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Languages in focus: From EU policy to Multilingual education

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Europe's Languages and EU's language policy

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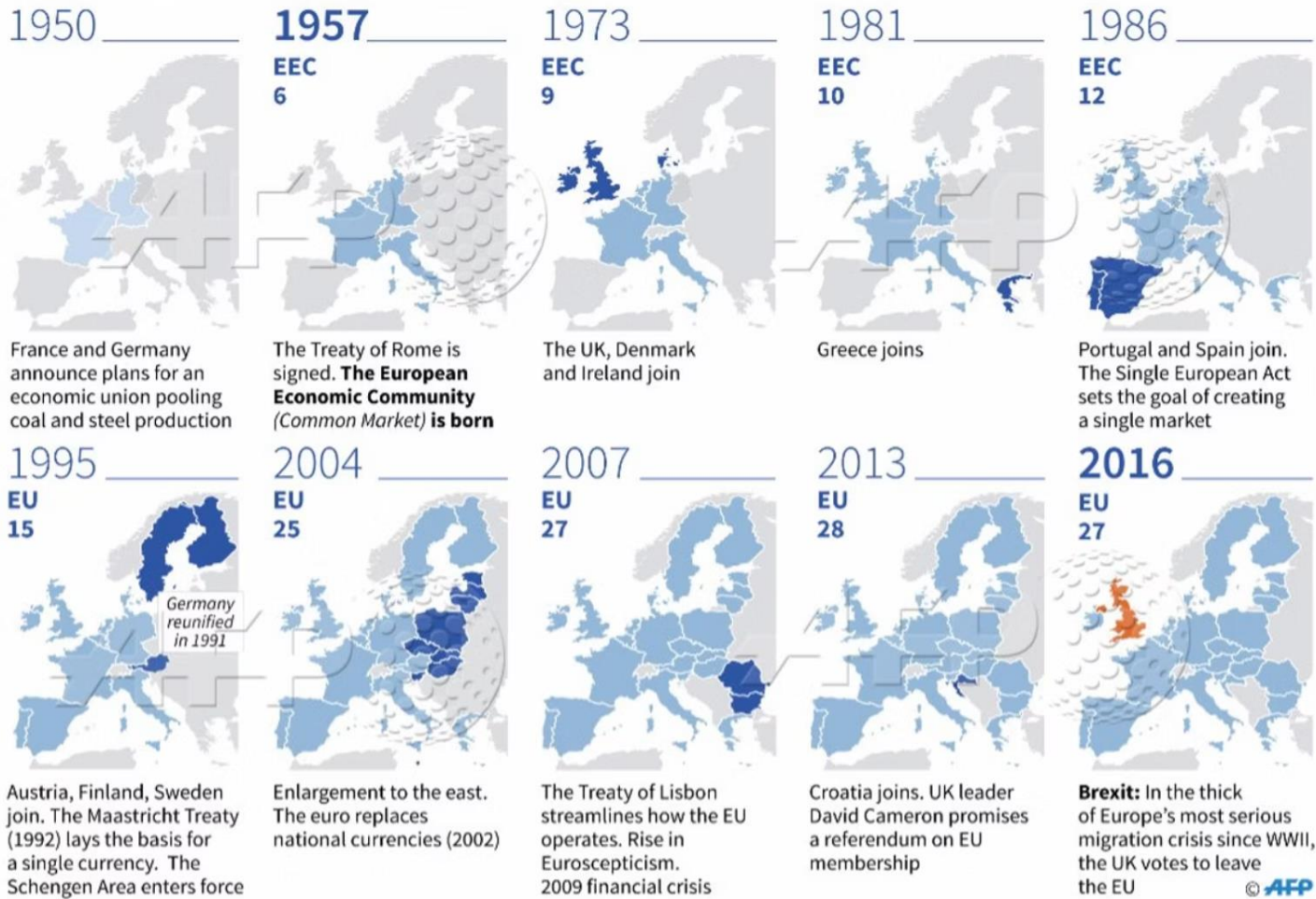


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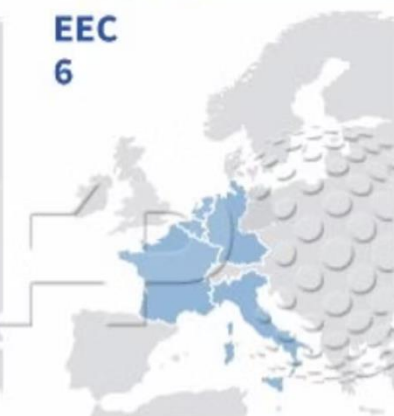
1950



France and Germany announce plans for an economic union pooling coal and steel production

1957

EEC
6



The Treaty of Rome is signed. **The European Economic Community (Common Market) is born**

1973

EEC
9



The UK, Denmark and Ireland join

1981

EEC
10



Greece joins

1986

EEC
12



Portugal and Spain join. The Single European Act sets the goal of creating a single market

1995

EU
15



Austria, Finland, Sweden join. The Maastricht Treaty (1992) lays the basis for a single currency. The Schengen Area enters force

2004

EU
25



Enlargement to the east. The euro replaces national currencies (2002)

2007

EU
27



The Treaty of Lisbon streamlines how the EU operates. Rise in Euroscepticism. 2009 financial crisis

2013

EU
28



Croatia joins. UK leader David Cameron promises a referendum on EU membership

2016

EU
27



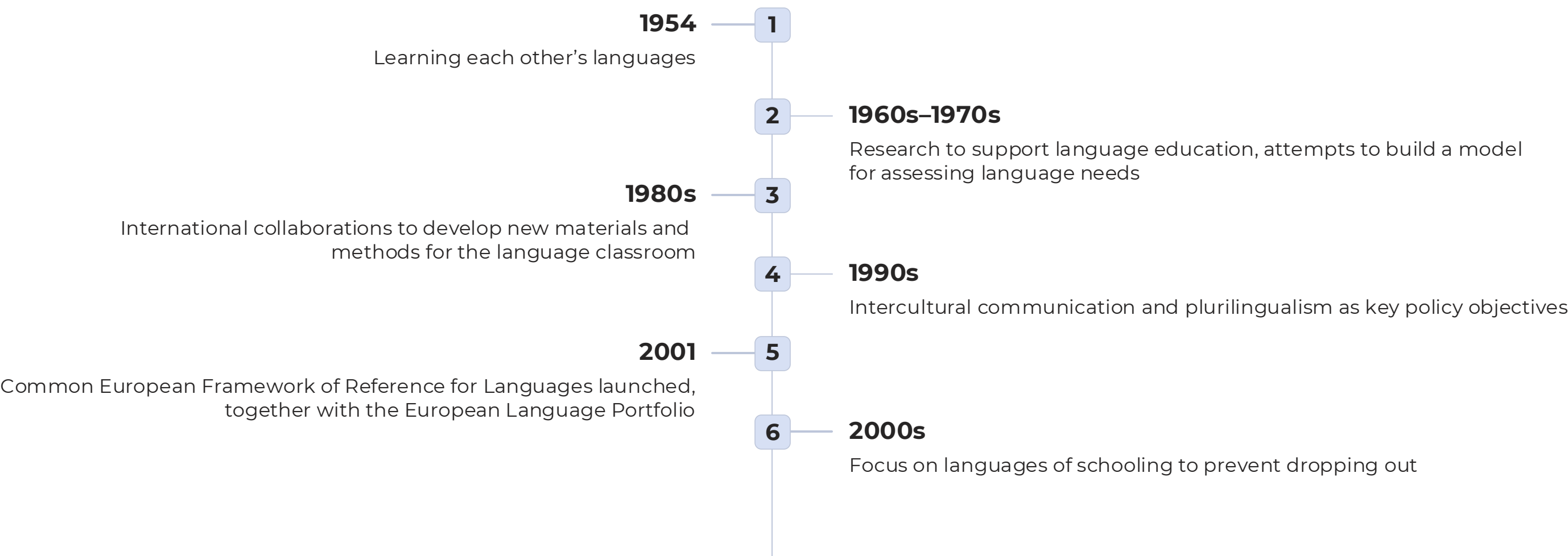
Brexit: In the thick of Europe's most serious migration crisis since WWII, the UK votes to leave the EU



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The EU language policy has evolved over the years

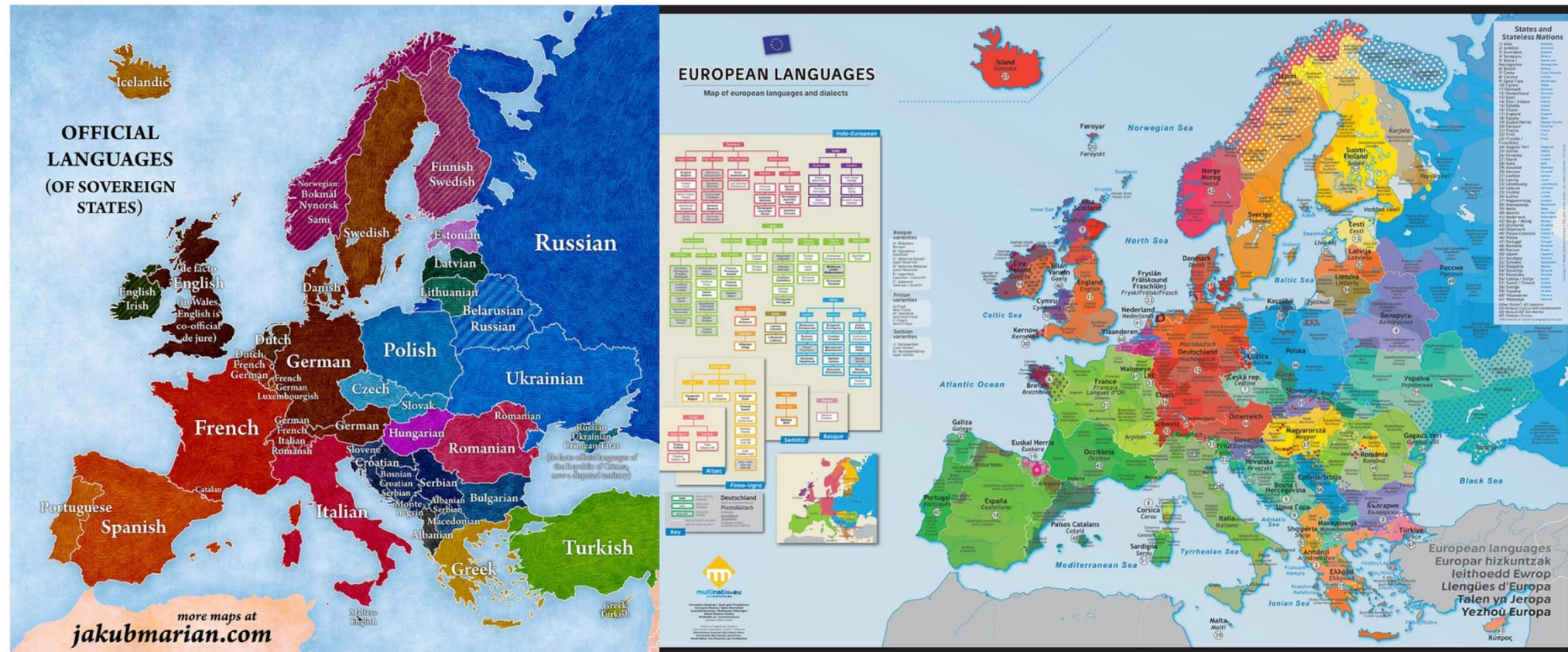
Council of Europe Language Policy Portal



Policy in practice



Linguistic diversity: dialects and minorities



Source: <https://www.eurominority.eu/index.php/en/european-languages-2/>

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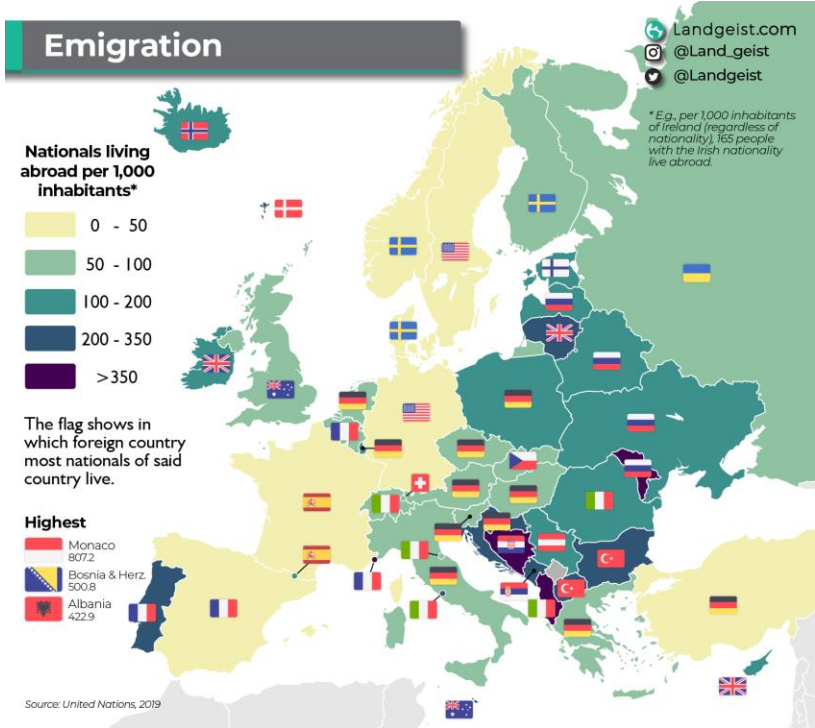
Linguistic diversity: migration



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Source: <https://landgeist.com/2022/08/23/emigration-in-europe/>

Language policy today

By 2025, 'in addition to one's mother tongue, speaking two other languages has become the norm'

And this is the first time, in human history, that we have a true Lingua Franca for all: bad English (Timmermans at Twente University)

Recap

As the European Union accepted more members, its linguistic diversity increased.

European integration wouldn't be possible without language policy.

Language policy supports language learning.
Rights for linguistic minorities.

The work is far from complete.

Thank you for watching!

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