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The aim of this folder is to amplify the material available to teachers, students and others interested in the geography and economy of the European Community.

The authors have deliberately omitted certain features generally dealt with in current handbooks and atlases. As this is a "European" work, the methods of analysis and presentation have been standardized as far as possible. The names of administrative units and towns have been given in the language of their country.

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Criticism and suggestions for future editions will be welcomed.



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THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN MAPS

Notes and tables

In this edition all the maps have been revised, except maps 3, 4 and 8. In general, the statistical tables refer to the year 1965. This is due to the time lapse — 7-12 months — in the publication of yearbooks and statistical reports. The list of sources has also been brought up to date and includes a number of important publications which appeared in the last quarter of 1966.

Map 1

Administrative regions and units

Among the numerous regional subdivisions — administrative or other (see table 1) — only the smallest, the commune, exists in all countries of the Community. However, the great number (74,000) of these primary units makes it impossible to show them on a map of the scale used here.

For the Community countries the following subdivisions have therefore been shown: Länder (Federal Germany), regions (France, Italy), provinces (Belgium, Italy, Netherlands), Regierungsbezirke (Germany) and départements (France). The boundaries and the names of these units, like the national frontiers, are shown by standardized symbols which obviously cannot take into account differences in structure between these units from country to country. Subdivisions in neighbouring countries are also shown: economic planning regions in the United Kingdom (including the East Anglia region which was created at the end of 1965), regions in Spain, Länder in Austria, and cantons in Switzerland, etc.

Names of countries, spelt according to the respective language edition, are reproduced in an inset map which covers an area wider than the Community in order to include the two European countries associated with the Community, Greece and Turkey.

Map 2

Density of population

For the Community, Switzerland and Austria this map has been established on the basis of statistical data by commune (censuses or annual statements of population). For other countries, the data have been drawn from official documents (see **Sources**) and adapted where necessary.

The inset table 5 shows towns and conurbations with more than 250,000 inhabitants. A comparison with the previous edition, giving data for 1958-60, shows how urbanization has been slowing down in the major industrial regions of the North-West and been increasing south of 45° latitude.

Map 3

Agriculture I: Land utilization and main crops

The diversity of agricultural structure and production in the Community makes it difficult to summarize all the information in two maps, particularly as one of these had, for reference purposes, to show relief and the hydrographic system.

Map 3 covers data which can be satisfactorily shown on this scale: large uncultivated areas, the larger forests and grassland areas. The subsequent data in the legend represent typical crops. Intensive cultivation of high-value crops (fruit, vegetables, flowers), the chief vinegrowing regions and certain crops which are processed (wheat,

sugarbeet) have also been shown. The inset indicates the approximate limits of the areas in which certain grains and potatoes are predominant crops, and the northern limits of vine and olive cultivation, as well as certain climatic factors chosen because of their influence on agriculture.

Map 4

Agriculture II: Livestock and fishing

The trend in eating habits in the highly-developed countries is towards greater consumption of meat and dairy produce. Hence the usefulness of a map showing the breeding of cattle, the most important livestock in Western Europe (see inset).

The main map shows the distribution of cattle by means of unit symbols which distinguish between the areas of high concentration (in the North-West, facing the Atlantic, and in the Alpine foothills) and the Mediterranean regions, where cattle are comparatively rare. Landings of fish at the principal ports are indicated on the same map by graduated symbols.

The regional importance of livestock breeding is shown in the inset: the height of the rectangles represents the number of animals, while the width expresses the relative importance of the three groups on the basis of the following ratio: 1 unit of cattle = 4 pigs = 8 sheep. The surface of each rectangle is therefore roughly proportionate to the importance of livestock in each region.

The statistics used are those of 1960-62 censuses and the regional subdivisions of that period have therefore been retained. A simplified subdivision has been adopted in the inset.

Map 5

Energy

This map indicates coal, oil and natural-gas deposits and the regions in which electricity is produced from waterpower, as well as the tidal power station at La Rance (France) and the geothermal power station at Larderello (Italy). It thus covers all the main sources of primary energy. The map also shows nuclear-power stations and the main hydro-electric power stations. (For power reactors see map 6).

The map shows how the increasingly dense network of oil and gas pipelines crosses frontiers to link deposits or ports of delivery with areas of consumption. The chief refining centres are depicted by symbols whose size indicates their production capacity. These illustrate how the capacity of inland refineries has grown compared with those at ports since the first edition of this folder was published in 1962.

The diagram in the inset compares the Community's energy consumption (expressed in tons, coal equivalent), in 1950 and 1960 with forecasts for 1970 and 1980. It highlights the expected growth after 1970 in consumption of petroleum and of nuclear power.

Table 2 gives the most recent data (1966) on coal production (ECSC figures), oil refining capacity (*Petroleum Times* annual survey) and, so that comparison can be made with previous editions, on production of crude steel (ECSC figures). Map 7 should also be referred to.

Because of the importance of the natural-gas deposits at Slochteren in the northern part of the Netherlands, the symbol reflects its future potential rather than the relatively limited present production.

The nuclear industry

In the coming decade the Community's nuclear industry will be called on to cover an increasing portion of the demand for electricity, which doubles approximately every ten years (see diagram map 5) and which, without nuclear energy, could be met only by an unduly heavy

Euratom's objective is therefore to expand European production of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and to assist research, education and the spread of knowledge. It aims at facilitating the production of nuclear energy at a price competitive with those of other forms of energy, and thus to prepare the ground for the nuclear revolution.

This map has been aligned to the Euratom wall map scale of 1: 2,000,000 published in 1966.

Maps 7 and 8

Industries I-II

An adequate representation of the industries of the Community, even after eliminating those which figure on maps 5 and 6 would require perhaps a dozen maps. The scope of this folder does not permit more than two main maps.

Sheets 7 and 8 contain three maps which deal with selected industries, and a general map combining structure and regional distribution. The sectors chosen (steel, metallurgy and engineering, chemicals and textiles) together with the basic industries shown in map 5, provide work for more than two-thirds of the industrial wageearners in the Community. In some regions (Ruhr, S. W. Germany, Piedmont, the Paris region, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) half the industrial working population is in the metallurgical and engineering industries.

Map 7 has therefore been allotted to this branch. The large regions where these industries predominate have been localized as accurately as is possible on the scale used. Symbols representing the Bessemer conversion process and drawn in relation to output indicate the areas where production of crude steel exceeded one million metric tons in 1965. In addition, manufacturing industries connected with various forms of transport have been shown on the basis of their production figures or — when local data on production were lacking — on the basis of the number of wage-earners. For the aircraft and railwayequipment industries only approximate orders of magnitude could be shown. Steel complexes under construction, such as those at Fos-sur-Mer and Taranto, are mentioned here.

The inset in map 7, on the chemical industry, shows the main regions and their relative importance by number of wage-earners in each centre or region.

The inset in map 8 covers the textile industry, with data for the main branches (wool, cotton, linen, silk, synthetic fibres).

Map 8 gives a general view of the industrial structure, showing the distribution of wage-earners by major branches and by regions. Since the standardization of nomenclature in industry is not yet complete for all the Community countries, the information shown here, like that on the main industrial regions, needs to be interpreted with caution. The regions shaded are those in which the industrial working population in the majority of the districts represents more than 50 % of the total. For certain regions with a low level of industrialization, a breakdown by branches was impossible; in other regions, the smallest branches could not be indicated, for reasons of legibility. Finally, where non-member countries publish statistics which are not comparable with those of Community countries, no breakdown is given.

Map 9

Transport I: Railways and navigation

A map is included for each of the three transport networks. Map 9 deals with railways and map 10 with roads, while navigable waterways are, for geographical reasons, dealt with in an inset (map 9). The latter network covers only the northern and central part of the

The following railways are shown: 1) the main Community lines and their extensions in non-member countries; 2) the other main international or internal routes. Each of these two categories is subdivided into electrified lines (in use or undergoing electrification) and non-electrified lines. The same map shows maritime connections between European countries, with a distinction between rail ferries and other lines. The chief seaports are shown by circles whose size indicates the volume of goods traffic handled, with incoming and outgoing traffic shown separately. For passenger traffic it has not been possible to do more than indicate by a single symbol the main

terminal ports of international shipping lines.

For inland waterways, the same distinction has been made as for railways, showing the main European links and other connections. Firm projects have also been indicated.

Map 10

Transport II: Roads and civil aviation

The road network of the Community has been presented on the same principles as those followed in map 9. A distinction is made between the main Community routes (and connections in the neighbouring countries) and the other important links. Existing and planned motorways have been shown on the map as fully as the scale allows. Following proposals by the United Nations, as worked out in

detail by the European Conference of Transport Ministers, the European governments have decided to adopt a system of "E" roads. Most of the roads to be included have already been chosen. These roads are shown separately in so far as they do not coincide with the main Community routes. Some national and regional roads are also shown.

For a variety of reasons, representation of an air transport network is not feasible on maps of this scale; moreover, if it took the usual form of straight lines linking the chief airports, it would ignore the existence of air corridors which channel the traffic. The relative importance of the main airports has therefore been shown by the number of passengers passing through them, with the size of the symbols indicating the number of arrivals, plus departures, plus persons in transit, in accordance with the system in use at Paris airport. The percentage of transit passengers is also shown.

A more detailed breakdown of the traffic, in particular a distinction between domestic, intra-European and intercontinental traffic, raises statistical difficulties and table 7 gives no more than a few of the basic data. Table 6 shows the traffic handled at the main seaports

(see map 9).

Map 11

External trade

The most spectacular result of the introduction of the Common Market has been the increase in trade between the six member countries of the Community. At \$23,000 million in 1966, the value of this trade was 8 % higher than in 1965 and more than three times that in 1958.

The expansion of the Community's internal market has not been at the expense of external trade. In 1966, the value both of imports and of exports from non-member countries reached some \$30,000 million; for imports, this represented an increase of 90 % over 1958; for exports the increase over 1958 was 84 %.

The map expresses in simplified form the geographical pattern

of trade; its volume, direction (imports and exports) and the main categories of products — foodstuffs, fuel, raw materials, machinery, vehicles and other transport equipment, and other products. The geographical areas chosen could obviously not be satisfactory from every point of view. They had to be homogeneous and few in number, which made it impossible to base them on the usual currency areas. The basic map is a polar projection which permits better use of the available space.

The relative importance of the regions in the Community's external trade is illustrated in the diagrams in the bottom left-hand corner of the map, while table 4 shows totals and percentages of trade by region. The data in the diagrams are for 1965, while the table shows the position for 1966.

Map 12

Associated overseas states and territories

The association with the Community of 18 overseas countries which had special links with one or other of its member states opens the way to close economic cooperation between the old countries of Europe and the young nations in Africa and elsewhere which have recently acquired independence.

This map covers the Community, the European states associated with the Community, African countries as far south as the Congo (Kinshasa), and also, in an inset, territories in America. The countries at present linked to the United Kingdom (through the Commonwealth) and to other European countries are also indicated. The legal nature of each association is shown by appropriate signs.

Table 3 supplements the map with some basic data: area, population density, allocations by the first European Development Fund, and financing operations by the second Fund up to 31 December 1966.

TABLE 1 - AREA, POPULATION AND WORKING POPULATION

		Pop	ulation 00 (1)	7.1.1		mated	Civilian	labour forc	e by main	sectors of	economic	activity(2
A. — COUNTRIES	Area '000 sq. km.	100	ldle of	Inhab. per sq. km.		nlation 0 (2)	Year	Total	Agri- culture	Indus- try	Ser- vices	Un- em- ployed
		1960	1966	1966	1970	1980			2	s percenta	ige of tota	
Netherlands. Belgium Luxembourg Germany (F.R.)(2). France Italy Denmark Norway Sweden Finland Iceland.	33.5 30.5 2.6 248.5 551.2 301.2 43.0 323.9 449.8 337.0 103.0	11 486 9 153 314 55 433 45 684 49 642 4.581 3.585 7 480 4 466 176	12 455 9 528 335 59 638 49 400 51 959 4 791 3 752 7 807 (a) 4 612 195	371.7 312.3 128.8 239.9 89.6 172.4 11.4 11.5 17.3 (a) 13.6 1.9	13 070 9 710 (335) 60 220 50 950 54 320 4 919 3 864 7 999 4 778	15 260 (9 970) (345) 62 390 56 305 58 440 5 299 4 270 8 646 5 035	1965 1965 1965 1965 1965 1965 1965 1965	4 630 3 642 139 26 846 19 688 19 732 (d) 2 296 1 489 (d) 3 794 2 033 (³) 67	(°) (11) 6 14 11 18 25 17 20 11 35 23	(42) 45 45 49 39 39 37 37 35 42 31 36	(47) 47 41 39 42 32 45 44 46 31 35	1 2 0 1 1 4 1 1 1
United Kingdom Ireland (Rep.)	244.0 70.3	52 559 2 834	54 896 2 882	224.9 40.9	56 410	60 480	1965 1961	25 676 (4) 1 108	3 36.	47 29	49 35	1
Switzerland Austria	41.3 83.8	5 362 7 048	(a) 5 945 7 291	(a) 143.9 87.0	(b) 5 436 7 365	(b) 6 098 7 671	1960 1961	(d) 2 512 3 350	11 23	51 40	38 35	0 2
Portugal	91.5 504.7	8 826 30 303	(a) 9 167 31 871	(a) 100.1 63.1	9 590 32 386	10 480 34 491	1960 1965	3 354 11 919	43 34	29 34	26 30	2 2
Greece (*)	130.9 780.6 255.8	8 327 27 510 18 402	8 612 32 174 19 756	65.7 41.2 77.2	8 730 36 740	9 056	1961 1960 1961	(c) 3 616 (c)12 534 (5) 8 340	54 78	19	27 12	
Community U S A U S S R	1 167.5 9 363.4 22 402.2	171 712 180 684 214 400	182 315 196 845 (a) 230 585	156.1 21.0 (a) 10.5	188 605 207 480 250 000	202 710 243 370 280 000	1965 1965 1964	74 677 75 635 (104 000)	6 (38)	(31)	(58) (32)	5

⁽a) 1965.
(b) Not including foreigners with short stay permits only.
(c) Incl. unemployed.
(d) Including armed forces.
(1) Population estimation: OECD Main economic indicators, UNO Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.
(2) SOEC Basic statistics of the Community 1966, Tab. 1 and Tab. 7.

B. — REGIONS	Area sq. km.	Population '000	Inhab. per sq. km.	Industrial working population '000	B. — REGIONS	Area sq. km.	Population '000	Inhab. per sq. km.	Industrial working population '000
Germany (F. R.) « Länder »	1965 (¹)				Italy « Regioni » 1961 (2).		100	76,3174	
1. Schleswig-Holstein	15 658 747 47 393 404 34 045 21.109 19.831 35.750 70.550 2.568 479	2 423 1 857 6 893 738 16 664 5.139 3 568 8 375 10.059 1 123 2 202	155 2485 145 1 827 489 243 180 234 143 438 4 594	398 346 1 272 121 3 987 1 188 653 2 196 2 169 235 455	1. Piemonte	25 399 3 262 5 415 23 821 13 613 18 378 7 851 22 123 9 692 22 990	3 914 101 1 735 7 406 786 3 847 1 204 3 667 1 347 3 286	154 31 320 311 58 209 153 166 139 143	900 19 274 1 871 109 659 220 592 178 575
France « Régions » 1962 (²).				1000	11. Umbria	8 456 17 203	795 3 959	230	107 466
1. Nord	12 526 19.592 12 070 39 542 12 379 18 249 28 331 32 671	3 659 1 482 8 470 1 858 1 398 1 208 2 397 2 461	292 75 702 47 113 66 85 75	702 240 1 727 261 225 133 219 303	13. Campania	13 595 10.794 4 438 19 347 9 988 15 080 25 708 24 089	4 761 1 206 358 3 421 644 2 045 4 721 1 419	350 112 81 177 65 136 184 59	561 147 36 361 70 231 448 139
9. Poitou-Charentes	26 302 17 049	1 451 734	55 43	148 86	United Kingdom « New Star	dard Reg	ions » 19	065 (4).	
11. Aquitaine	42 411 45 603 25 741 23 677 8 324 16 298 31 763 26 178 44.624 27 771 40.500	2 312 2 061 1 206 2 194 1 318 928 1 439 1 273 4 019 1 555 3 094	55 45 47 93 158 56 45 90 56 76	271 241 201 433 245 181 197 165 809 197 372	1. North. 2. Yorkshire and Humberside 3. North West. 4. East Midlands. 5. West Midlands. 6. East Anglia. 7. South East. 8. South West. 9. Wales. 10. Scotland. 11. Northern Ireland.	19 347 14 175 7 984 12 197 13 014 12 565 27 413 23 657 20 760 78 762 14 192	3 309 4 712 6 703 3 272 4 975 1 559 16 954 3 585 2 693 5 204 1 469	171 332 840 268 382 124 618 152 130 66	696 1 198 1 640 840 1 481 248 3 355 562 506 1 028 239

⁽³⁾ Yearbook of Nordic Statistics 1966, Tab. 11.
(4) Stat. Abstract of Ireland 1964, Tab. 38.
(5) IN: Stat. Jahrbuch BR Deutschland 1966, Internat. Übers. S. 48°, Tab. 1.
(6) 1960, Jaarcijfers voor Nederland 1963-64, Tab. 134.
(7) Country associated with the Community under art. 238 of the EEC Treaty.

Fläche und Wohnbevölkerung am 30.6.1965 nach kreisfreien Städten und Landkreisen und Mikrozensus Mai 1965. Stat. Jahrbuch für die BR Deutschland 1966, S. 30-34, Tab. 4 und S. 157, Tab. 10.
 Recensement du 7 mars 1962: Population de la France, Tab. C, pp. 1068-1071 col. B (* sans les doubles comptes dans la population comptés à part *) et Résultats du sondage au 1/20*, population – ménages – logements – immeubles.

Fascicules régionaux (circonscription d'action régionale). Tab. R6.

(3) Censimento 15.10.1961, popolazione residente e popolazione residente attiva in età da 10 anni, Ann. Statistico Italiano 1966, Tav. 10 e Tav. 20.

(4) Home (resident) population, projections and area, and employees in employment in June 1965. New standard regions: Central Statistics Office, Abstract of regional statistics N° 2/1966, Tab. 1 and Tab. 4 (Acre = 4.046,8 m²).

TABLE 3 — ASSOCIATED OVERSEAS STATES AND

	COAL OUTPUT			STEEL PRODUCTION			COUNT	RIES			
Country (with total)	Coalfield	Output	Country (with total)	Centre or Region	Produc- tion	COUNTRY	Area in '000	Year	Popu- lation	Density Inhab.	Financ receiv up to
NL	Limburg	9.8	NL	IJmuiden	3.3	TERRITORY	sq. km	1 car	in '000's	per	31/12/66
B 15.7	Kempen	7.9	B 8.9	Liège	3.5					sq. km	in \$'000
D	Niedersachsen	2.0	L	Esch - Belval, etc		09900 o			1		
126.6	Ruhr	103.7 7.4 13.1	D 35.3	Ruhr	24.8 4.3 6.2	African States and Madagascar 1. Burundi	27.8 475.4	(64) (65)	2,780 5,150	100 11	17,877 69,842
F 45.8	Nord — Pas-de-Calais Lorraine Centre-Midi	23.0 14.3 8.5	F 19.6	Nord	5.2 12.3 2.1	3. Central Africa Republie 4. Congo (Brazzaville) 5. Congo (Kinshasa) 6. Ivory Coast	612.0 342.0 2,354.4 322.5	(65) (64) (65) (64)	1,352 826 15,627 3,750	2 2 7 12	33,123 36,645 58,498 81,383
I	Sulcis	0.3	1 13.6	Genova	2.1	7. Dahomey	112.6	(64)	2,300	20	29,678
GB** 190.5	Scottish Northern-Durham Yorks East Midland North Western West Midland. South Western Others and "opencast"	15.2 30.6 87.7 12.1 14.1 17.5 13.3	GB 24.7	Others N.E. Coast Lancashire Sheffield Lincolnshire South Wales Others	9.4 4.0 2.7 3.0 2.8 6.5 5.7	8. Gabon	267.0 274.2 595.8 1,201.6 1,085.8 1,267.0 26.3	(65) (65) (64) (65) (65) (64) (64)	462 4,882 6,180 4,576 900 3,250 3,018	2 18 10 4 1 3	20,215 36,498 108,827 56,115 27,154 44,714 12,537
	Community	198.1		Community	85.1	15. Senegal	196.2	(64)	3,490	18	74,006
	United Kingdom** USA**	190.5 474.1 430.0		United Kingdom USA	24.7 124.7 96.8	16. Somalia	637.7 1,284.0 56.6	(65) (64) (65)	2,500 3,300 1,642	4 3 29	20,283 54,702 19,742
* tc		CITY (cru		** 1965, millions of illion of metric tons) Survey)	tons.	Overseas territories Africa					
Country (with total)	Centre or Region	Capacity End 1966	(with total)	Centre or Region	Capacity End 1966	19. Comoro Islands	2.2 22.0 2.5	(64) (64) (65)	212 81 387	98 4 154	4,045 1,837 17,167
NL	Rotterdam	30.1		Livorno	4.0			J. State Cont.	1 1		540
B D 85.0	Antwerpen	17.5 3.5 12.7 3.7 19.5 13.5		Roma Napoli . Bari . Ravenna . Venezia . Sicilia .	3.0 5.3 3.7 8.3 4.4 26.1	Oceania 22. New Caledonia	18.7 4.0	(64) (64)	89 82	5 21	4,622 5,168
	Karlsruhe	9.8 9.1 13.2	GB	Others	8.1 11.1 24.3	24. Netherl. Antilles	1.0 1.8 91.0	(64) (64) (64)	205 306 36	213 172 0	18,730 4,898 1,863
F 80.7	Dunkerque	6.5 28.5 4.5 5.2 22.6 8.0	86.3	Southampton	16.1 8.8 11.3 11.3 5.5 9.0	27. Martinique	1.1 0.2 142.8	(64) (64) (64)	310 5 325	281 21 2	6,720 3,545 18,596 939,075
	Others	5.3			318.2						
I * 104.9	Milano	11.9 5.0 9.4 4.6		United Kingdom U S A	86.3 (512.4) (225.0)	* inc. Algeria	2,381.7 412.8	(64) *(64)	12,300 800	5 2	25,320 5,491

^{*} Incl. 30 % reserve capacity.

TABLE 4 — EXTERNAL TRADE OF THE COMMUNITY (excluding overseas territories) 1966, \$ millions and as percentage

— MAJOR PRODUCT		1	MPOR'	ГS				E	EXPOR	TS		
ORIGIN/ DESTINATION GROUPS - GROUPS	Total	Food and bever- ages	Fuels	Raw mater- ials	Machinery, vehicles, ships, aircraft	Other pro- ducts	Total	Food and bever- ages	Fuels	Raw mater- ials	Machinery, vehicles, ships, aircraft	Other pro- ducts
Total, intra-EEC	22,918 30,707	2,825 6,521	1,023 4,673	1,700 7,164	6,250 3,747	11,121 8,601	23,228 29,406	2,787 2,257	1,115 1,133		6,408 11,252	11,250 13,689
World	53,625	9,346	5,696	8,864	9,997	19,722	52,634	5,044	2,248	2,743	17,660	24,939
1 North America 2 Northern Europe 3 Austria, Switzerland, Yugoslavia. 4 United Kingdom, Ireland. 5 Near and Middle East, NE. Africa 6 Latin America. 7 Assoc. Overseas States (exc. Algeria). 8 Far East 9 Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia 10 Rest of Africa. 11 Spain, Portugal & Span. terr. in Afr.). 12 Eastern Europe (except USSR) 13 USSR, Mainland China. 14 Australia, New Zealand. 15 South Asia. 16 Greece, Turkey	6,654 100 2,830 100 2,317 100 2,870 100 3,415 100 2,731 100 1,581 100 1,601 100 1,142 100 1,142 100 1,142 100 1,083 100 964 100 681 100 339 100 386 100	% 21.4 14.4 10.5 7.0 3.3 52.8 32.5 15.6 37.6 20.5 53.7 38.9 10.3 12.6 14.7 46.9	%,7 0.2 1.0 2.6 85.3 6.7 3.2 10.0 41.2 3.4 7.5 28.2 0.3	%, 9 18.9 11.7 8.3 6.9 26.5 36.3 17.9 44.5 21.2 40.5 80.2 51.6 35.2	%23.2 14.5 22.8 36.1 0.2 0.3 0.1 6.5 0.3 0.1 3.8 0.9 0.1 0.8	%31.8 37.2 54.0 46.0 4.3 13.7 27.9 36.6 3.0 28.7 23.5 26.4 20.1 7.1 32.5 16.8	4,626 100 3,666 100 4,387 100 2,664 100 1,700 100 1,922 100 1,348 100 859 100 1,065 100 1,707 100 1,324 100 673 100 428 100 679 100 772 100	% 6.2 4.4 8.3 15.2 7.2 4.8 7.7 14.1 5.1 11.9 4.0 3.3 3.4 4.3	% 0.5 5.3 5.9 8.0 1.2 0.4 1.6 1.3 2.0 2.7 0.3 	%1.5.7.6.7.7.5.1.3.2.2.5.2.2.3.3.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4	% 37.4 40.9 330.5 39.2 44.2 32.4 42.3 27.5 50.2 45.5 36.8 41.0 54.4 52.4 41.6	% 52.8 45.9 47.2 39.7 49.1 50.0 46.5 51.0 41.2 44.9 52.3 39.8 40.1 48.0

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Since 1950 six European countries - Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands - have been moving forward to unity in an attempt to overcome both their own past enmities and the present and future disadvantages facing small- and medium-sized countries in a world dominated by the giant powers, the USA and Soviet Union. As a first step to the political unity which is their ultimate aim, these six countries are gradually merging their separate national markets into a vast, single market throughout which men, goods and capital will be able to move freely. They have also agreed to work towards full economic union under the control of common institutions which are independent of the six governments. This joint decision to pass certain responsibilities to these institutions introduced a radically new element into international affairs.

The reasons for this search for unity in Europe are thus partly economic and partly political:

— The economic factor: The six countries of the European Community have a combined population of 184 million living in an area of 449,000 square miles. They therefore form a unit comparable in population with the USA (population 197 million; area 3.6 million square miles) and the USSR (population 234 million; area 8.6 million square miles). A single market on the European scale offers substantial technological and economic advantages both to the member countries' citizens and to the rest of

the world. It encourages large-scale production at lower cost by permitting firms to specialize their production. It promotes improved working conditions and living standards for its citizens through economic progress. It leads to increased trade with the rest of the world, including the developing countries to which the Six are also giving economic and social aid.

— The political factor: The division of Europe into several nation states and the conflicts which have arisen between them have weakened Europe's position in the world in relation to the USA and the USSR. Consequently, although the first steps to European unity have been in the economic and social fields, the Six aim also at "an ever closer unity among the European peoples" so that one day a "United States of Europe" might become a reality.

The unity of the Six is based on three Communities:

THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY (ECSC)

was established in 1951 by the Paris Treaty, with the aim of integrating the two heavy industries which were the basis of economic strength. This first example of the economic integration of the Six led to a doubling of steel production and meant that coal output, subsequently severely hit by competition from petroleum and natural gas, could be reduced in an orderly fashion. Much has been done

in the social field, especially in providing workers' housing, retraining redundant workers and redeveloping areas affected by the closing of steelworks or mines.

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC or Common Market)

was set up under the Rome Treaty of March 1957 to establish, first of all, a general common market and, later, the economic union of the member countries. The means to these ends are the establishment of a customs union, the introduction of common policies for agriculture, transport and external trade, and the harmonization of other economic and social policies.

THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY (EURATOM)

was established in 1957 by a second Treaty signed in Rome. Its purpose is to contribute to the development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, in particular by promoting, facilitating and coordinating research undertaken in member states and complementing this with its own research programs. It has four research centres and has placed many research contracts with other centres or firms in member countries.

COMMON INSTITUTIONS

All three Communities now share the same institutional framework, which consists of a Council of Ministers, a Commission, a Parliament and a Court of Justice.

The Council of Ministers

This comprises one cabinet minister from each member government. It determines the policy of the Community and coordinates the policies of the member states in the light of the Community's aims. The Council takes decisions on policy proposals by the Commission, either by unanimous vote or in accordance with the majority voting system laid down.

The Commission

Since July 1, 1967, a single Commission of the European Communities has provided the executive arm of these Communities. Its task is to pursue the aims laid down by the Paris and Rome Treaties. At present, the single Commission consists of 14 members; it will later be reduced to nine. The single Commission exercises the powers

previously granted to the ECSC High Authority and the Common Market and Euratom Commissions.

Members must perform their duties with complete independence in the general interest of the Community. They are not representatives of the member states, but are appointed by agreement between the governments of the member states; they are independent and answerable only to the European Parliament.

The Commission sees that member states apply the Treaty. It can adopt regulations and address directives, recommendations and opinions to the member governments. It is a driving force in the sense that it takes the initiative in proposing courses of action in most fields. It is the body which represents the Community, particularly in tariff discussions with non-member countries (the Kennedy Round in Geneva, for example).

The European Parliament

The European Parliament meets in Strasbourg although its staff is based in Luxembourg. It consists of 142 members nominated by the national Parliaments; membership is broken down as follows:

— France	36
— Germany	36
— Italy	36
— Belgium	14
— Netherlands	14
— Luxembourg	6

The role of the European Parliament must not be likened to that of a national Parliament, because the European Parliament has no legislative powers, nor can it adopt the Communities' budgets. It controls the Commission and gives opinions on all important problems. The Rome Treaty provided for the European Parliament to be elected ultimately by direct universal suffrage. The three principal parliamentary groups (Christian Democrat, Socialist, Liberal) are formed by representatives of the six countries. The fourth group — the European Democratic Union — is composed solely of French representatives.

The Court of Justice

This consists of seven judges who sit in Luxembourg. It is the "guardian of the law" in the application and interpretation of the Treaties. It rules on the upholding or the annulling of Community decisions. To ensure that the

Treaty is observed, the Commission may bring member states, firms and individuals before the Court.

There are also consultative bodies, the most important of these being the Economic and Social Committee, composed of representatives of the various economic and social groups (professions, trade unions, etc.).

TEN YEARS OF THE COMMON MARKET: A BALANCE SHEET

Customs union almost complete

To achieve the Common Market, the Six decided to create a "customs union", that is to say they agreed that all customs duties and all restrictions on the exchange of goods between themselves would be abolished by the end of a 12-year transitional period which began on January 1, 1958. The Community's prosperity enabled the Six to get ahead of their schedule so that customs duties will have disappeared completely by July 1, 1968, instead of by July 1, 1970. (Between July 1, 1967, and July 1, 1968, duties on industrial products are levied at 15% of their 1958 levels.) Thus a Frenchman who buys a German or Italian motorcar costing 10,000 francs, and who would have had to pay 3,000 francs in customs duties in 1958,

I pay no duty after July 1, 1968 (various other charges ill, however, still remain and these are to be eliminated in the years ahead).

At the same time, the six countries have — by a process of averaging — been unifying their customs duties on imports from the rest of the world (common external customs tariff). This has led to many reductions in French and Italian duties and to some moderate increases in those of Germany and the Benelux countries.

The free movement of persons and capital will also make considerable progress from July 1, 1968, within the framework of the customs union.

The remarkable increase in production in the Community, and in trade between the six countries, are partly due to the customs union. These trends are shown clearly in the graphs below.

On the way to economic union

Here the aims of the Treaty of Rome are much more ambitious, and it is understandable that progress has been uneven from one sector to the next, some of the problems being very difficult to solve even at national level.

It is in agriculture that the Six have arrived at the most far-reaching agreement; in fact, on July 1, 1968, 85 % to

90 % of the value of agricultural production in the six countries will be covered by Community policies. Not only are frontiers ceasing to exist between the agricultural economies of the six countries, but, even more important, all decisions on agriculture are no longer taken in each country but in Brussels by the European Commission and the Council of Ministers.

Since 1966 the Community has had a "medium-term economic program". This program, although not binding, is of great value to heads of firms since they now have a clear picture of the economic development expected in the six countries over the following five years; the program is brought up to date each year in the light of the latest information available. This makes it possible to take effective action at Community level in the field of short-term economic policy, and so to benefit from the experience gained in 1964 and at other difficult periods, when it became obvious that it was of little use to try to combat inflation in this or that member country with the weapons at the disposal of only that country while labour, goods and capital could move freely from one country to another.

These new factors have led to the formation of several committees where experts on monetary and financial matters in the Six meet regularly.

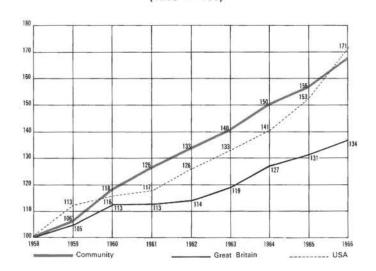
The Community has also drawn up a policy to ensure fair competition in the single market. A series of judgments handed down by the Court of Justice of the European Communities in July 1966 confirmed the validity of Commission decisions condemning restrictive agreements between firms which gave an importing company a monopoly of dealing in the products of a manufacturer in another Community country.

The development of the less industrialized countries is also a matter of constant concern to the Community. Since 1958, the former dependent territories of France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Italy have received technical and economic help. The Community granted them customs preference and financial aid to improve their infrastructure (roads, schools, hospitals, etc.) and production.

Through its association with Greece and Turkey, the Community is hastening the economic development of these countries and the rise in their standards of living by easing trade barriers and making substantial development loans.

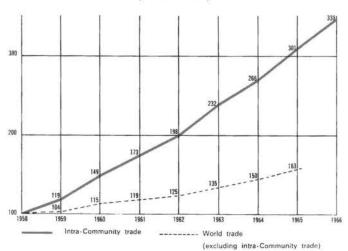
The Community also took a prominent part in the Kennedy Round negotiations in GATT, where it was decided to reduce industrial customs tariffs so that world trade could expand more rapidly.

INCREASE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (1958 = 100)



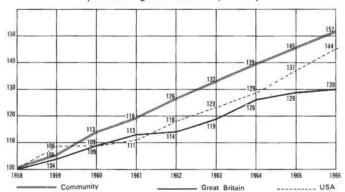
INCREASE IN TRADE

(1958 = 100)



GROWTH OF NATIONAL PRODUCT

(Index of gross national product)



SOME BASIC STATISTICS

	EEC	UK	US	USSR
Population (1966 - in millions)	184.6	57.45	196.7	233.5
Production of crude steel (1966 - millions of tons).	85.11	24.7	124.7	96.9
Net output of electric power (1966 - in GWh (10° kWh)	409,000	184,260 (¹)	1,157,491 (¹)	473,999 (¹)
Gross consumption of energy per head (1965 - in tons, coal equivalent)	3.448	5.400	9.200	3.800
Production of motor cars and commercial vehicles (1966 - in millions)	6,079	1.604	8.599	
Production of commercial vehicles (1965 - in thousands)	581	418	1,759	415 (2)
Grain production (1962- 1964 - millions of tons).	60 (³)	12	165	127
Net meat production (1966 - millions of tons)	10.9	2.6	19.2	10.2
Production of cow's milk (1966 - millions of tons).	70.5	11.3	55.3	76.1

GROWTH OF CONSUMER EXPENDITURE 1958-66

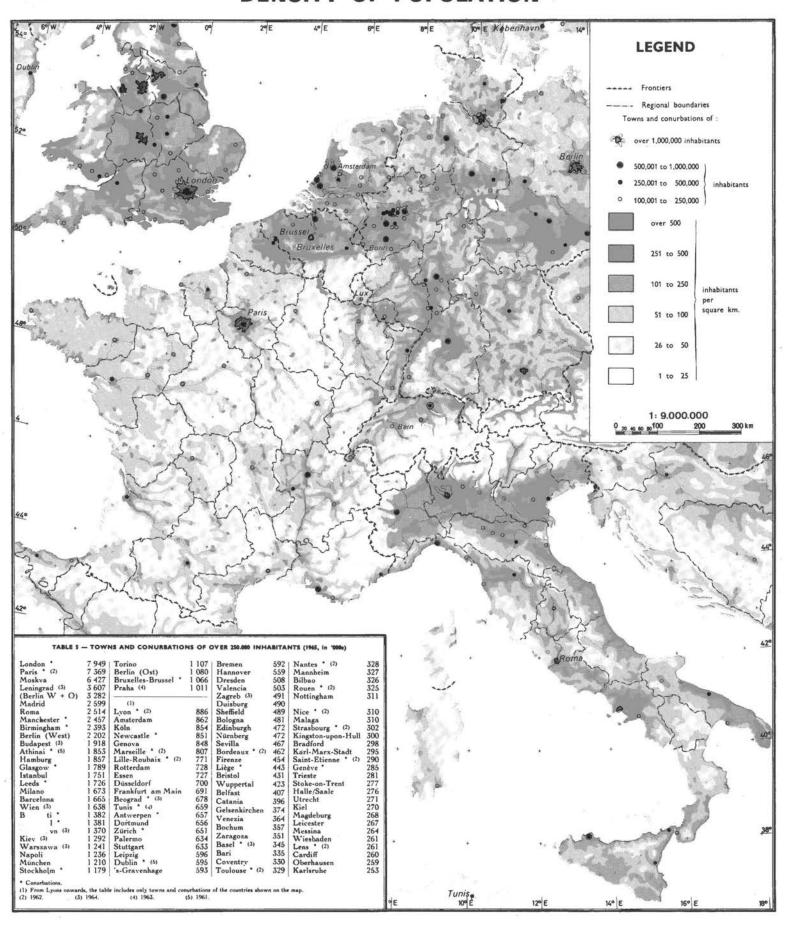
AT CURRENT PRICES (in percentages)

	total	per head
Germany	85 %	68 %
France	98 %	78%
Italy	98 %	87 %
Netherlands	108 %	87 %
Belgium	65 %	56 %
Luxembourg	59 %	47 %
Community	92 %	76 %

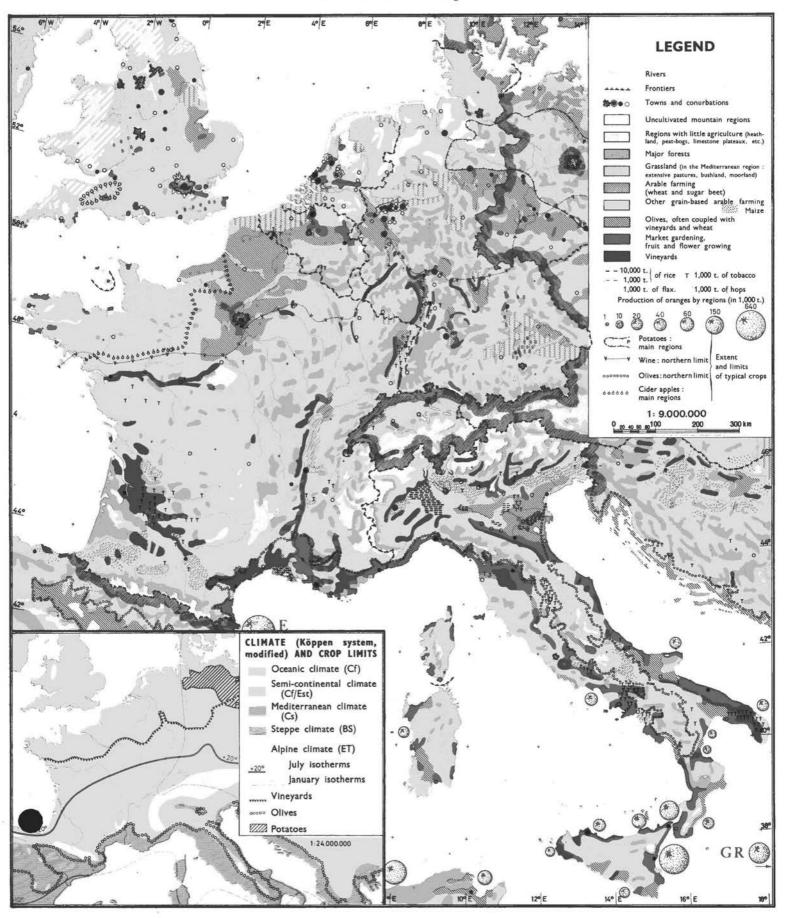
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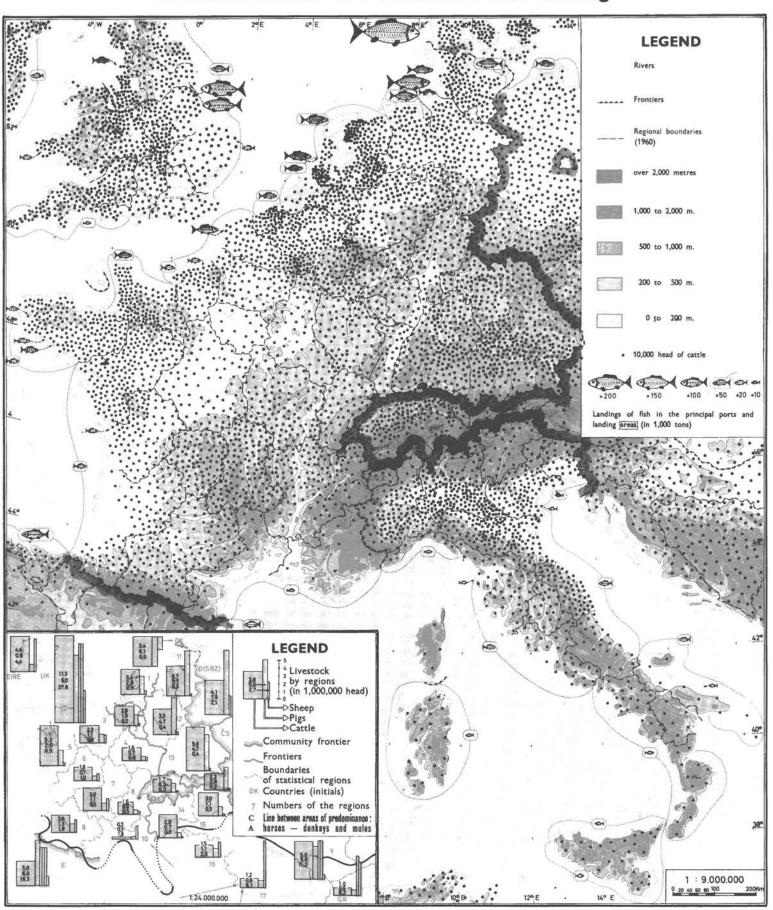
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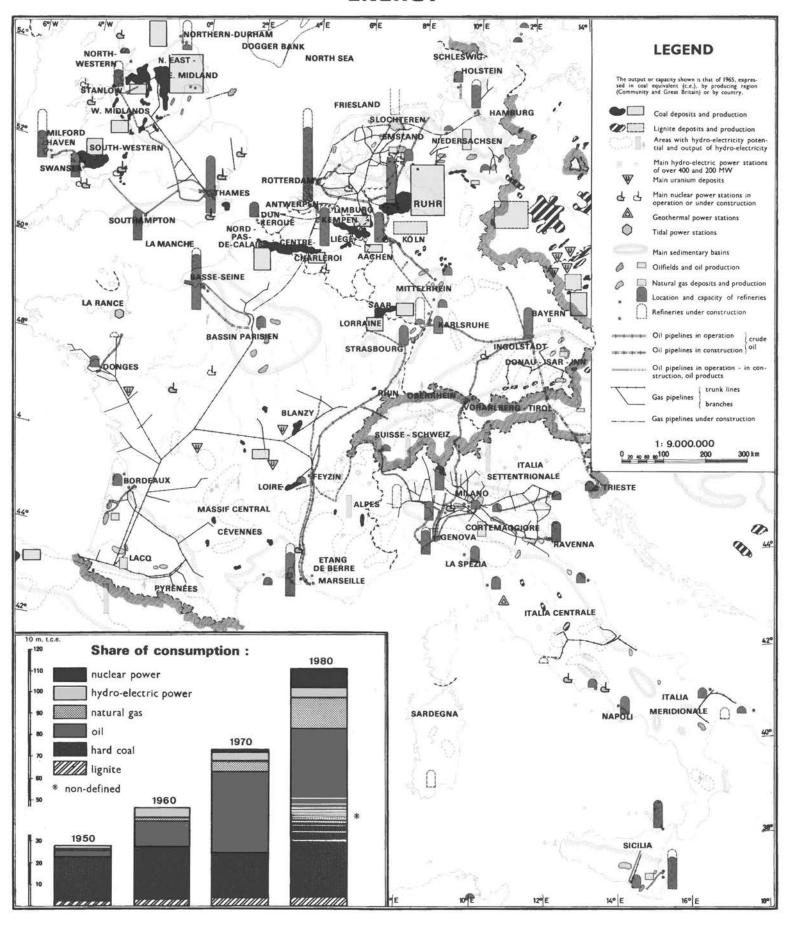
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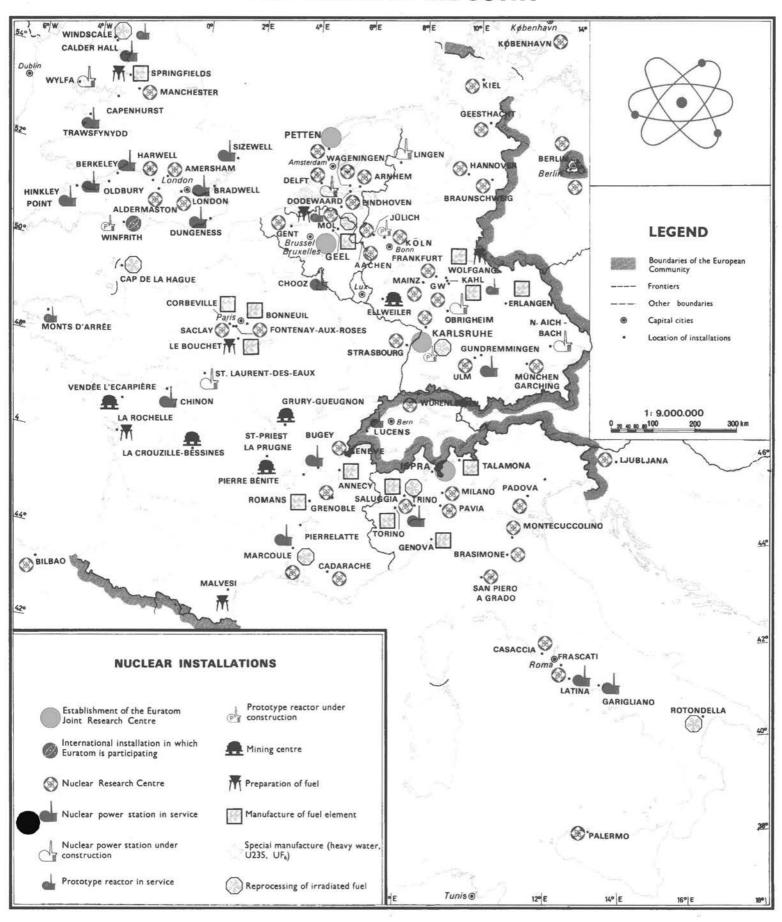
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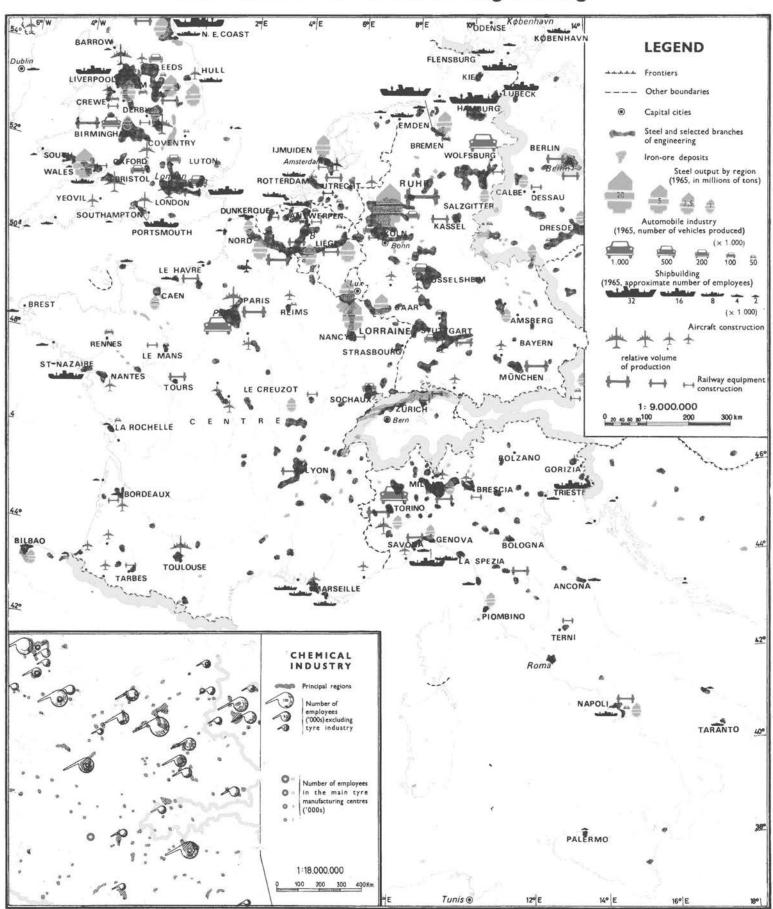
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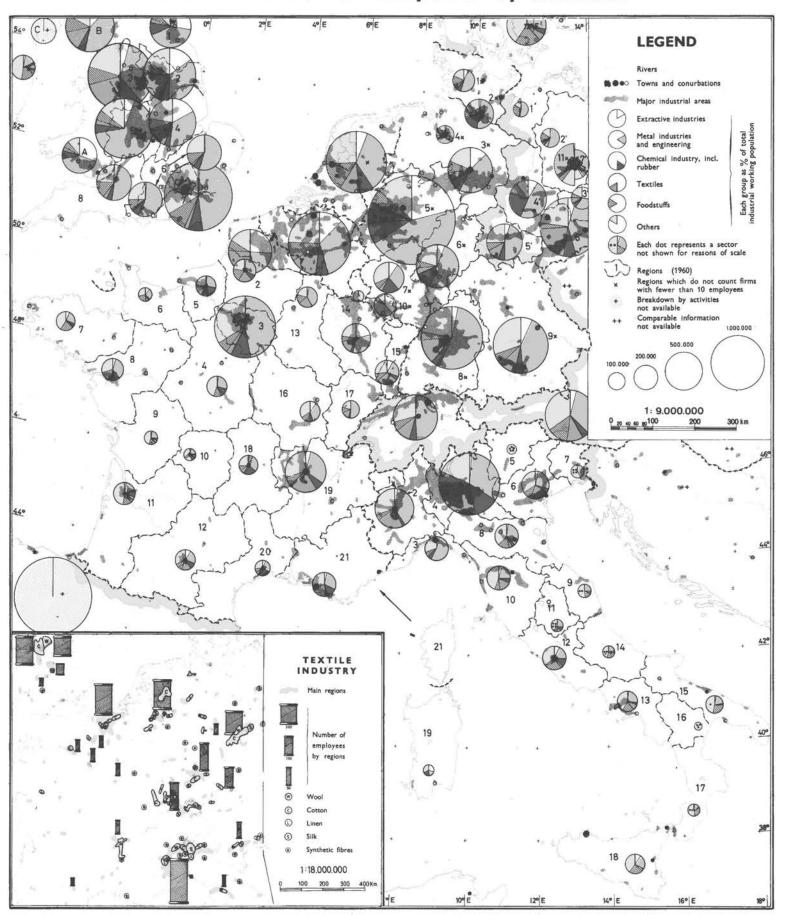
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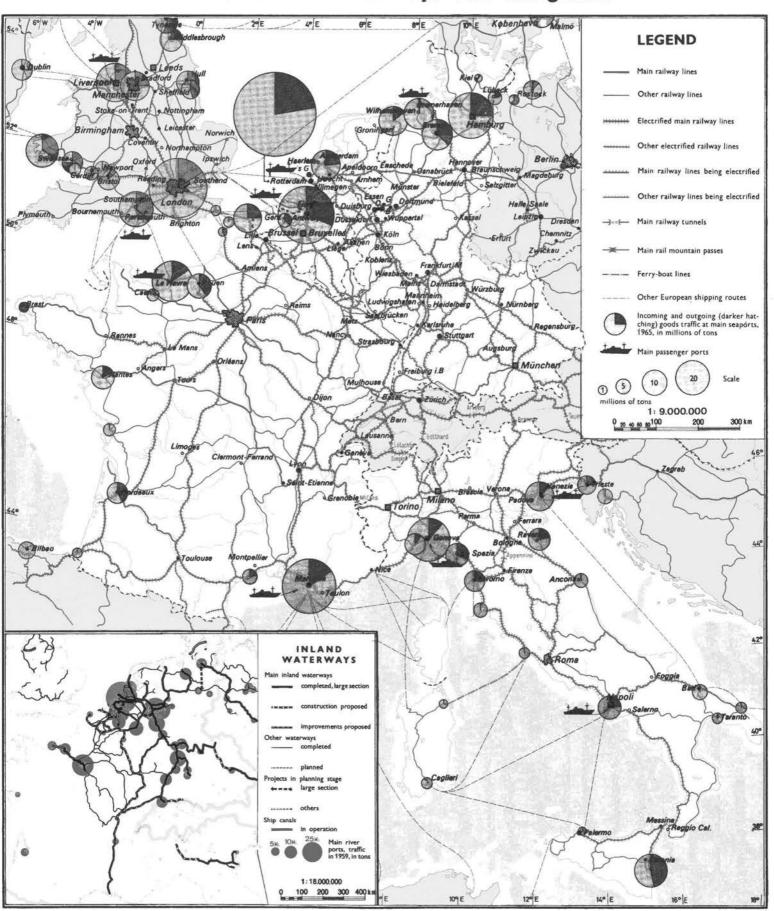
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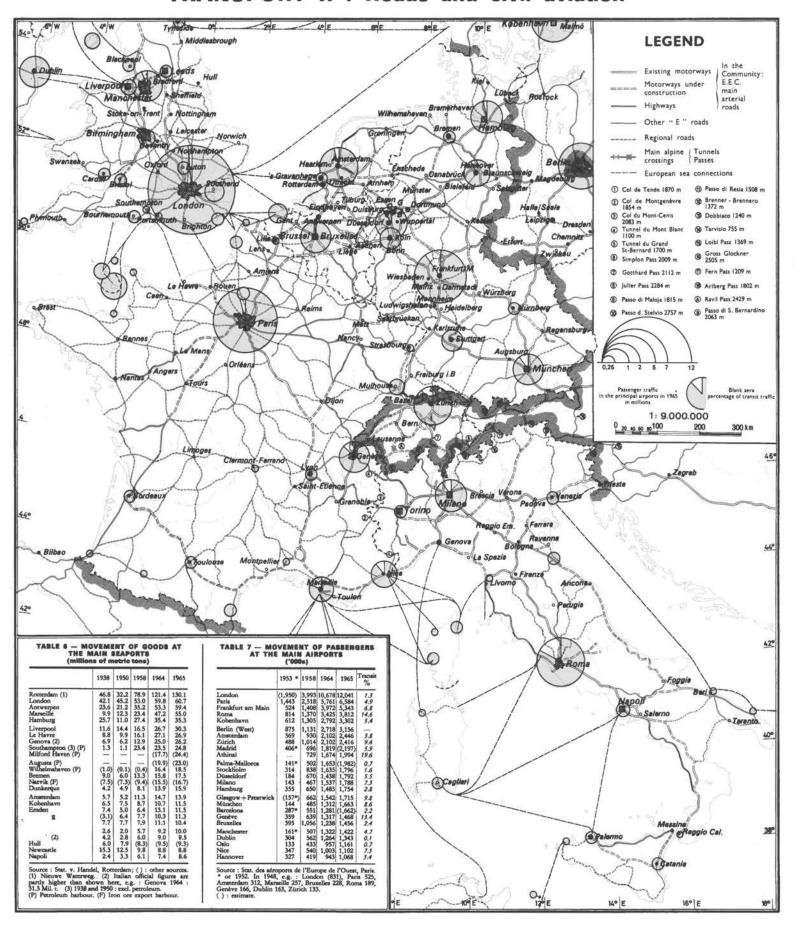
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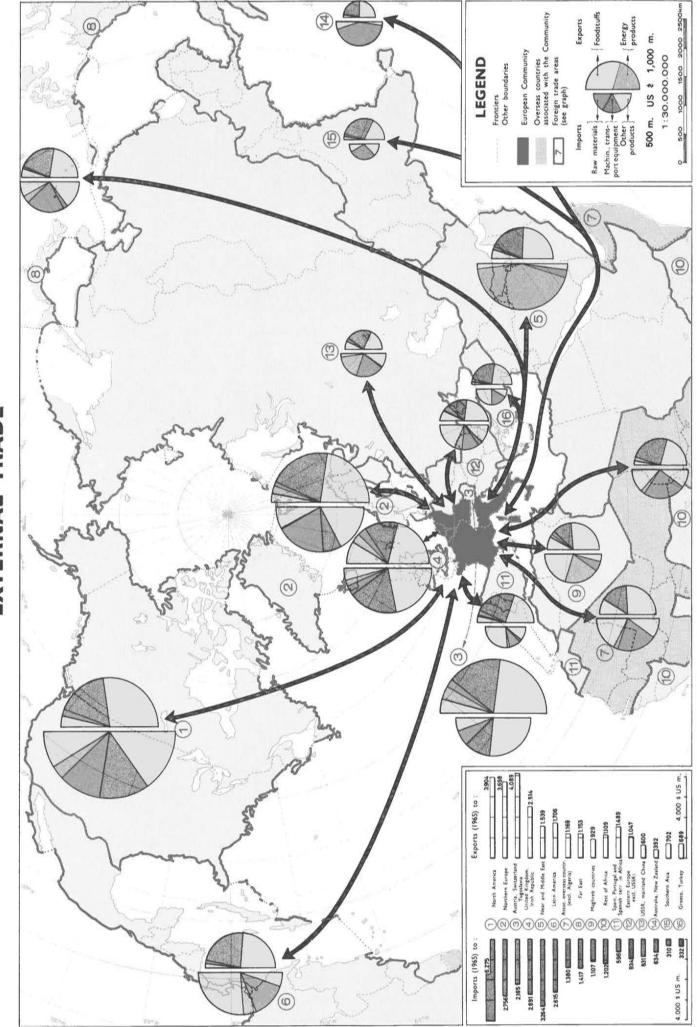


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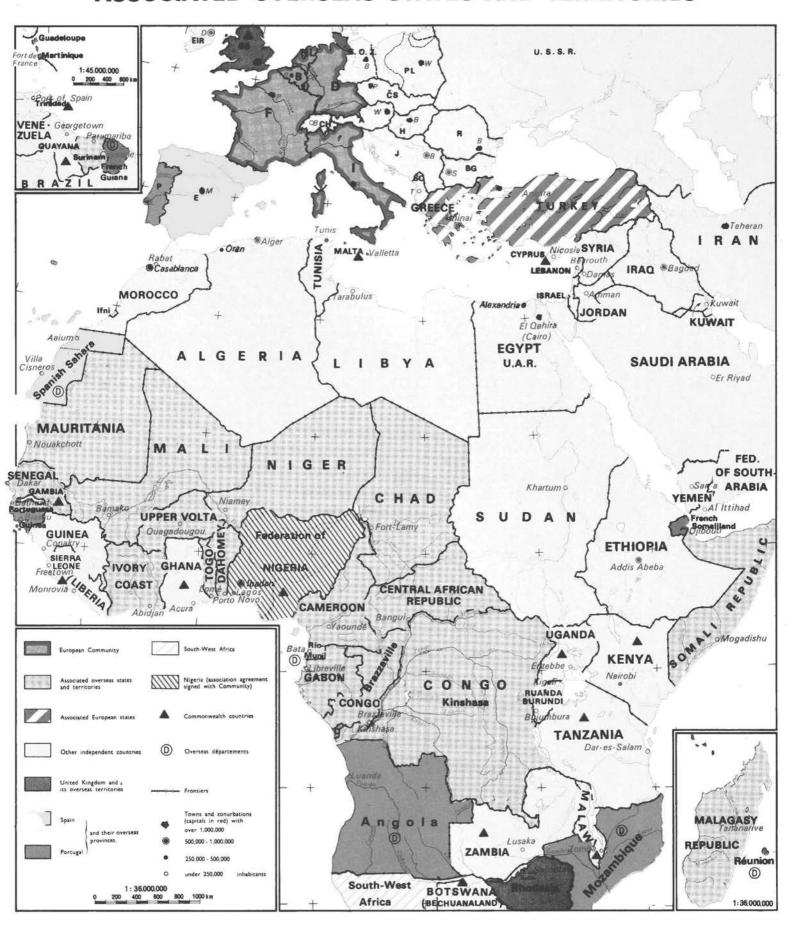


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