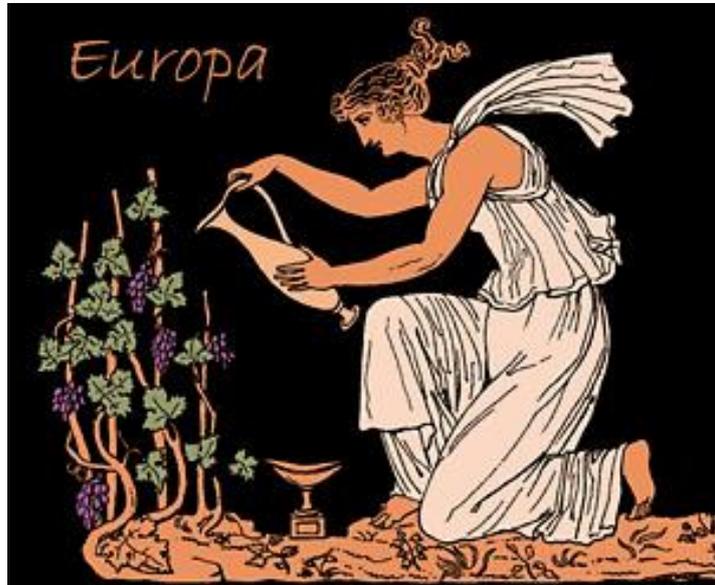


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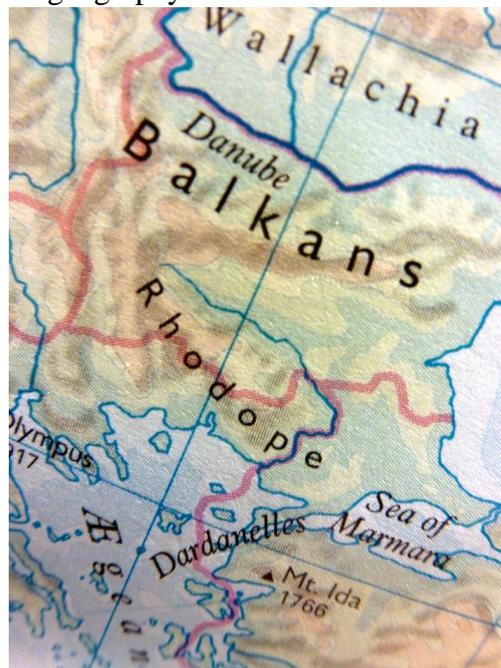
European Cultural Frontiers: The Outlying Continental Zones

The deep rooted past and a set of current realities reveals that significant external dangers affecting Europe emanate geographically from the south and the east. Vast oceans and maritime regions – some most inhospitable – situated at its western and northern regions have effectively served as protection barriers. [Frontiers of Europe: Union of Cultures within a Civilisation.](#)

Currently, only certain stretches of the Mediterranean Sea, as well as the entirety of the Aegean Sea possess serious exposures, yet significant sections of Continental land frontiers continue to be exposed most disconcertingly. Consequently, the geopolitical and strategic aspects in the south and east possess significantly different characteristics, hence they have to be dealt with accordingly. [European Defence Community.](#) Only a small number of nations, situated within the European Cultural Frontiers, possess such strategic external land boundaries, facing other civilisations. Failure of their outlying zones can have severe consequences. The European Civilisation – inclusive of its values and national cultures – can be undermined broadly not only in the said demarcation zones, but additionally impact interior European regions as well. In this respect three outlying land frontiers can be taken into account.

South-western Perimeter

The region classified as Thrace or the extreme south-eastern Balkans – where the eastern land boundaries of Greece and Bulgaria are situated – is one such geography. It lies further north than the Armenian example and is significantly less strategic and the least exposed. It is also restricted geographically by maritime barriers. Consequently, except for communications purposes, it possesses a *cul-de-sac* impediment. In the past, however, the region has been an important platform for such prestigious “Greats” as Alexander and Constantine. Nonetheless, from the maritime point of view, current European External Cultural Frontiers in the Aegean Sea – in this respect Greece’s nautical frontiers – remain at maximum risk from the east.

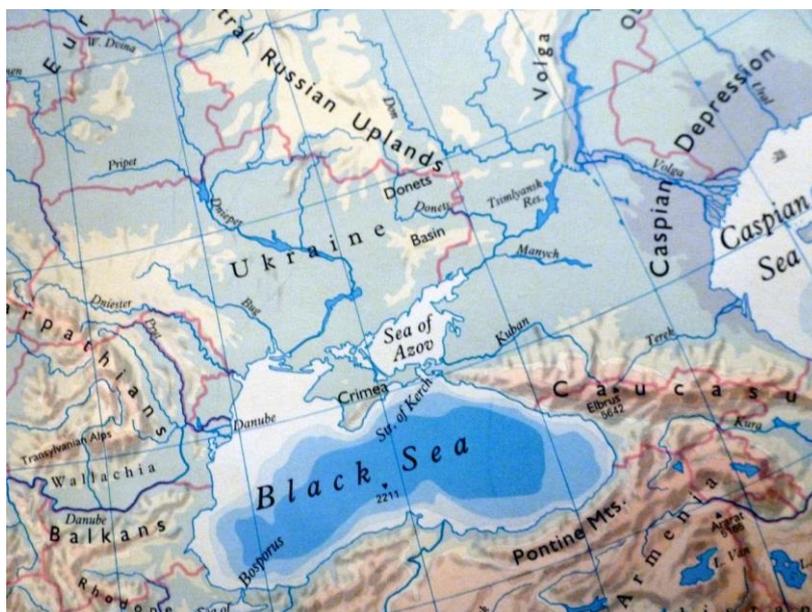


Cultural Frontiers stretching from the Aegean to the Black Sea

[European Cultural Frontiers: Endangered Zones of Europe.](#)

Southernmost Point

The land of Ararat – The Bible’s Sacred Highland – is the most exposed of the three regions. Armenia, a distinct mountainous Plateau with its zenith at Biblical Mount Ararat, is situated south of the Caucasus Mountains. The Armenian nation was formed upon it and has inhabited its land of origin for thousands of years. In the past, however, Armenian kingdoms have expanded well beyond their Plateau of origin, such as to the Mediterranean and Caspian Seas. No nation inhabiting the Plateau predates the Armenians. States such as the Republic of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh, or to give the latter's correct original title, Artsakh, are formed upon its eastern sector.



The Northern Caspian, Western Caucasus, the Black Sea and Armenia

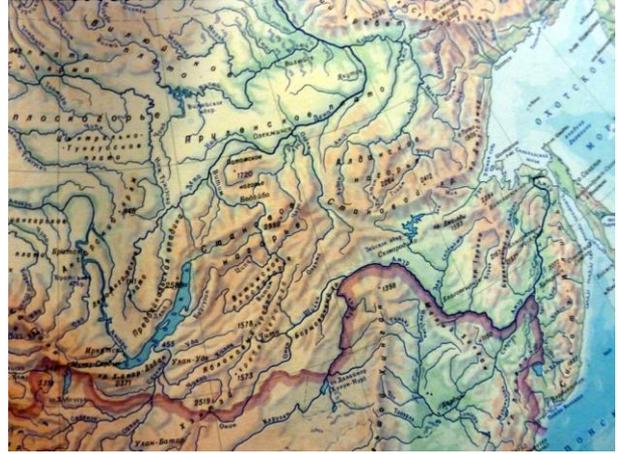
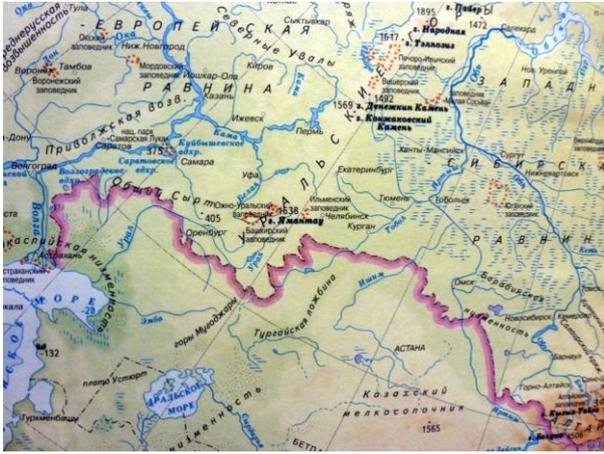
Presently, the part of the Plateau of Armenia inhabited by the Armenian population falls within the Cultural Frontiers of Europe. The latter's continental frontiers are the most southerly and thus possess great significance, but also place it in danger, as Europe is provided with a reasonable southerly outreach. [Strategic Europe](#). Indeed, past developments reveal that small nations like Armenia, when situated at the forefront of their civilisation's Cultural Frontiers, and assaulted by one or more genocidal nations from an opposing civilisation, can suffer extensively and, at times, practically to the point of total destruction.

Eastern Expanse

A vast frontier stretching eastwards from the northern Caspian – a landlocked maritime geography – to Vladivostok, where a significant Pacific Ocean outlook thrives. In the west the European sector of the Caspian Sea is situated south-west of the Ural Mountains. That mountain range is not a division as far as the European Civilisation is concerned. Cultural geography – encompassing demographic fundamentals – remains the pivotal factor. Although the Southernmost point possesses maximal exposure, the Eastern Expanse remains the most perilous. There is no room for error on either front.



*Eastern Europe, the Northern Caspian
and the Ural Mountains*



Northern Caspian to Vladivostok and the Pacific Ocean outlook

Integral Europe

If European Security Integration is to be a long-term success, then it is imperative to take into account a cultural geography that combines Greater Europe’s august potential effectively. Indeed, due to a rapidly changing world and a progressive European psychological path in progress, it is now necessary to re-examine the issue from an amalgamative point of view.

As the situation stands, it is prudent to structure The European Union’s and later Greater Europe’s primal defences entirely among the states encompassed with the European Cultural Frontiers. Thus, the European Security Integration will be embraced within an all-European spirit; an indivisible objective of the European analogy.

It is most detrimental to maintain that out of step and outdated security structures can remain in place without fundamental transfigurations. Policies that possess divisive characteristics can seriously undermine the insufficiently developed European Project – that is an unacceptable risk.

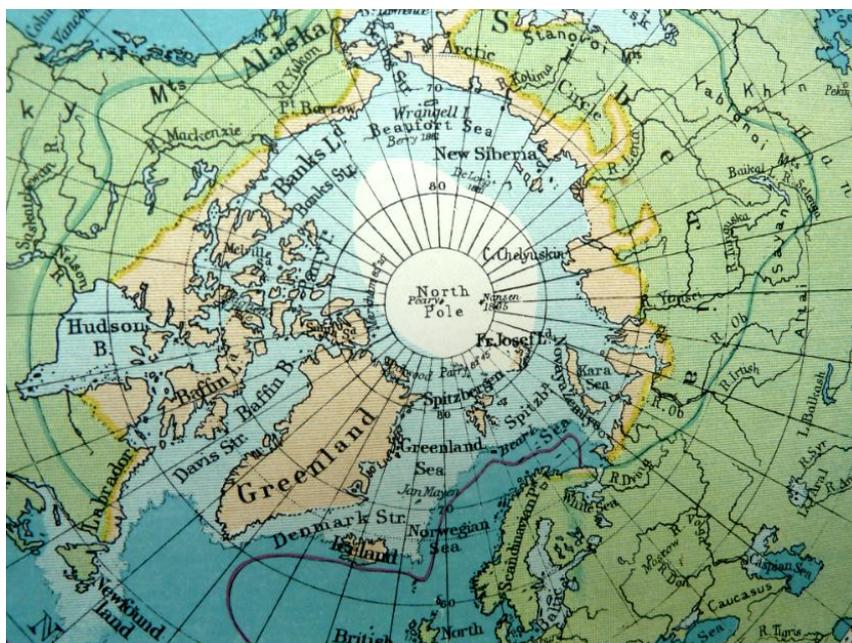
Shields of Europe. It is apt to state that internal and external aspects regarding that Project have to be calculated from an all-European perspective; thus not only maintaining it on its current path, but concurrently helping to further an all-European affinity. **The Future of European Integration: Fragmentation to Unification.**

It is, of course, rational to construct the aforementioned European Project’s primal defence infrastructure and simultaneously establish a wider security accord for Greater Europe. A wider accord can encompass North America, north Atlantic and Pacific maritime expanses, as well as the Arctic Ocean. It is notable that – unlike the Europeans – the North Americans do not possess continental external cultural frontiers as land zones. According to this geography of realities the European Civilisation descends through North America and advances into Central and South

America; consequently, only the Civilisation's components are altered from its West European aspects to its South European ones, as established in the Americas. In the future, Latin America may also have to be considered for Europe's defence. This advantageous geography can additionally direct the North Americans to deploy a reasonable segment of their resources in the outlying continental zones of Greater Europe. Accordingly, the overall security architecture, within a dual shield format, will possess flexibility and enhanced efficiency. Such a vast territorial composition may reflect a maximalist outlook; nevertheless, the objective is defence, thus specifically excluding offensive projections. [Protect Europe](#).

The subject in question necessitates a multidisciplinary approach, as its evolution requires configurational fundamentals that advance well beyond security developments. Longstanding national rivalries, traditions and psychologically oriented suspicions impregnate the issue with difficulties. This state of affairs, of course, provides the enemies of Europe with an excellent niche that can be exploited in numerous directions surreptitiously.

Undoubtedly, a new security architecture at its initial stage will require a correctly aligned overall design, avoiding a set of drastic internal problems and incrementally establishing a logical path that can provide long-term security on all counts. An alternative is the problematic *status quo*.



Polar View

A Polar view of the Northern Hemisphere demonstrates that the European zone – as Greater Europe – faces North America across a vast and sparsely populated geography. Yet, this maritime frontier – the frozen north – separating the two is only a political divide and not a foundationally structured generic one, as both landmasses belong to the same civilisation.



Global View

[Europe in Danger](#)

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