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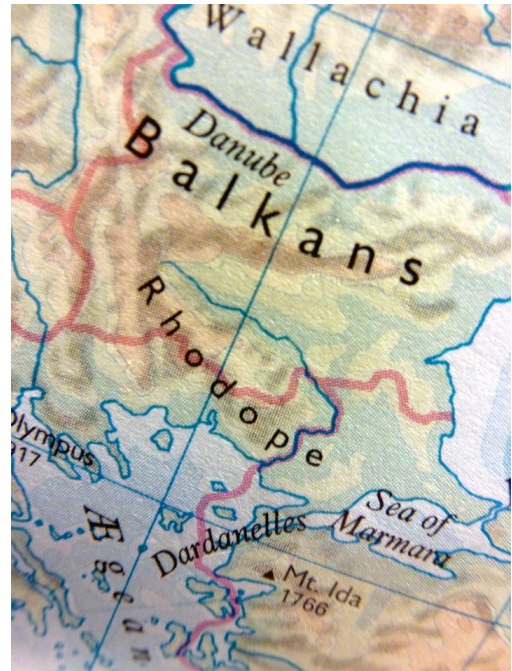
European Cultural Frontiers: The Outlying Continental Zones

The deep rooted past and a set of current realities reveal that significant external dangers effecting Europe emanate geographically from the south and the east. As 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 and Aegean seas 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. 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

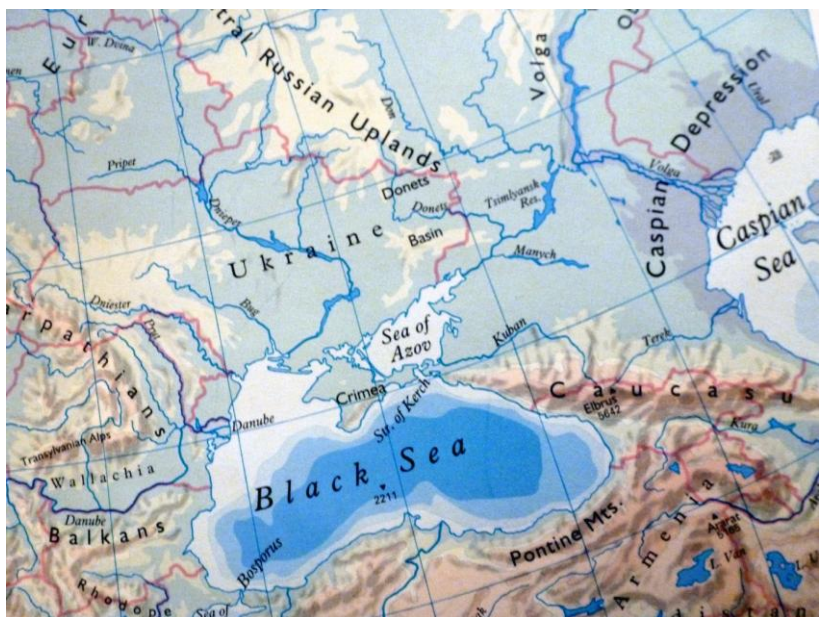
The region classified as Thrace or extreme south-eastern Balkans – where the eastern land boundaries of Greece and Bulgaria are situated – is one such geography. It lies further north than the Armenian one and is significantly less strategic and the least exposed. It is also restricted geographically 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. [European Cultural Frontiers: Endangered Zones of Europe.](#)



Cultural Frontiers stretching from the Aegean to the Black Sea

Southernmost Point

The land of Ararat 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 up 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.



Northern Caspian, Western Caucasus, the Black Sea and Armenia

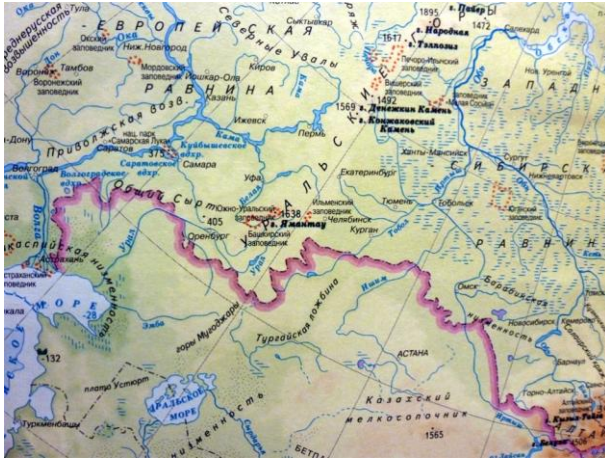
Presently, the part of the Plateau of Armenia inhabited by the Armenian population falls within the Cultural Frontiers of Europe. The latter's continental frontiers are the most southerly and thus possess great significance, but also places it in danger, as Europe is provided with a reasonable southerly 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 the maximal exposure yet 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 aspects effectively. Indeed, due to a rapidly changing world and a 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 Europe's or Greater Europe's primal defence entirely among 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 all-European 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 North Americans do not possess continental 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



Global View

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