

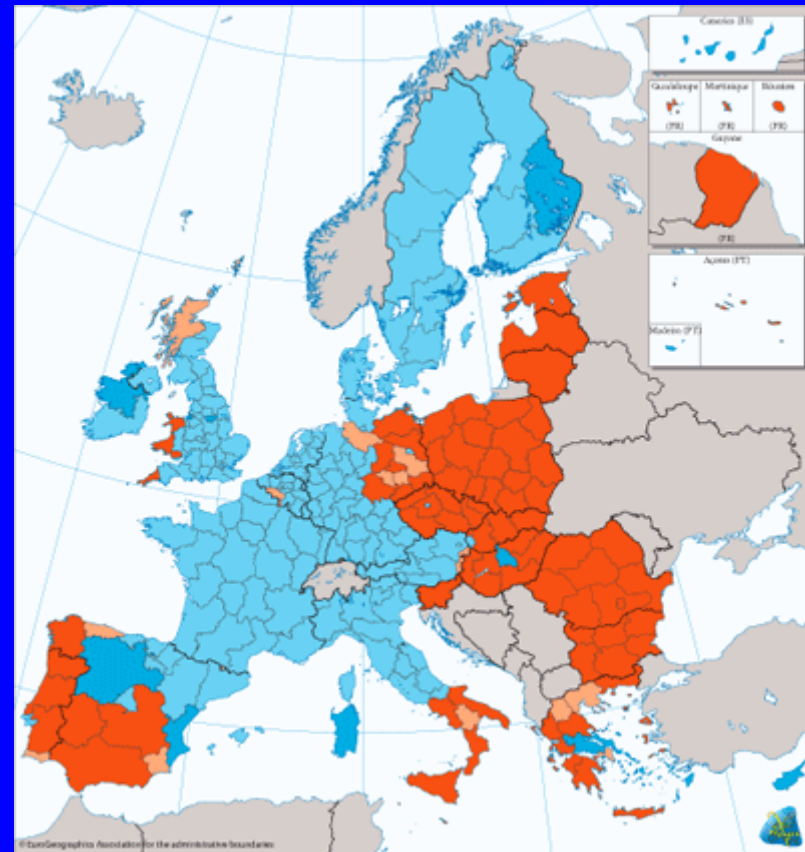
Actors and their Opportunity Structures

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EC spatial policies

- Regional Policy
 - side-payments
 - implied spatial vision
- Environment
 - Paris Summit 1972
 - Single European Act
 - an environmental union?
- Trans-European Networks
 - telecommunications
 - energy
 - transport



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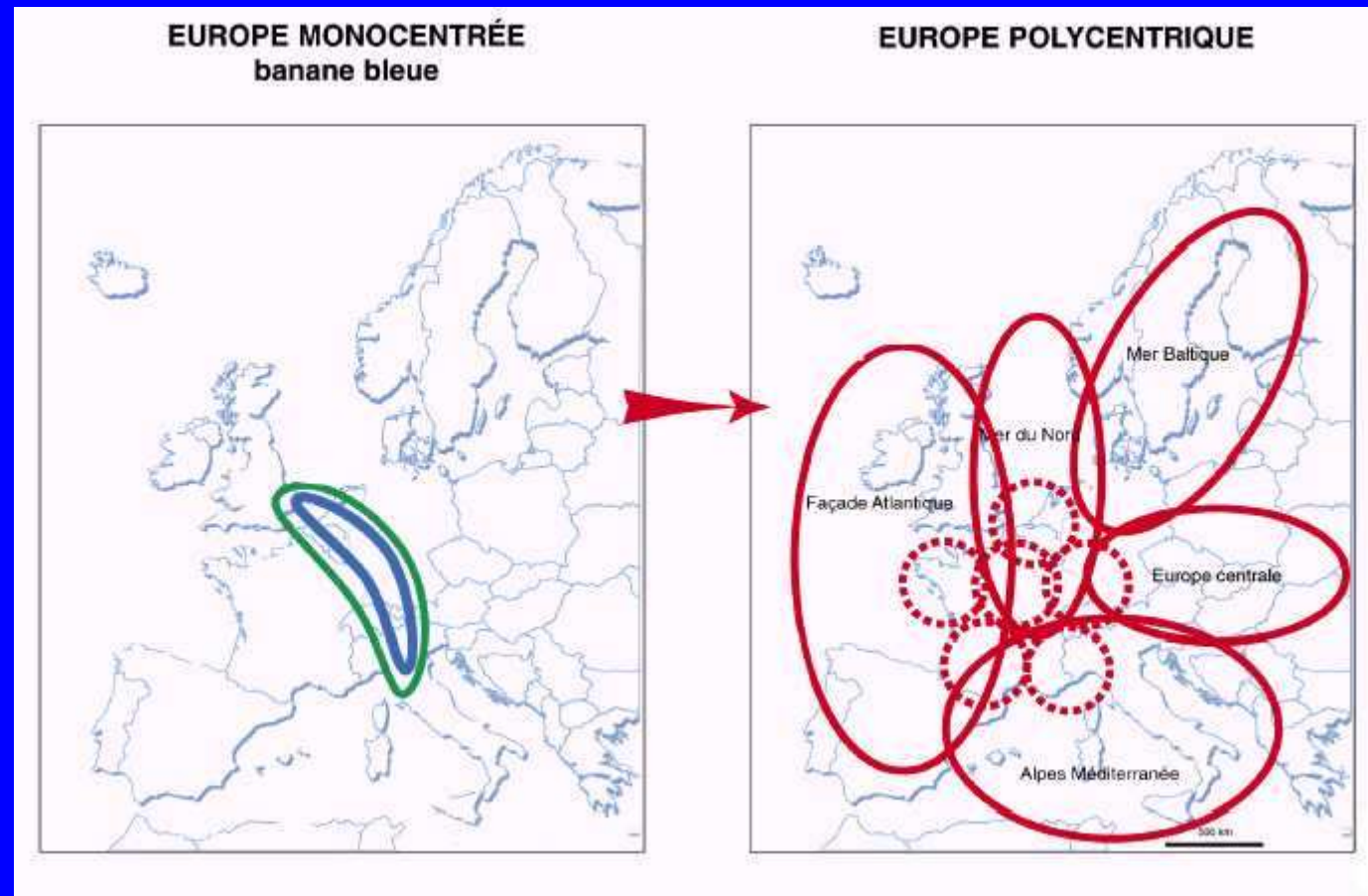
- The spatial approach
- Influences of Community policies
- Policy aims and options
- Application of ESDP
- Enlargement

Opportunity structures France

- the initiator
- a Brussels intimate
- a strategist



Opportunity structures France and Europe



Opportunity structures

The Netherlands

- the co-conspirator
- a power to be reckoned with
- astute at 'spatial positioning'



Opportunity structures: The European Commission

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| Organization | DG Regio |
| Concept of planning | French |
| Context | Doubling Structural Funds |
| Perception ESDP | Long-term investment in constituency |
| Opportunities | Coordination Structural Funds puts DG Regio at centre of EU policy |

Opportunity structures Germany

- federalism
- forward defense
- in the heartland



Review & Prospects

- bureau politics and individual initiatives
- follow-ups
- challenges of enlargement:
 - funding
 - institutional
- institutional vacuum
- a robust set-up?