

Question: What is the European Union?

EU is result of process that began after WWII

with the creation

of the European Coal and Steel Community

This project was launched with one goal:

to make “any war bw France and Germany” not

merely unthinkable...

but materially impossible

Germany (German threat) had to be “bound within strong institutions”

In WWII Germany swept across most of Europe, occupying parts of France and Russia, and

much of Central Europe (Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, etc.)

question how was the EU constituted?

in 1952: france, germany, italy, lux, belgium,

netherlands

in 1995: portugal, spain, ireland, uk, austria,

denmark,

sweden, finland, greece

Q: what euro country is still independent?

switzerland

in this class we will consider: formation of EU, single currency, expansion to east

but this isn't so much a policy course as it is a survey of cultural politics...