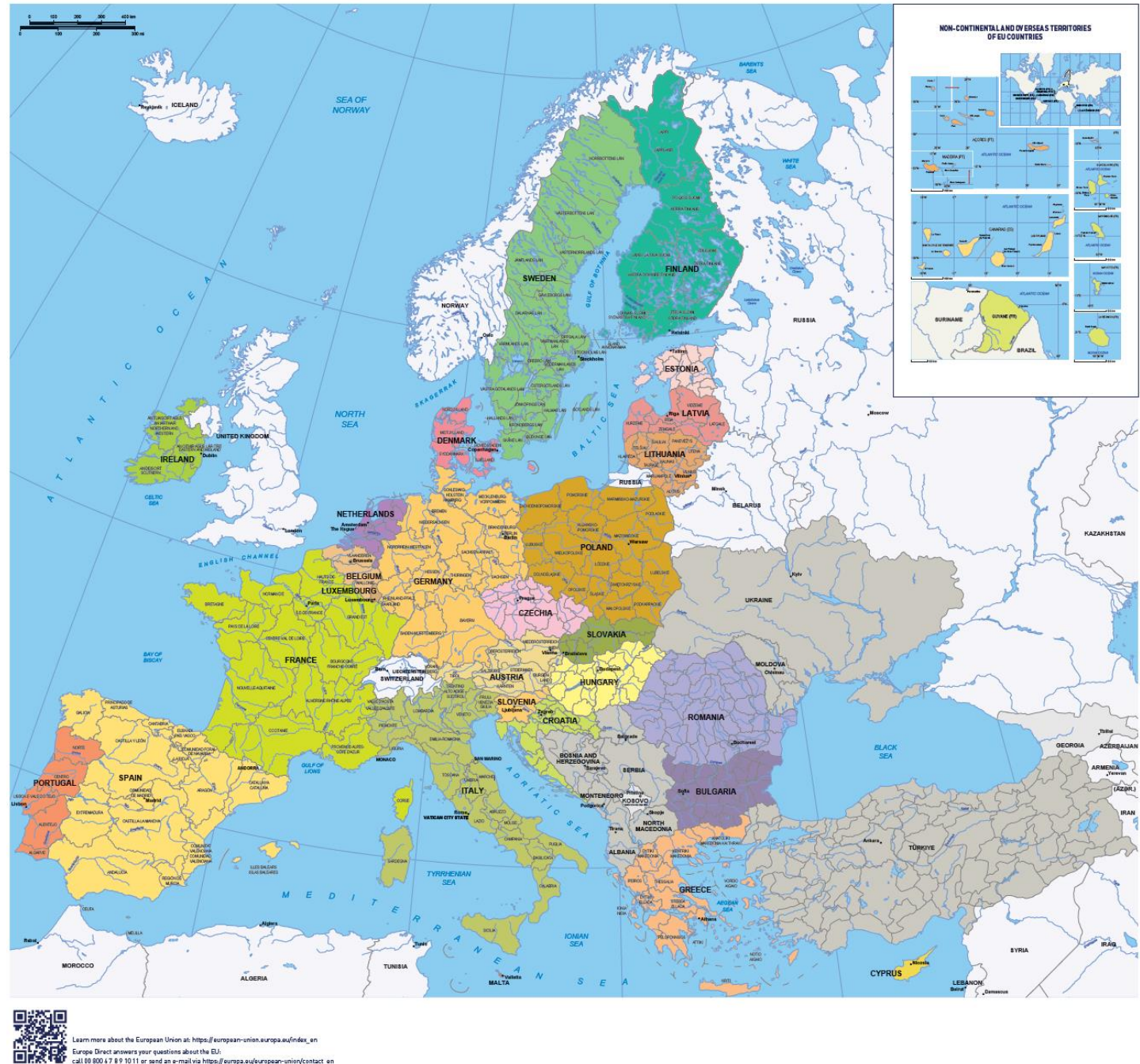


**The European Union has a lot  
to do with my everyday life.**



**People many advantages  
through the European Union.**

# The European Union



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**Correct or incorrect?**

**The European Union has 27  
member states.**

**Correct or incorrect?**

**Switzerland is a member of the  
European Union.**

**Correct or incorrect?**

**All countries in Europe are  
members of the European Union.**

**Correct or incorrect?**

**The European Union already had 27 member states when it was founded.**



# The history of the EU



1951: Foundation of the  
European Coal and Steel  
Community

Germany, Italy, France, Netherlands,  
Luxembourg, Belgium



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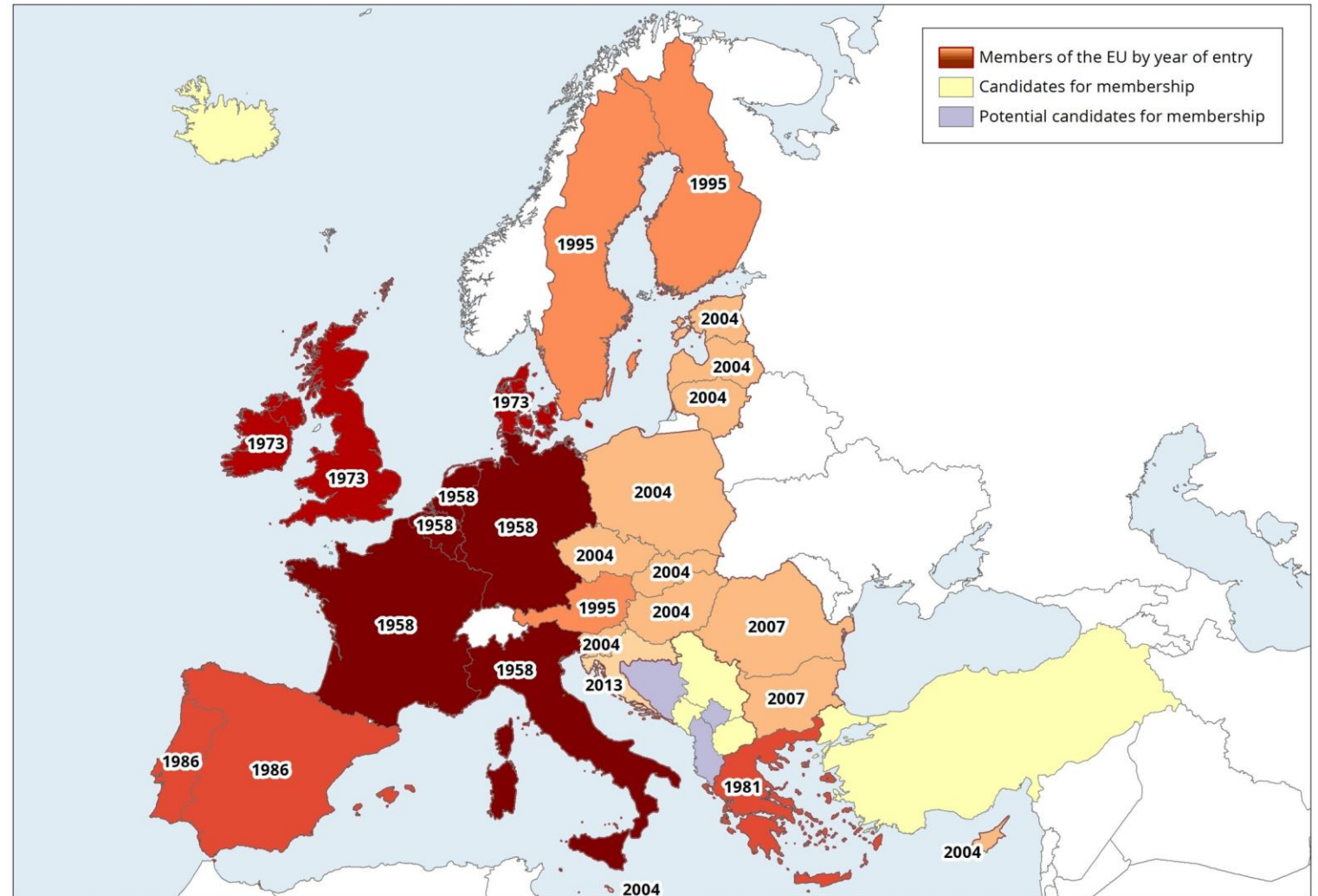
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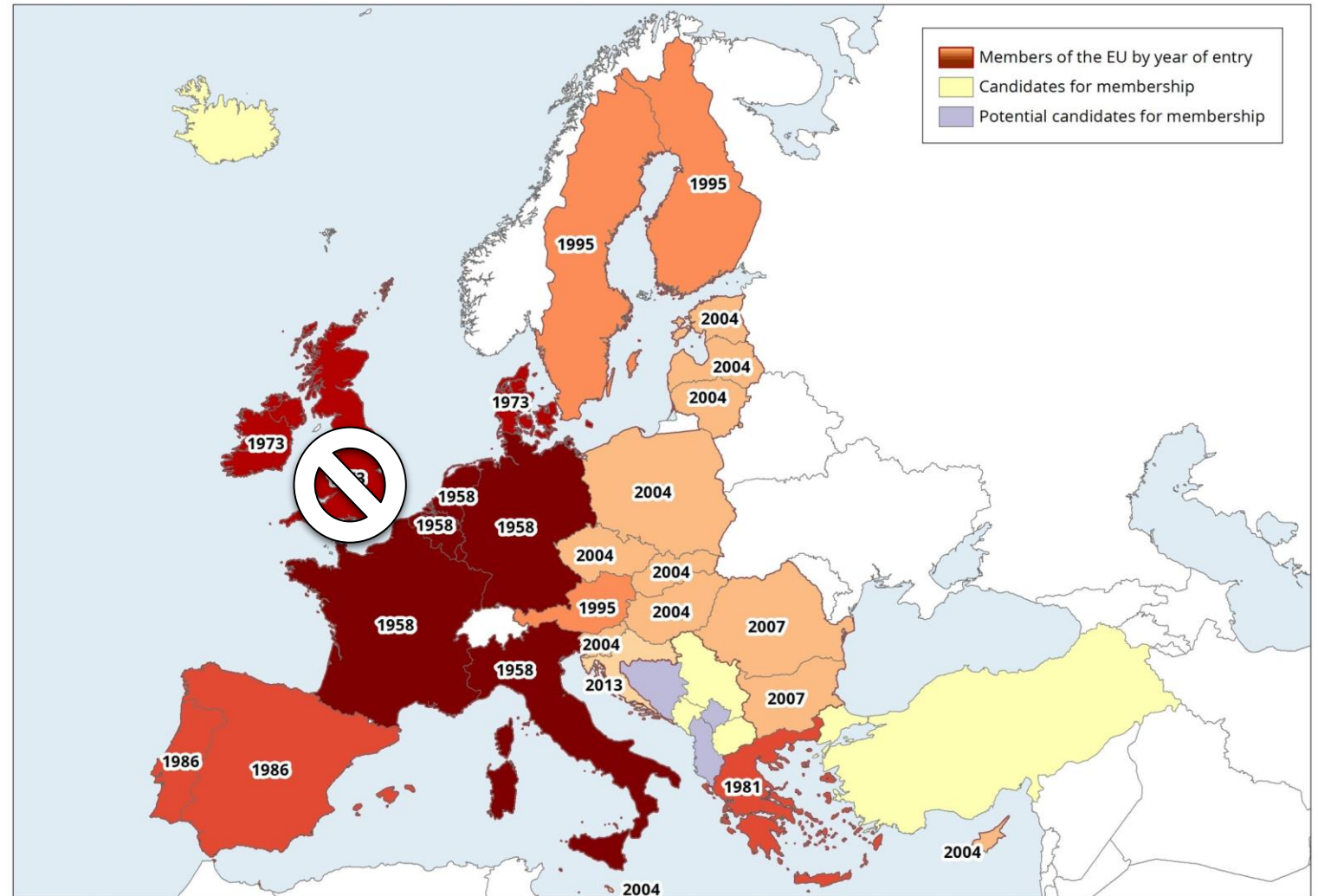
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# Values of the EU

- The EU wants to make life better for its citizens.
- To achieve this, the EU countries need common principles.

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human dignity

Freedom

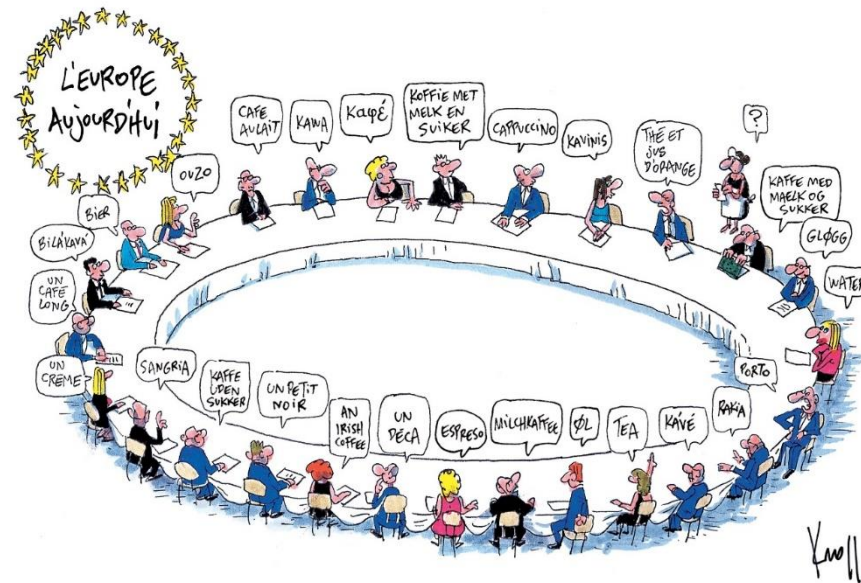
Democracy

Equality

Rule of law

Safeguarding human rights

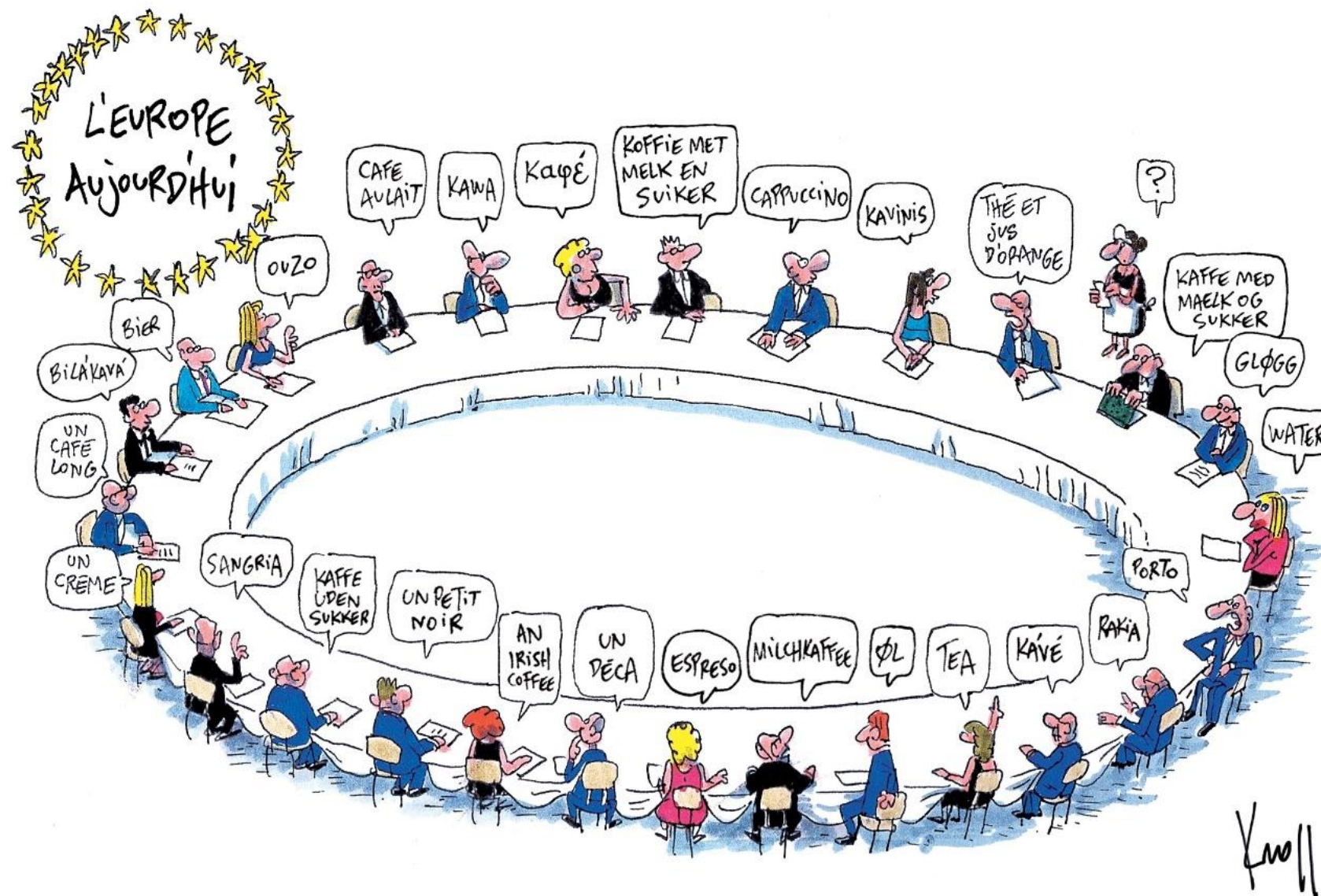
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# ... and what does the EU do?



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# How does the EU work?





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**Die Europäische Kommission**



**Das Europäische Parlament**



**Der Rat der Europäischen Union**



**Der Europäische Rat**



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# Plastic waste





**What do you use plastic for in everyday life?**



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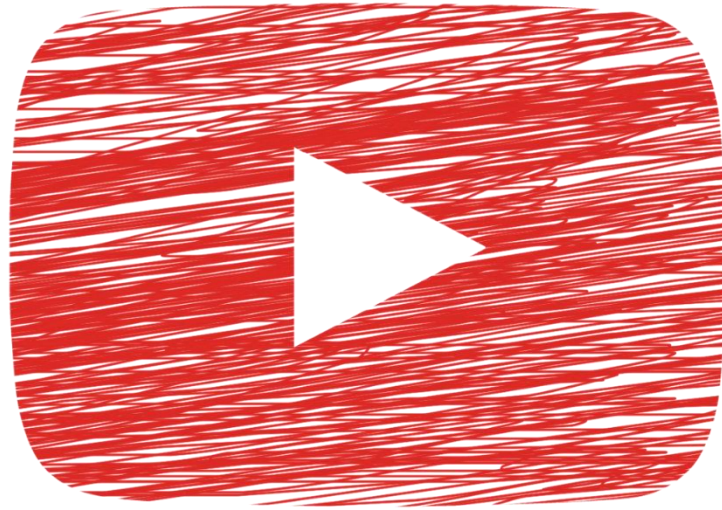
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# Plastic waste in the sea



# Plastic bag consumption in the EU

## Spain introduces controls on single-use plastic bags

A new law transposing the EU's plastic bags directive and approved last Friday by the Spanish government introduces compulsory charging for almost all single-use plastic bags from 31 July this year

by Richard Weyndling



## Estonia to ban free plastic bags in stores beginning July 2017

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Luxembourg

## Luxembourg leads the way in cutting plastic bag use

The European Commission on Monday unveiled a proposal to cut the use of plastic carrier bags, with Luxembourg already leading the way with its “Öko-Tut” scheme.



# Directive to reduce the consumption of plastic bags

- November 2013: The European Commission proposes a law. Less plastic bags are to be used in the EU.
- The EU member states have two options to achieve this goal:
  - 1) Plastic bags must cost money.
  - 2) Plastic bags are banned.



**Directive ≠ Regulation**



Directive (EU) 2015/720 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 amending Directive 94/62/EC as regards reducing the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags

# How was the directive developed?

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04/11/2013	Legislative proposal published	COM(2013)0761 
18/11/2013	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	
13/12/2013	Debate in Council	3284
10/03/2014	Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading	
14/03/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0174/2014
15/04/2014	Debate in Parliament	
16/04/2014	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T7-0417/2014
12/06/2014	Debate in Council	3320
24/09/2014	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations after 1st reading in Parliament	
24/11/2014	Approval in committee of the text agreed at early 2nd reading interinstitutional negotiations	PE609.637 GEDA/A/(2015)002644
04/03/2015	Council position published	05094/1/2015
12/03/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading	
31/03/2015	Vote in committee, 2nd reading	
10/04/2015	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A8-0130/2015
28/04/2015	Results of vote in Parliament	
28/04/2015	Debate in Parliament	
28/04/2015	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T8-0101/2015
29/04/2015	Final act signed	
29/04/2015	End of procedure in Parliament	
06/05/2015	Final act published in Official Journal	

# Organic Coconut

Nutrition Facts / Nährwertangaben	100 g	40 g
Energy (kJ) / Energie (kJ)	2506 kJ	1002 kJ
Energy (kcal) / Energie (kcal)	604 kcal	241 kcal
Fat / Fett	45,5 g	18,2 g
of which saturates / davon gesättigte Fettsäuren	15,6 g	6,2 g
Carbohydrate / Kohlenhydrate	33,0 g	13,2 g
of which sugars / davon Zucker	16,7 g	6,7 g
Fiber / Ballaststoffe	7,0 g	2,8 g
Protein / Eiweiß	12,0 g	4,8 g
Salt / Salz	0,49 g	0,19 g

40 g = 1 Serving / 1 Portion



NL-BIO-01  
EU/non-EU Agriculture

## EN Organic almond bar with hazelnuts and coconut.

**Ingredients:** almonds (23.6%), coconut (21.9%), rice extract, **peanuts** (13%), **hazelnuts** (11.8%), rice flour, agave syrup, sunflower oil, sea salt. May contain traces of nutshell fragments, nuts, sesame, milk, eggs and soy. All ingredients, except sea salt, are from controlled organic cultivation.

## DE Bio-Mandelriegel mit Haselnüssen und Kokosnuss.

**Zutaten:** Mandeln (23,6%), Kokosnuss (21,9%), Reisextrakt, **Erdnüsse** (13%), **Haselnüsse** (11,8%), Reismehl, Agavendicksaft, Sonnenblumenöl, Meersalz. Kann Spuren von Nussschalen, Schalenfrüchten, Sesam, Milch, Eiern und Soja enthalten. Alle Zutaten, bis auf Meersalz, sind aus kontrolliert biologischem Anbau.



# Other topics at EU level





