



The Church and the European Union

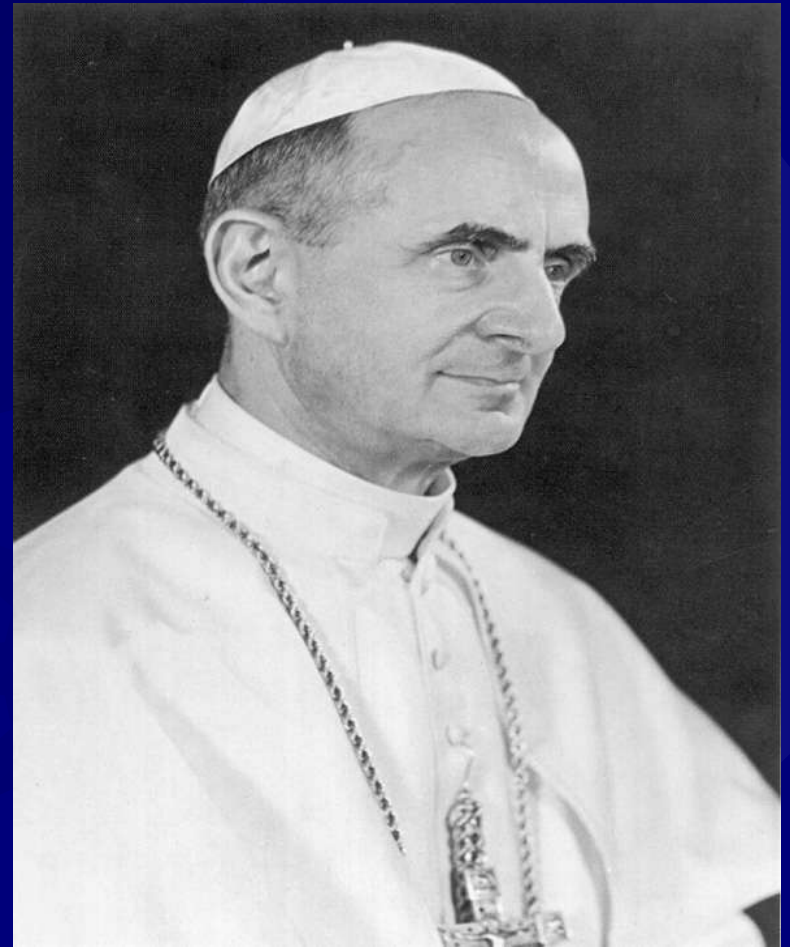
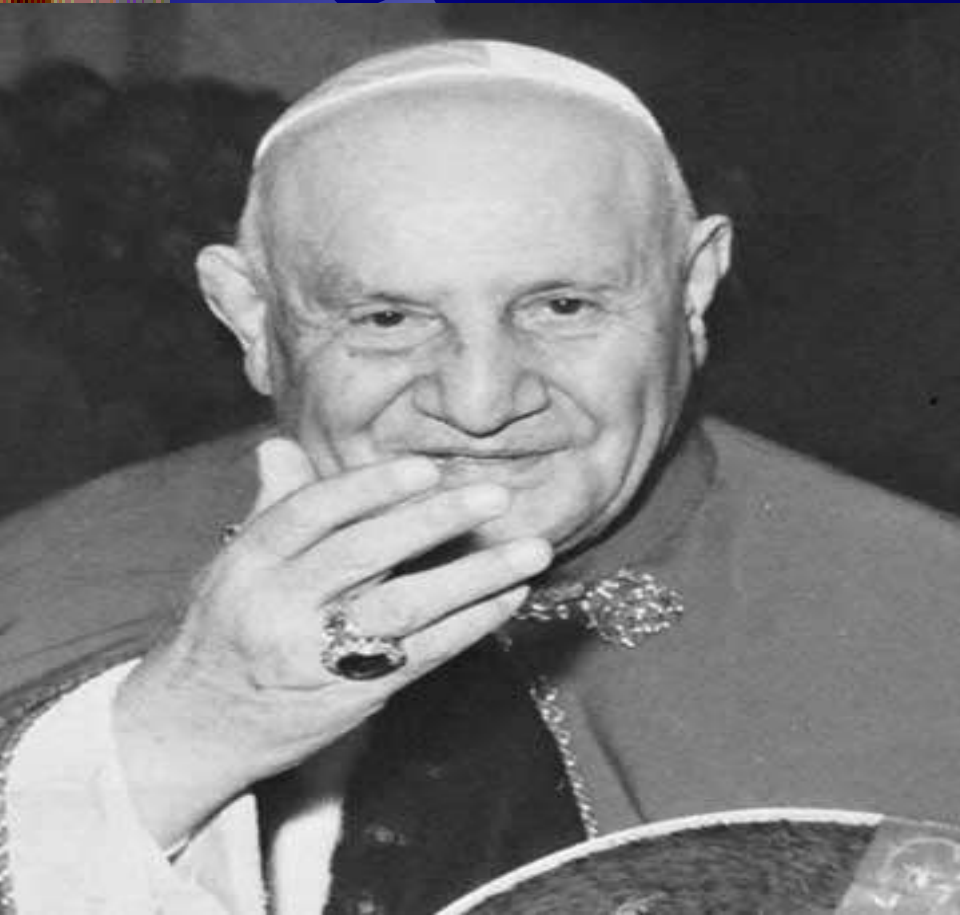
Roman Catholic Reform

- ★ Vatican II- Mass to be celebrated in vernacular, freer relations w/ other Christian groups, new spirit towards Judaism, power to bishops.



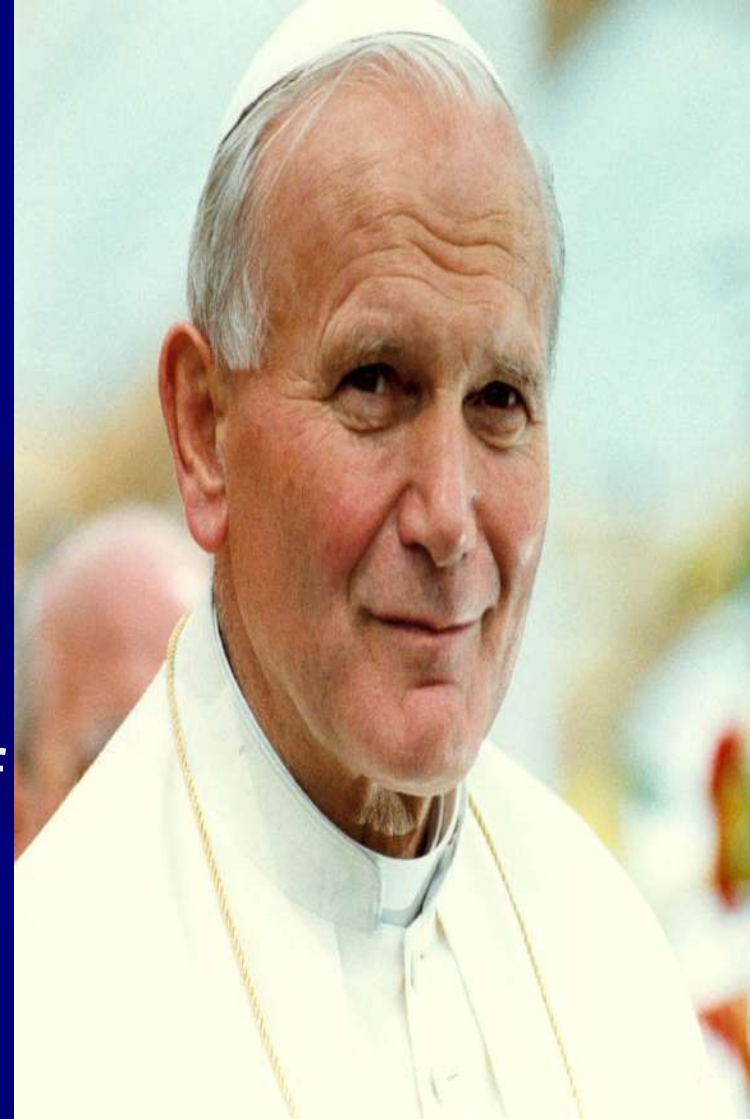
Reforms led by:

☀ John XXIII Paul VI



John Paul II

- ✦ Elected in 1978
- ✦ Traditionalist
- ✦ Against Communism
- ✦ Fostered the growth of the church in un-westernized countries.



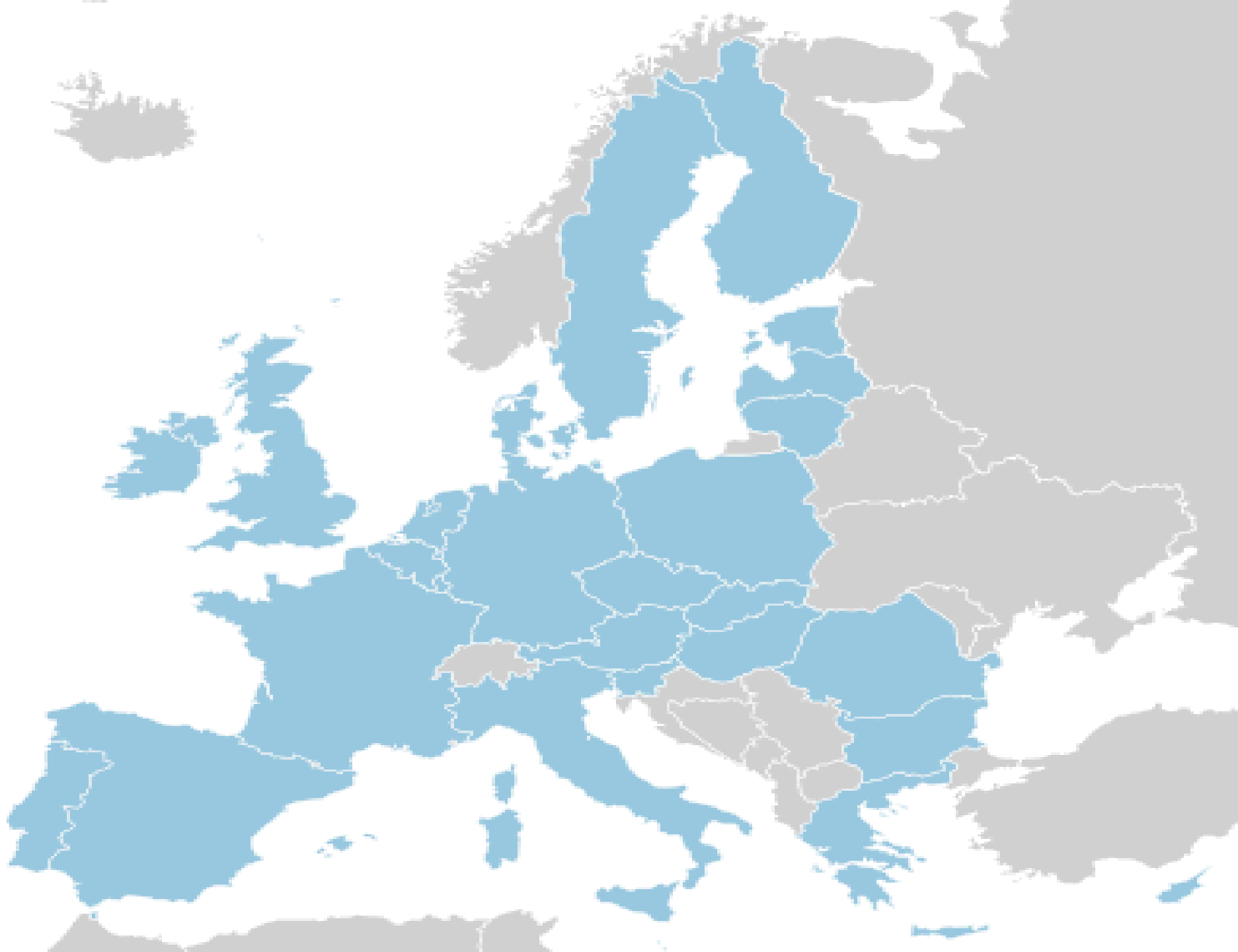
Supported Solidarity in Poland





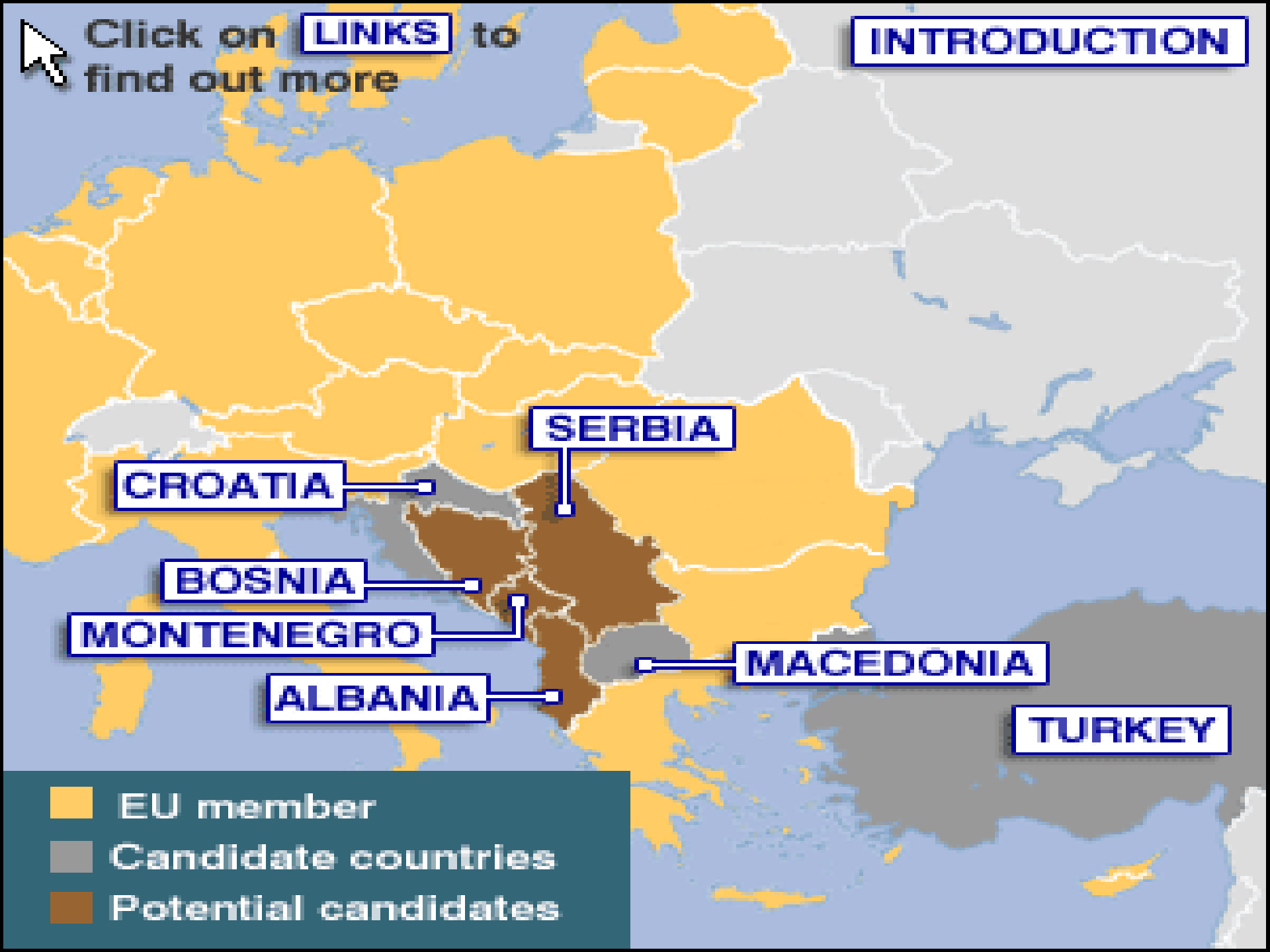
European Economic Community




- ✦ Started in 1957
- ✦ Initially 6 member nations
- ✦ 1993, renamed European Union
- ✦ 2004, 25 member nations
- ✦ Achievement: the Euro.



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European Constitution

- ✦ Bill of Rights
- ✦ Economic and Political Agreements
- ✦ Centralized Courts
- ✦ Unsupported by many of the nations

Problems with the EU

- ✱ European elites
- ✱ High unemployment, stagflation
- ✱ Smaller states feel neglected
- ✱ Rates of Euro exchange unfairly calculated
- ✱ Unwillingness to centralize authority
- ✱ Admission of Turkey?

Quiz

- ✱ Bonhoeffer, NieMoller
- ✱ Neo-Orthodoxy, Liberal Theology
- ✱ Catholic Reform (John XXIII, Paul VI, Vatican II, John Paul II)
- ✱ European Economic Community
- ✱ European Union
- ✱ Problems with the European Union
- ✱ What problems may the European Union experience in the future?