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Politics

- The Netherlands is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system.
- The Dutch government is known for its commitment to human rights and international law.

People

- The Dutch are known for their tolerance, pragmatism, and high quality of life.
- The Dutch language is spoken by the majority of the population.

Luxembourg

Politics

- Luxembourg is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system.
- The Grand Duke of Luxembourg is the head of state.

People

- Luxembourg is a multilingual country with Dutch, French, and German spoken.
- The Luxembourgish people are known for their strong sense of community and social values.

Spain

Politics

- Spain is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system.
- The King of Spain is the head of state.

People

- The Spanish people are known for their passion, family values, and rich cultural heritage.
- Spanish is the official language of the country.

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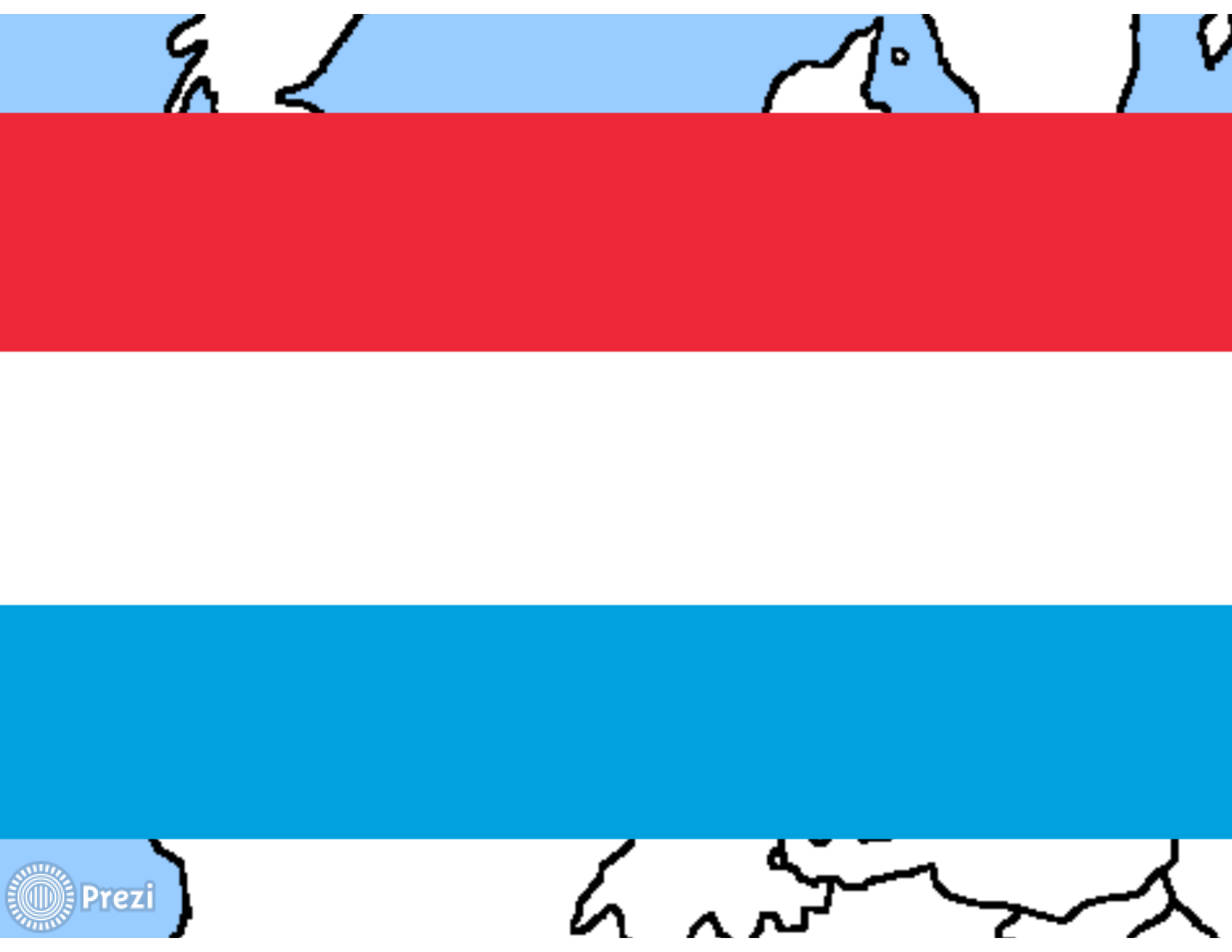
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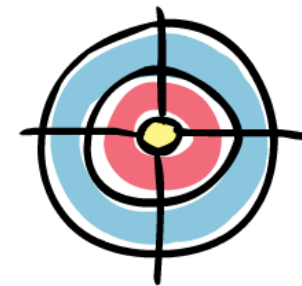




Concerns about Economic and social Cohesion

linked to Spain's leading position of poorer countries

& El País: military wording



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Own proposal for CFSP but followed Germany and France

Supports stronger European Institutions

Focusing defense policy and the broader frame of Western European Union

Great Britain regarded as opponent



Cohesion/ European social policy



Political power to European Institutions –

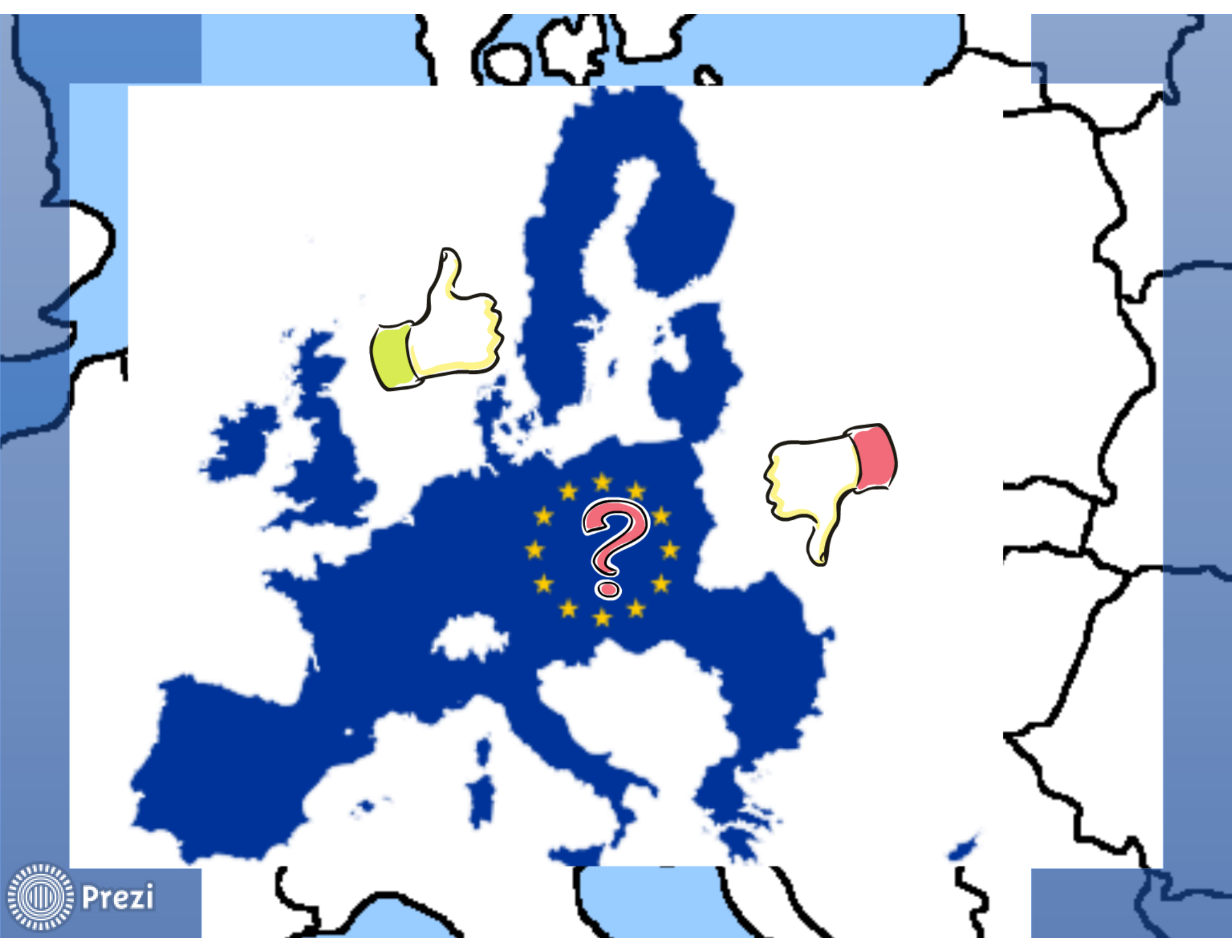


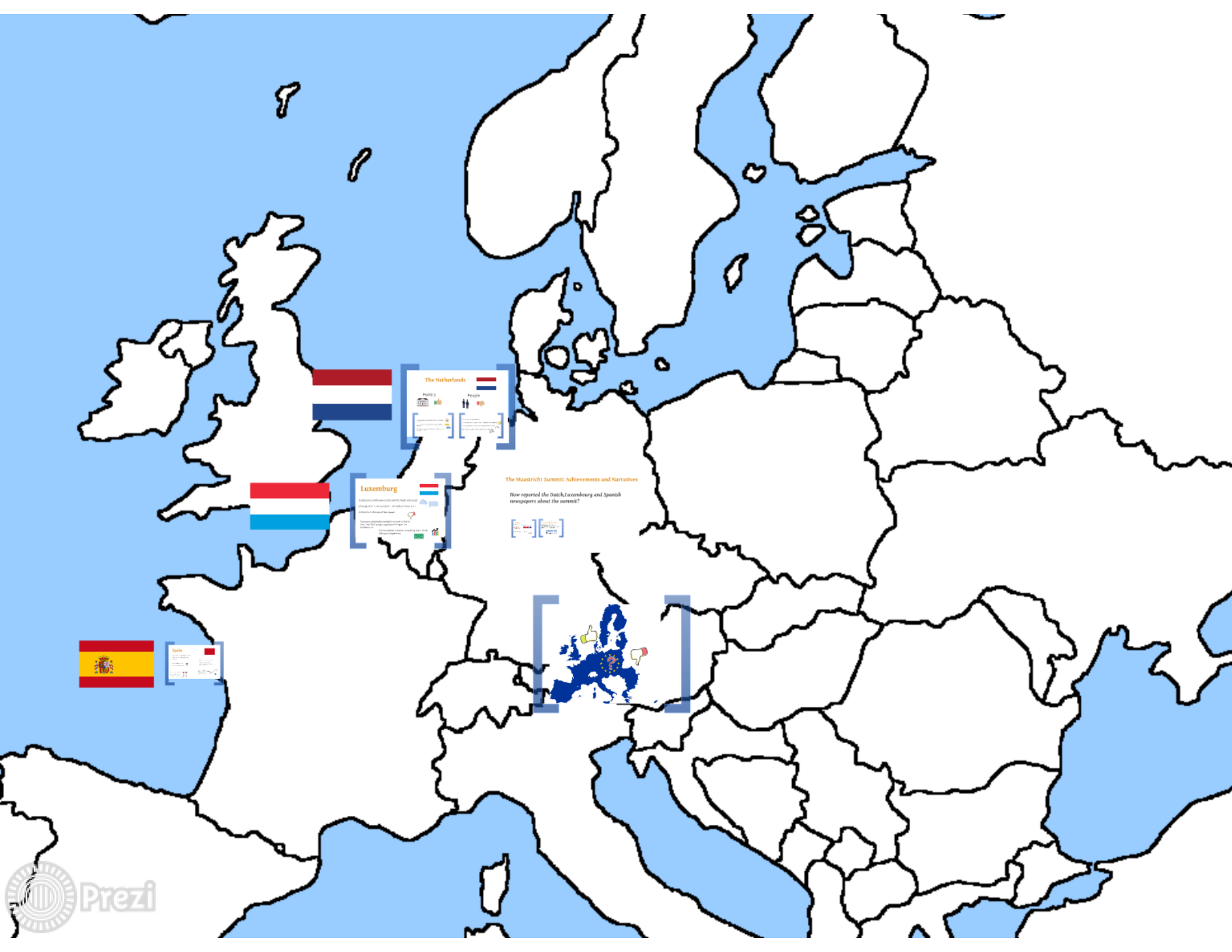
Europe is build step-by-step
Maastricht is not a single standing event in history



Some mistrust towards the larger member states
(Germany and France)







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