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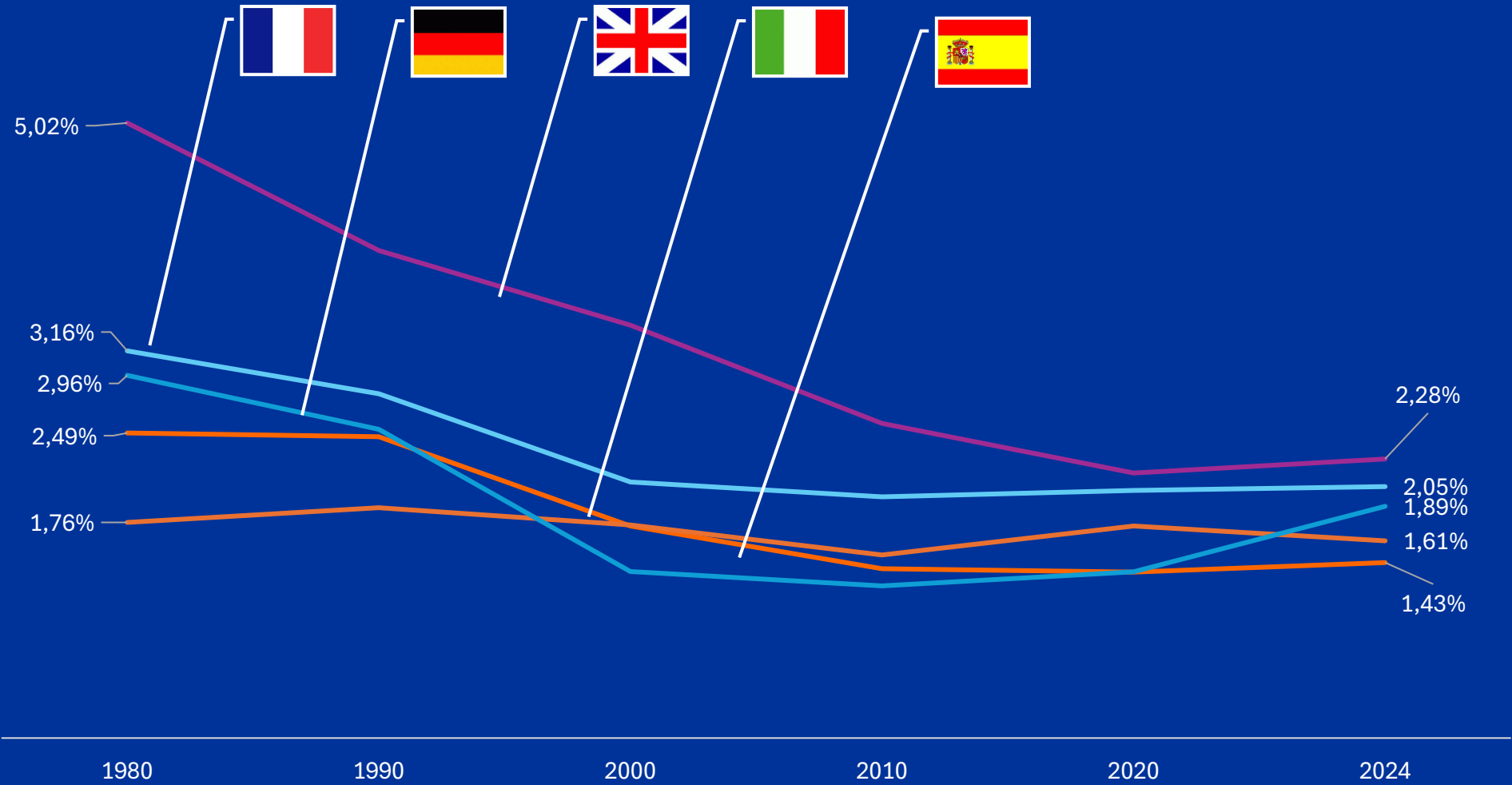
Extending French nuclear umbrella to Europa

The European nuclear umbrella

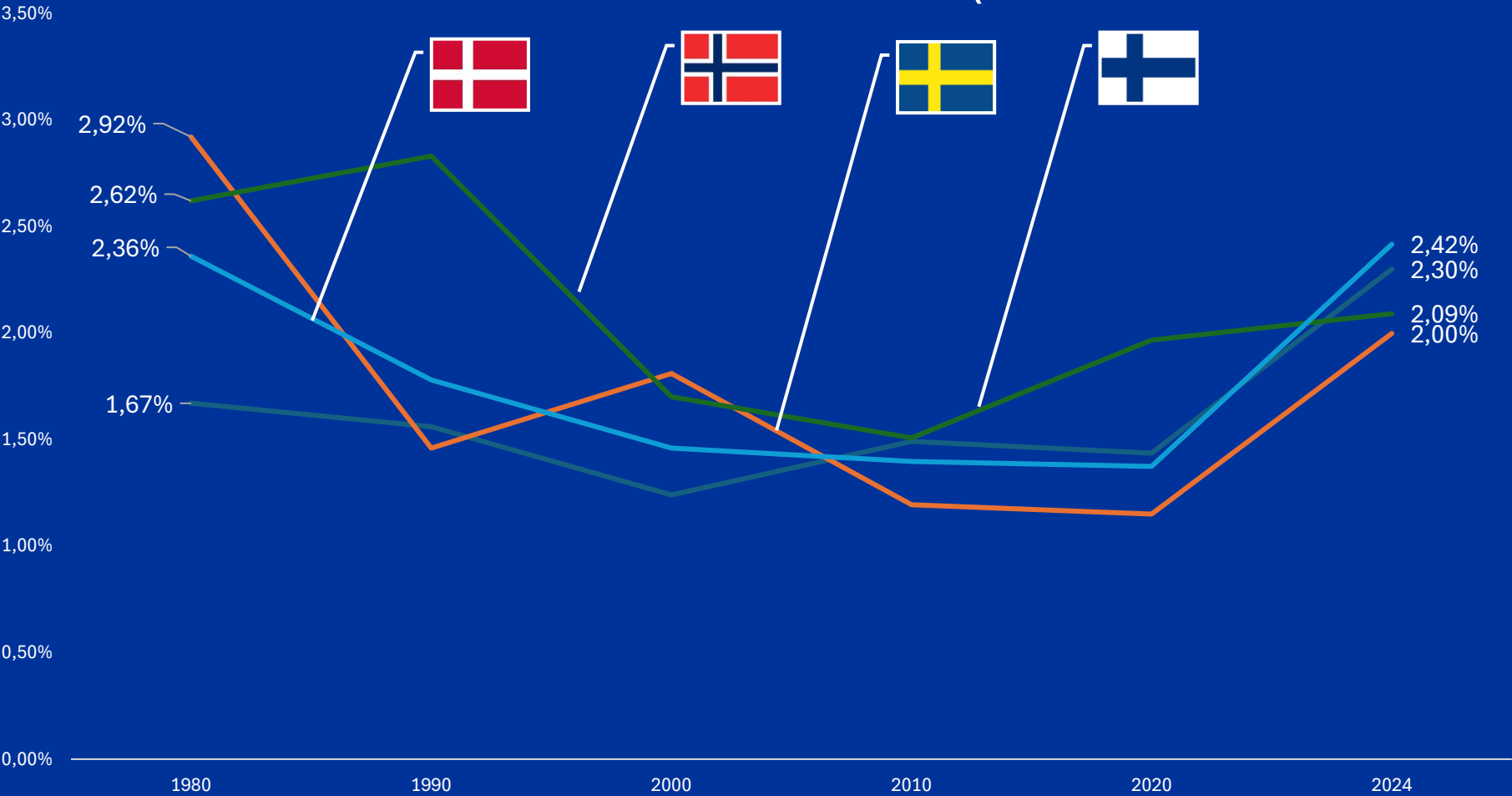
1. The causes ? Why?

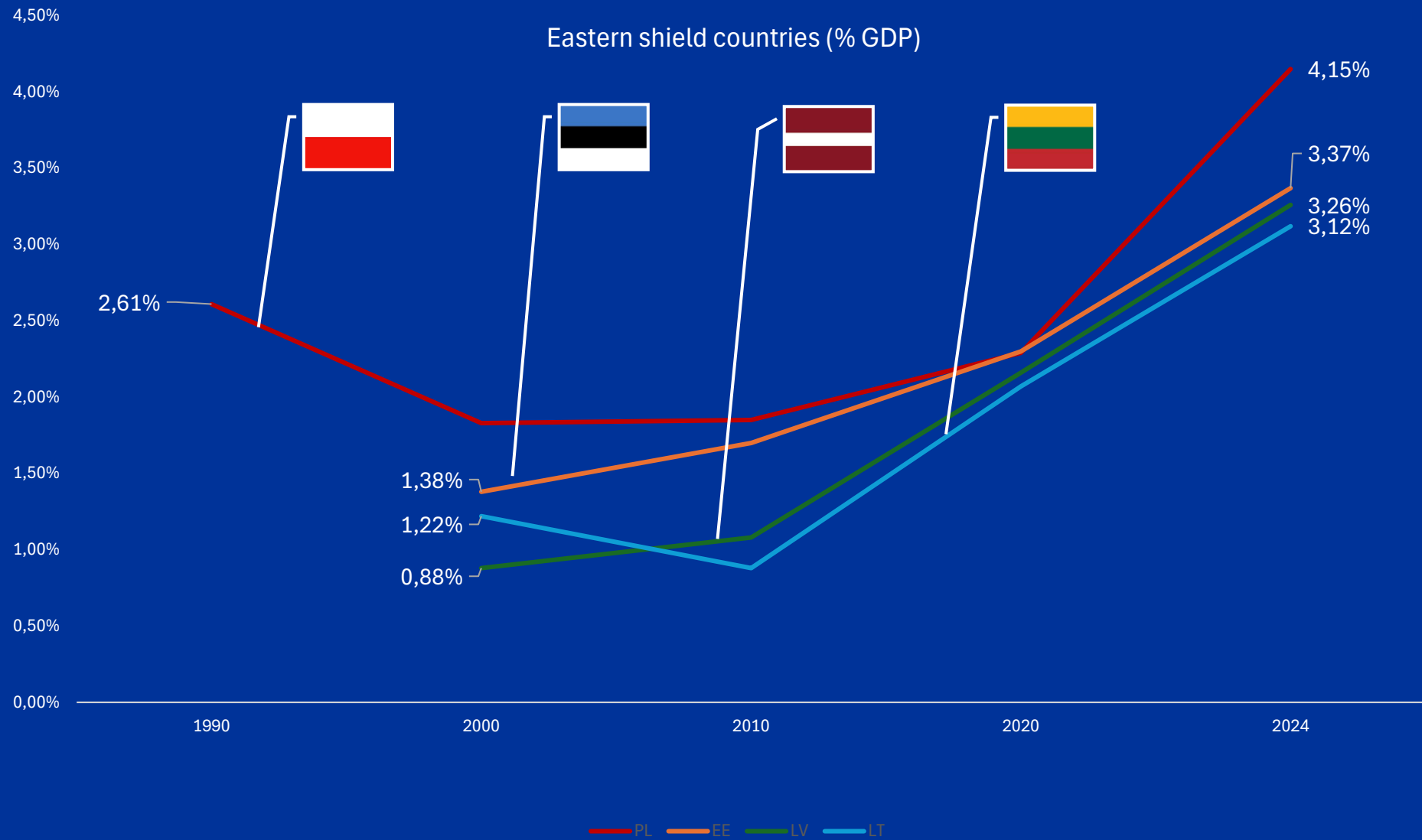
- The fall of the Wall for Western Europe
- The end of the USSR for president Putin
- The Pacific becomes the centre of interest for the United States

main western european countries (% of GDP)



Scandinavian Countries (%GDP)

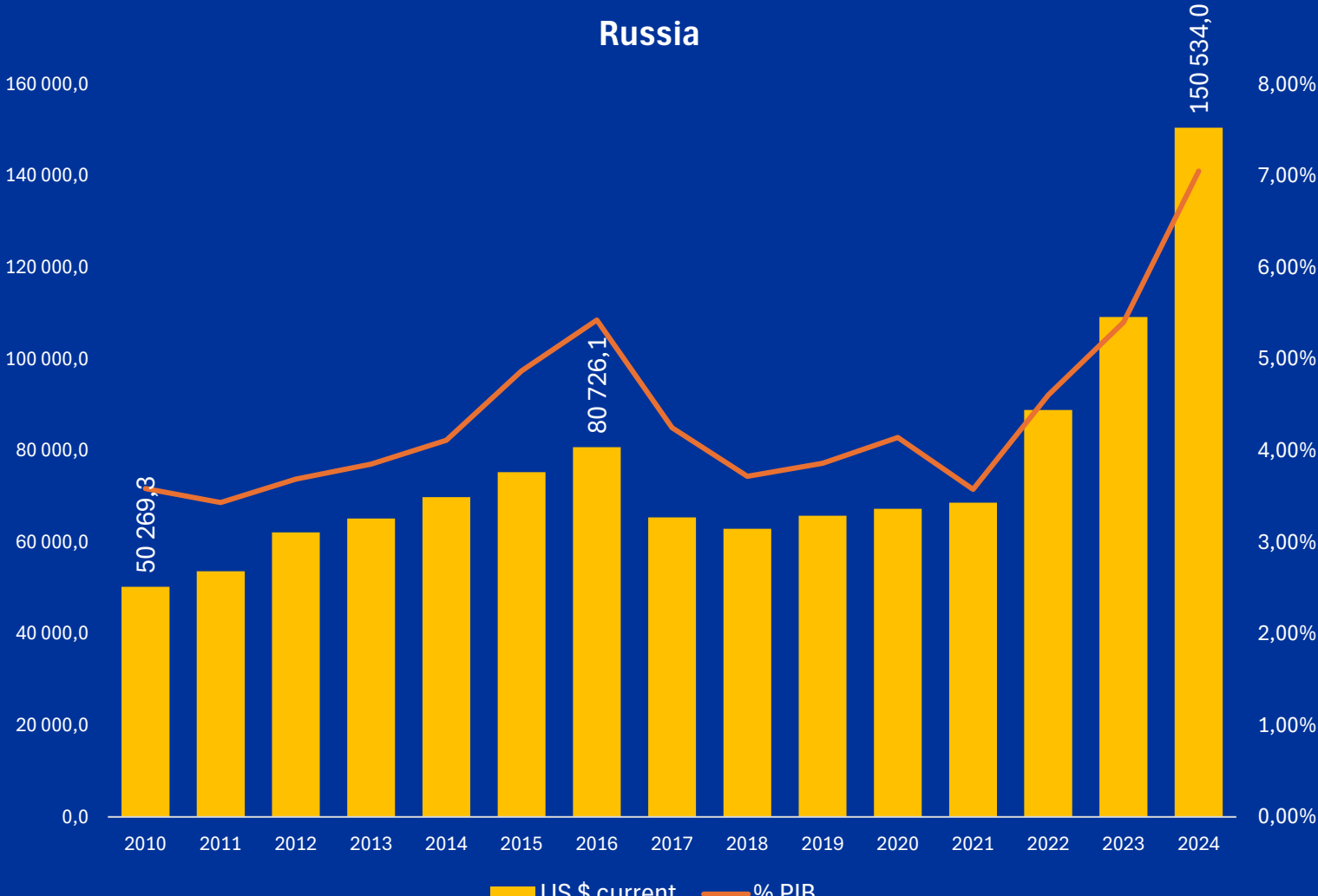




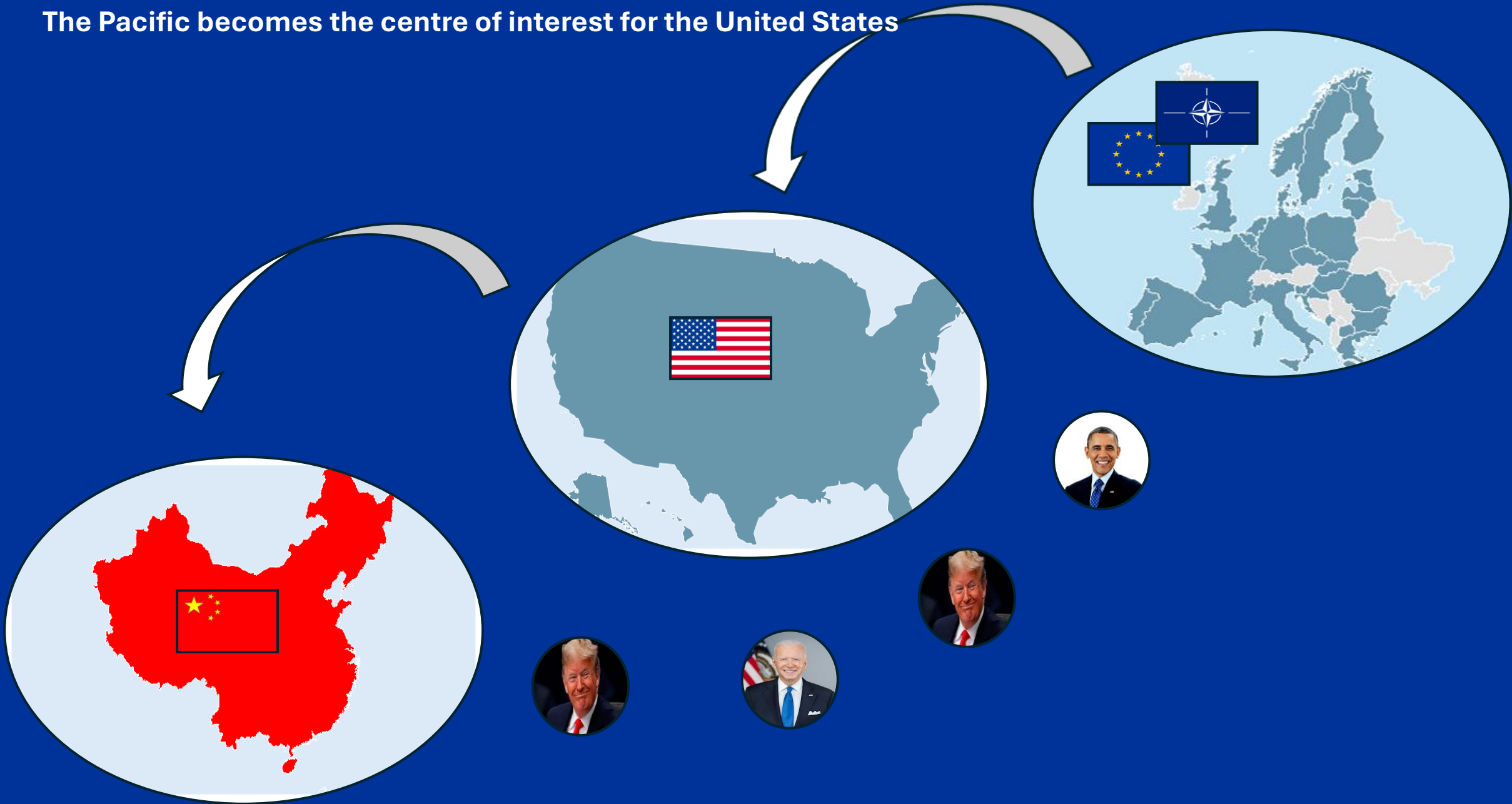
The end of the USSR for Russia

Russia	1993	2000	2010	2020	2024
Current US \$	7 766,7	9 228,2	58 720,2	61 712,5	148 967,5
Constant US \$	41 580,9	23 790,0	50 269,3	67 316,2	150 534,0
Per Capita	52,4	62,8	408,0	421,1	1 025,9
% GDP	4,18%	3,31%	3,59%	0,0	7,05%

Sources SIPRI data base



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Type of War	Main Characteristics	Typical actors	Tools and Methods used
Hybrid	Combination of conventional, irregular, and cyber/informational tactics	States, militias, hackers, armed groups	Disinformation, guerrilla tactics, cyberattacks, covert support
Conventional	Open warfare between states, regular armies, identifiable frontlines	States, regular armed forces	Infantry, tanks, aircraft, artillery
Nuclear	Use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, massive strategic impact	Nuclear-armed states	Ballistic missiles, nuclear warheads

The French nuclear umbrella for Europa?

2.1 Nuclear Weapons inventories

- world

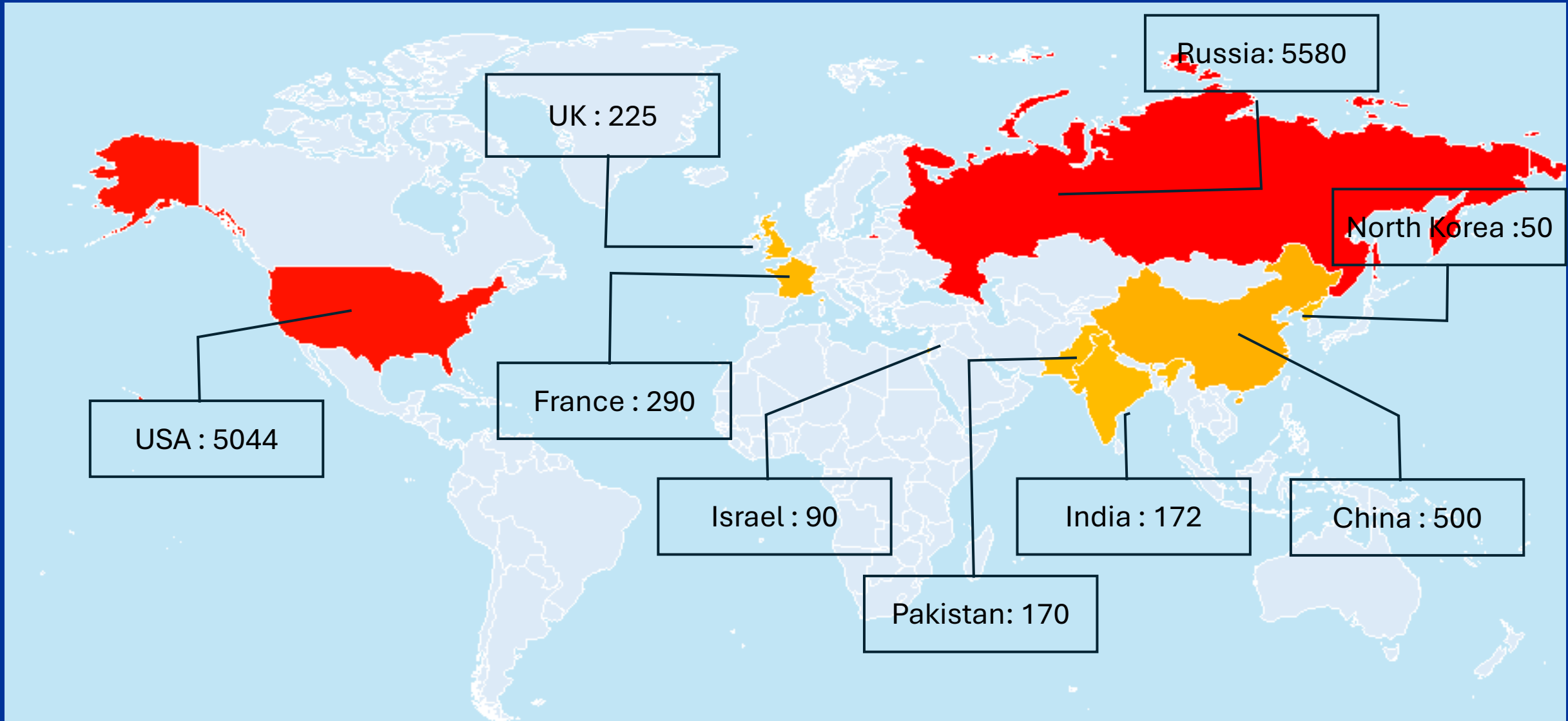
- Europa

2.2 The conditions

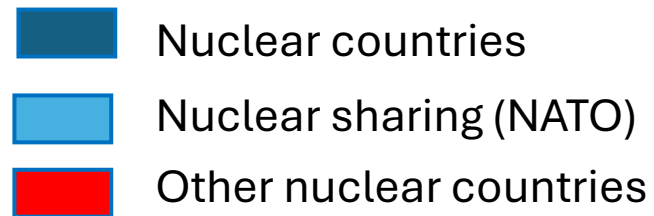
- Ambiguity

- Strategic autonomy

Nuclear weapon inventories (SIPRI – January 2024)



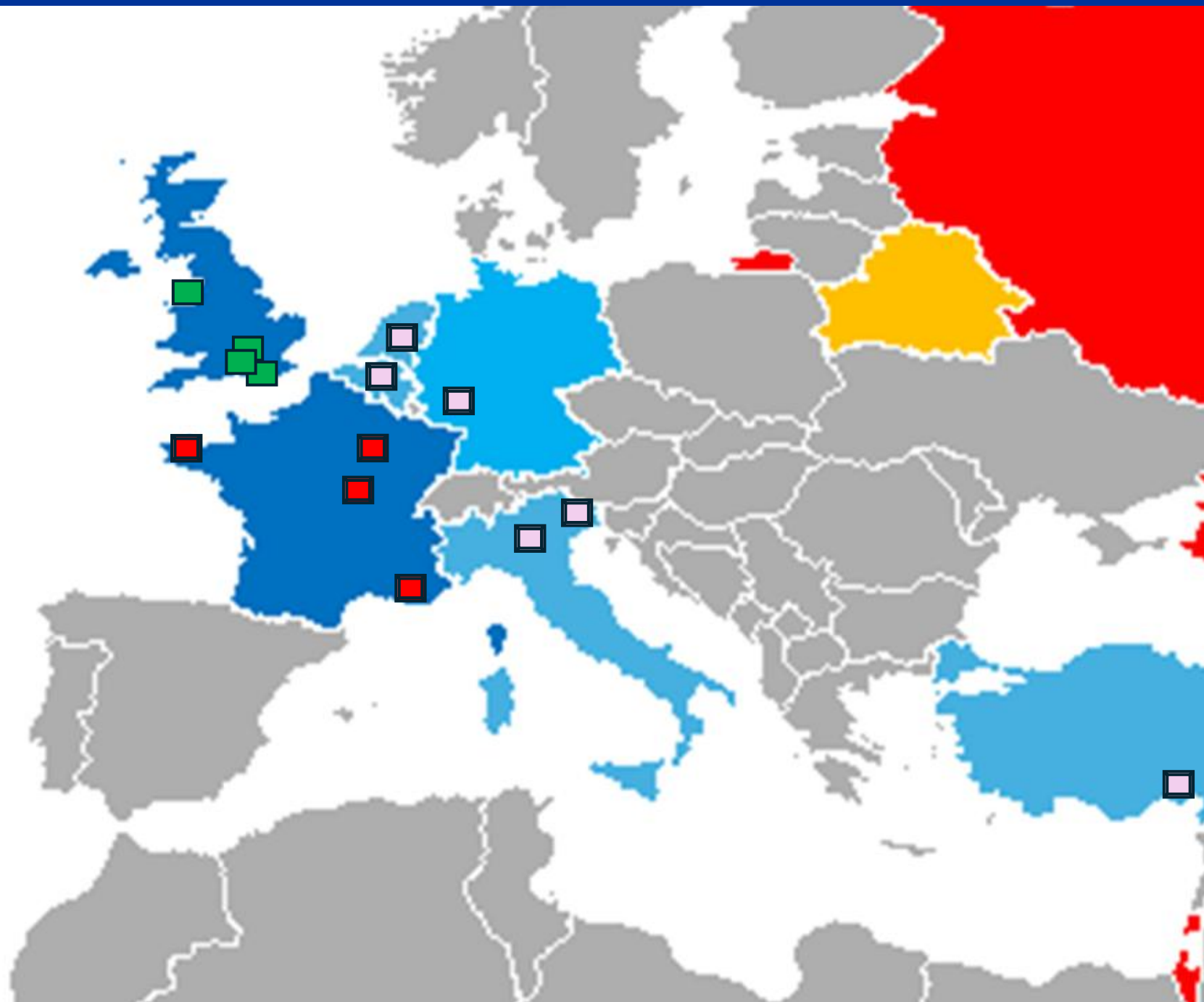
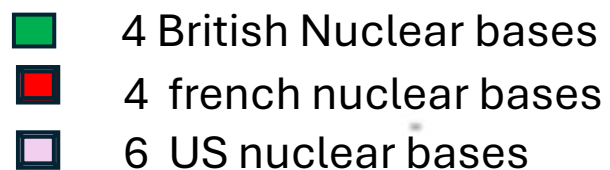
Estimated number of nuclear warheads in Europe



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Nuclear bases in Europe housing NATO countries





“France’s vital interests now have a European dimension.”
President Macron, February 7, 2020

*« If a Member State is the victim of armed aggression on its territory,
the other Member States shall have towards it an obligation of aid and
assistance by all the means in their power »*



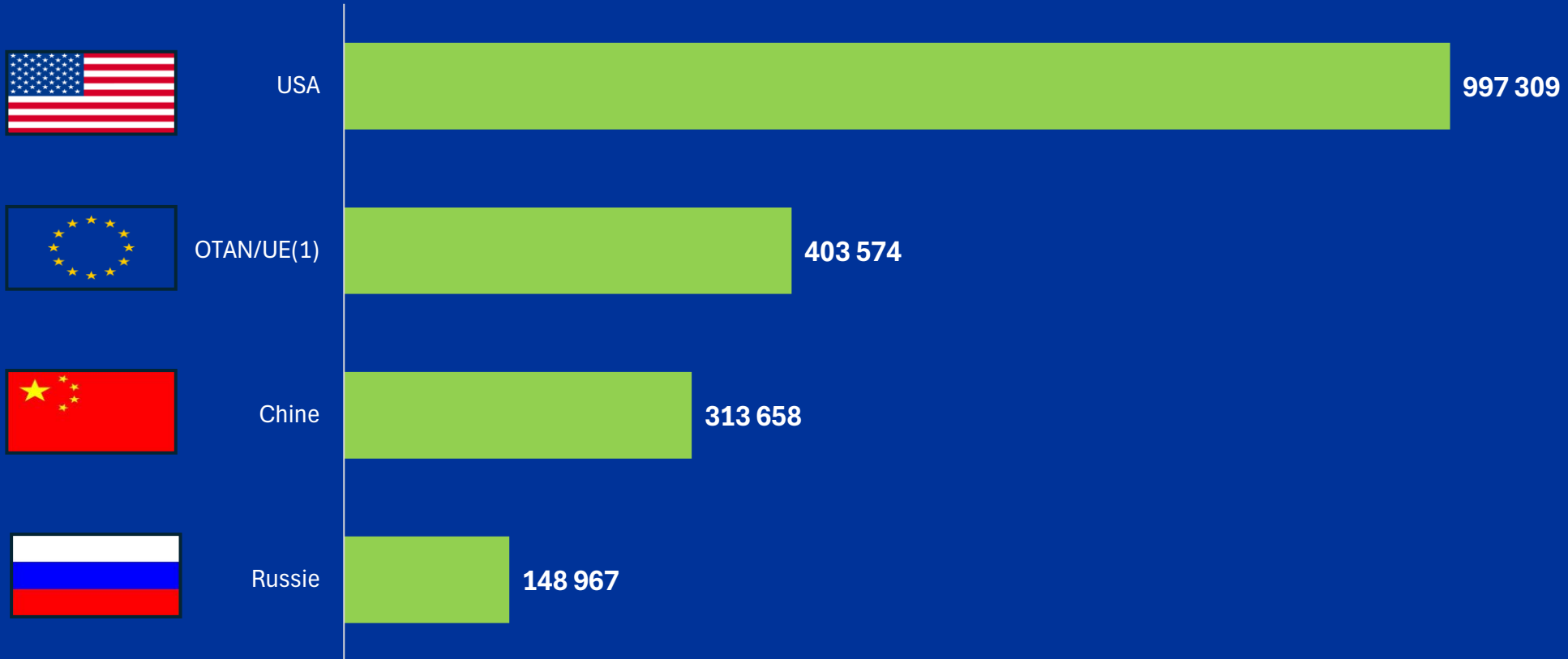
French opinion, Elab pol, May 2, 2024

- 74 % support pooling programs and technologies
- 80 % support creation of an anti-missile shield
- 69 % are in favor of establishing a rapid reaction force
- 51 % (versus 49 %) support pooling the nuclear deterreny

Strengthenig trust between France and its allied

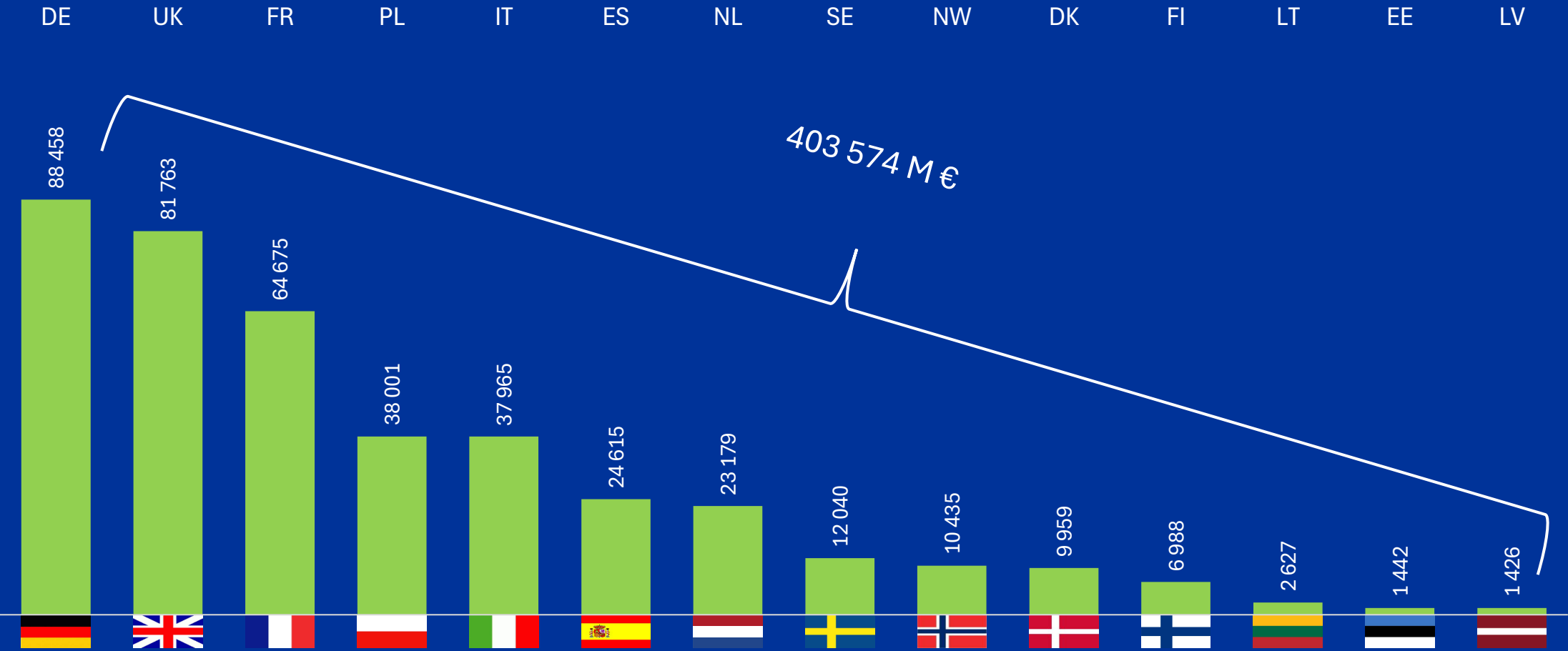
Deterring the agressor (conventional and nuclear)

Military expenditures 2024 (US \$ current)



1 UK, DE, FR, IT, ES, NL, FI, SW, NL, PL, EE, LV, LT

Military expenditures (Current US \$)



Thank you for your attention