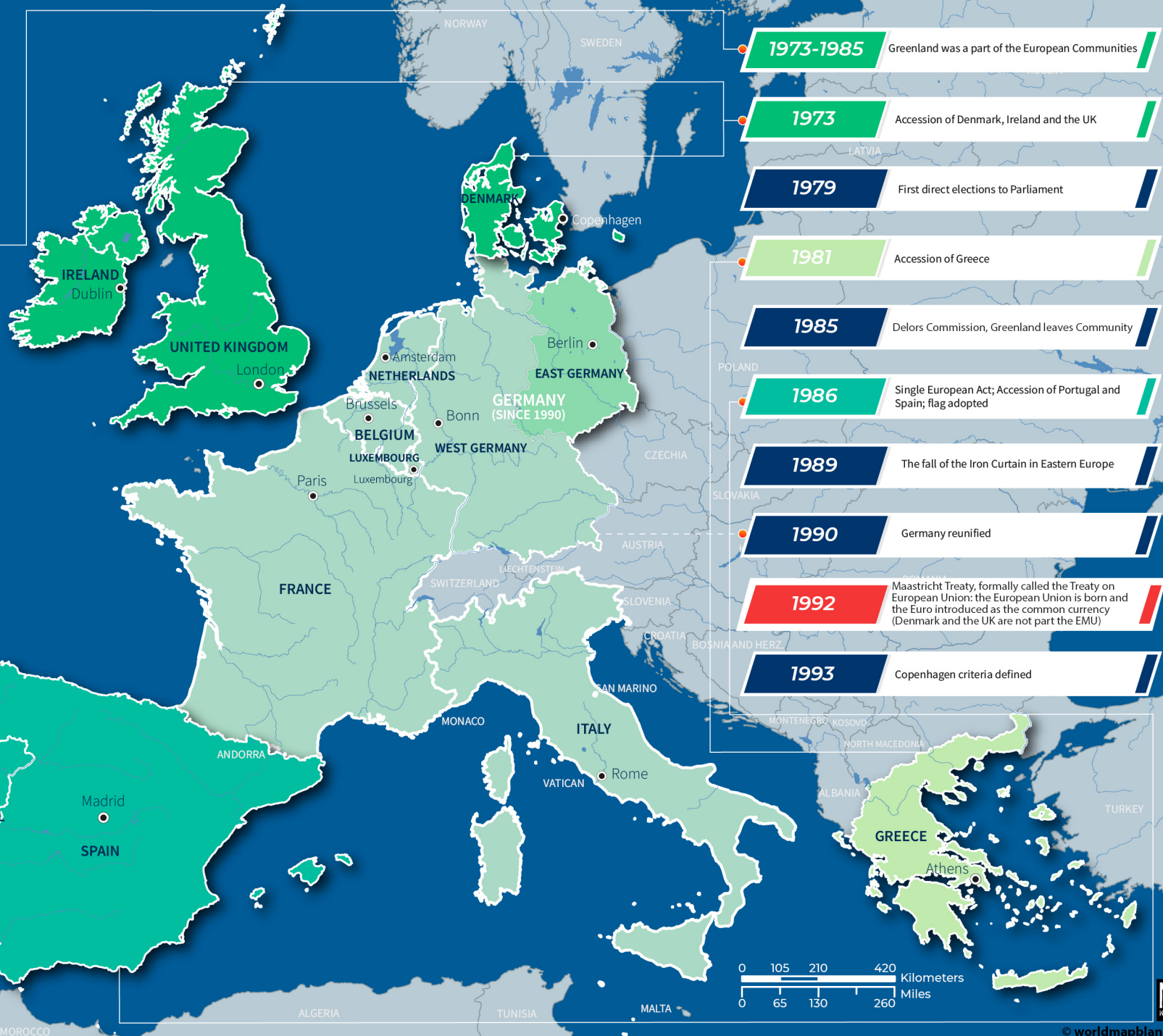


# Timeline of European Union History 1973–1993\*



**1973-1985** Greenland was a part of the European Communities

**1973** Accession of Denmark, Ireland and the UK

**1979** First direct elections to Parliament

**1981** Accession of Greece

**1985** Delors Commission, Greenland leaves Community

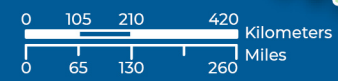
**1986** Single European Act; Accession of Portugal and Spain; flag adopted

**1989** The fall of the Iron Curtain in Eastern Europe

**1990** Germany reunified

**1992** Maastricht Treaty, formally called the Treaty on European Union; the European Union is born and the Euro introduced as the common currency (Denmark and the UK are not part the EMU)

**1993** Copenhagen criteria defined



\*All countries except for Germany before 1990 are shown with their borders as of 2023.

