

# **THE NEED FOR STRATEGIC REFLECTIONS ON STRENGTHENING EUROPEAN SECURITY**

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# **AGENDA**

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- **EU as the security subject**
- **December 2013 European Union Council summit**
- **Strategic area of debate on EU security**
- **Strategic reflection process, way ahead and conclusions**
- **Discussion**

***SECURITY as a comprehensive category: military and non-military, internal and external.***

# MAIN POINTS

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**THERE IS A NEED OF THE NEW EUROPEAN SECURITY STRATEGY:** the need of EU self-identification as a strategic subject

- **DECEMBER 2013 EUROPEAN UNION COUNCIL SUMMIT** - beginning of debate
- **SERIOUS CRISIS** at the east flank of EU confirms the need of **A NEW EUROPEAN SECURITY STRATEGY**
- **DIRECTIONS OF FURTHER ACTIVITIES (Polish point of view):**
  - ✓ The need for nation wide debate and between EU members
  - ✓ 2015 HR report – a new European security strategic framework

# **EU AS THE SECURITY SUBJECT**

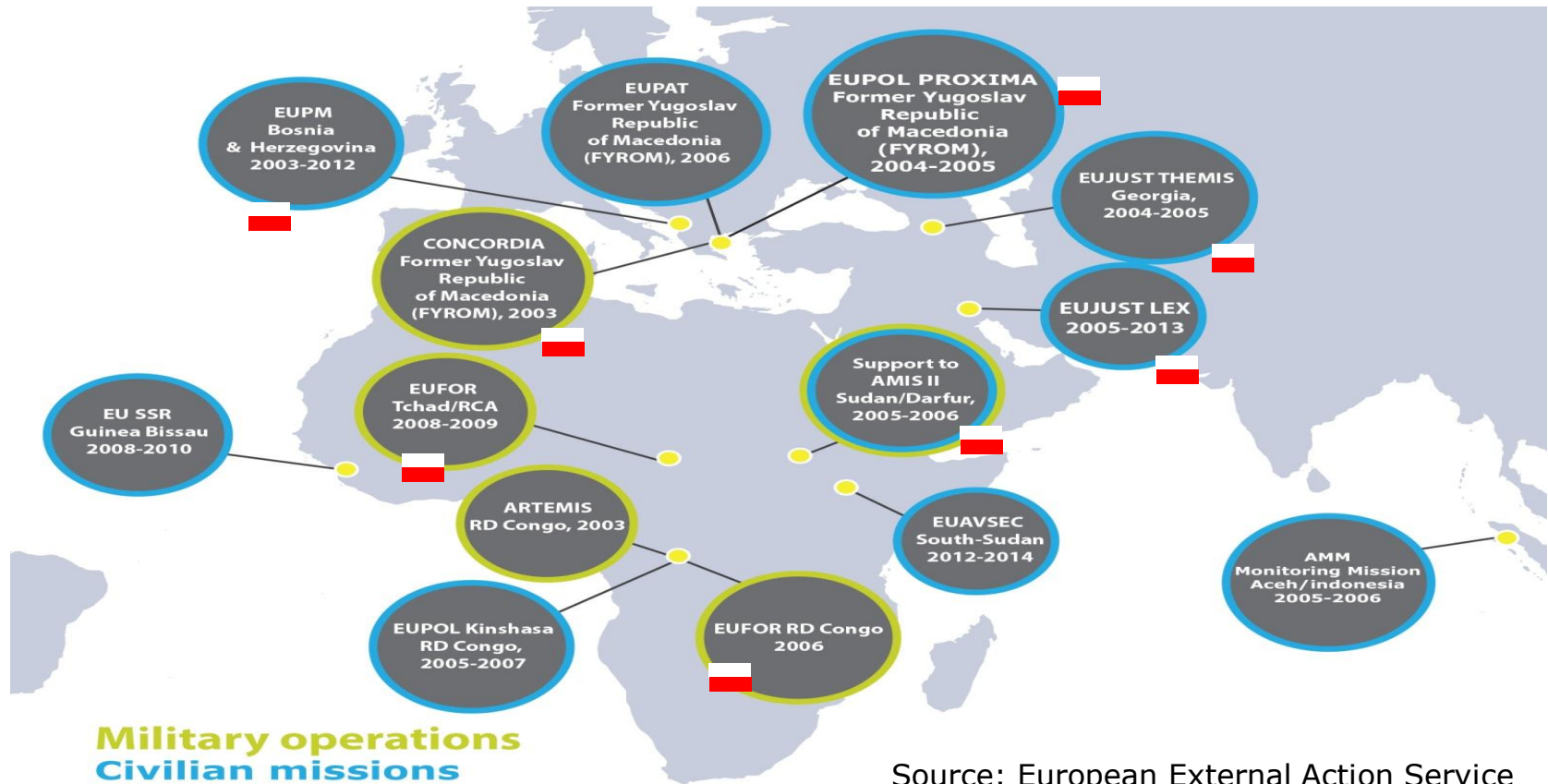
*(EU as a whole and as a compilation of member states)*

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- **EUROPEAN UNION as a whole and as a compilation of member states**
- **IS THE EU A POTENTIAL OR REAL STRATEGIC ACTOR IN THE SECURITY AREA? In Europe (regional)? In the World (global)?**
- **STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS:**
  - ✓ *European Security Strategy, 2003*
  - ✓ **Lisbon Treaty (signed 13 December 2007)**
- **COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY INSTRUMENTS**
  - ✓ **New structures and procedures (High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, European External Action Service)**
  - ✓ **EU Battle Groups**

# EU OPERATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

## *Completed missions*

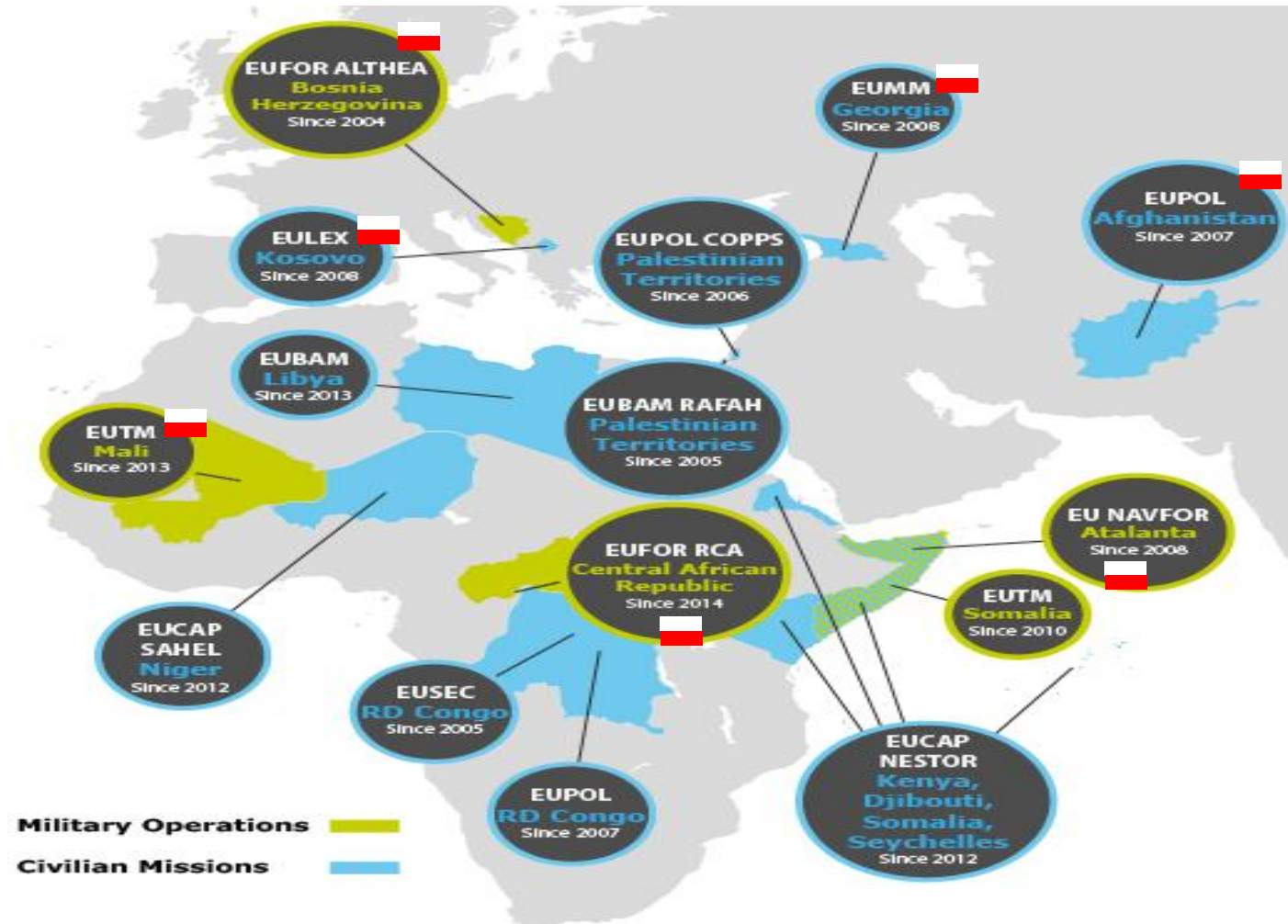


### ***EU reaction on:***

- ***Russia – Georgia war in 2008***
- ***Russia – Ukraine gas-crisis in 2009***

# EU OPERATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

## *Ongoing missions*



Source: European External Action Service

# **EU IN THE CONTEXT OF UKRAINIAN CRISIS**

## **Lessons learned**

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- **Dynamic at the crisis**
  - ✓ **EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (Vilnius 2013)**
  - ✓ **Majdan, Crimea, East-Ukraine ???**
  - ✓ **Russia's political and strategic behaviour ???**
- **EU reaction:**
  - ✓ **soft and lengthy**
  - ✓ **common vs. individual interests**
- **Need for coherent common policies (i.e. energy)**

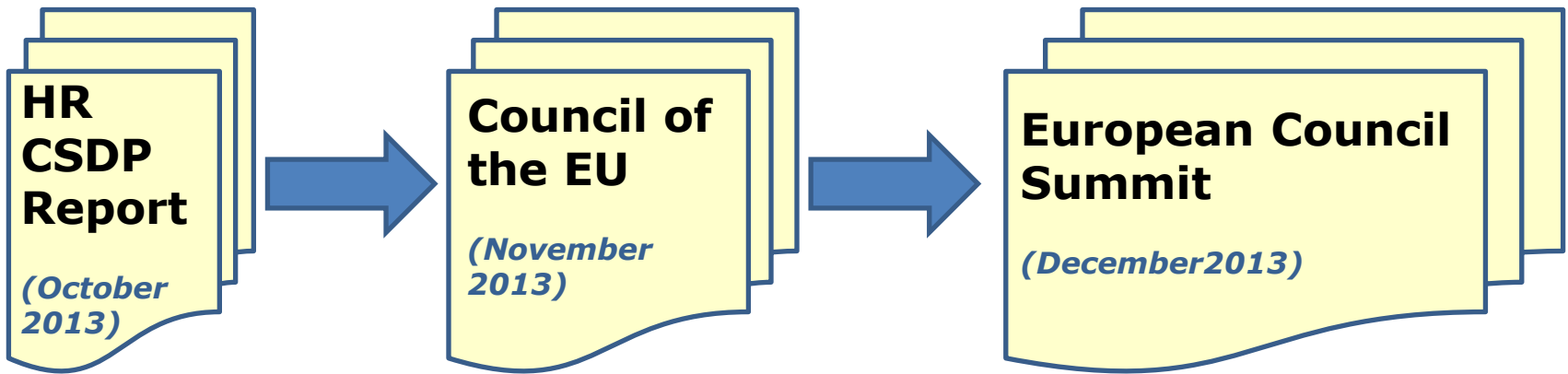
# STRATEGIC CHANGE

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- **2003 - European Security Strategy:**
  - ✓ *Europe has never been **so prosperous**, so secure nor so free ...*
- **2014 - Russian-Ukrainian conflict:**
  - ✓ ***the biggest threat** for Europe after the cold war*
- **Conclusion:**
  - ✓ *the need of a new security strategy*
  - ✓ *the need of EU self-identification as a strategic subject*



# 12.2013 EUROPEAN UNION COUNCIL SUMMIT (1)



- ✓ **Conclusion in report : „lack of long-term vision on the future of CSDP”**
- ✓ **Need for defining the strategic role and priorities of the EU**

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- ✓ **Request for report on challenges and opportunities in the strategic environment**

- ✓ **Increasing the effectiveness, visibility and impact of CSDP**
  - *EU Cyber Defence Policy Framework (in 2014)*
  - *EU Maritime Security Strategy (by June 2014)*
  - *Report to the Council on the impact of changes in the global environment and the challenges and opportunities arising for the Union (in course of 2015)*
- ✓ **Enhancement of capabilities development**
- ✓ **Strengthening Europe’s defence industry**

## **12.2013 EUROPEAN UNION COUNCIL SUMMIT (2)**

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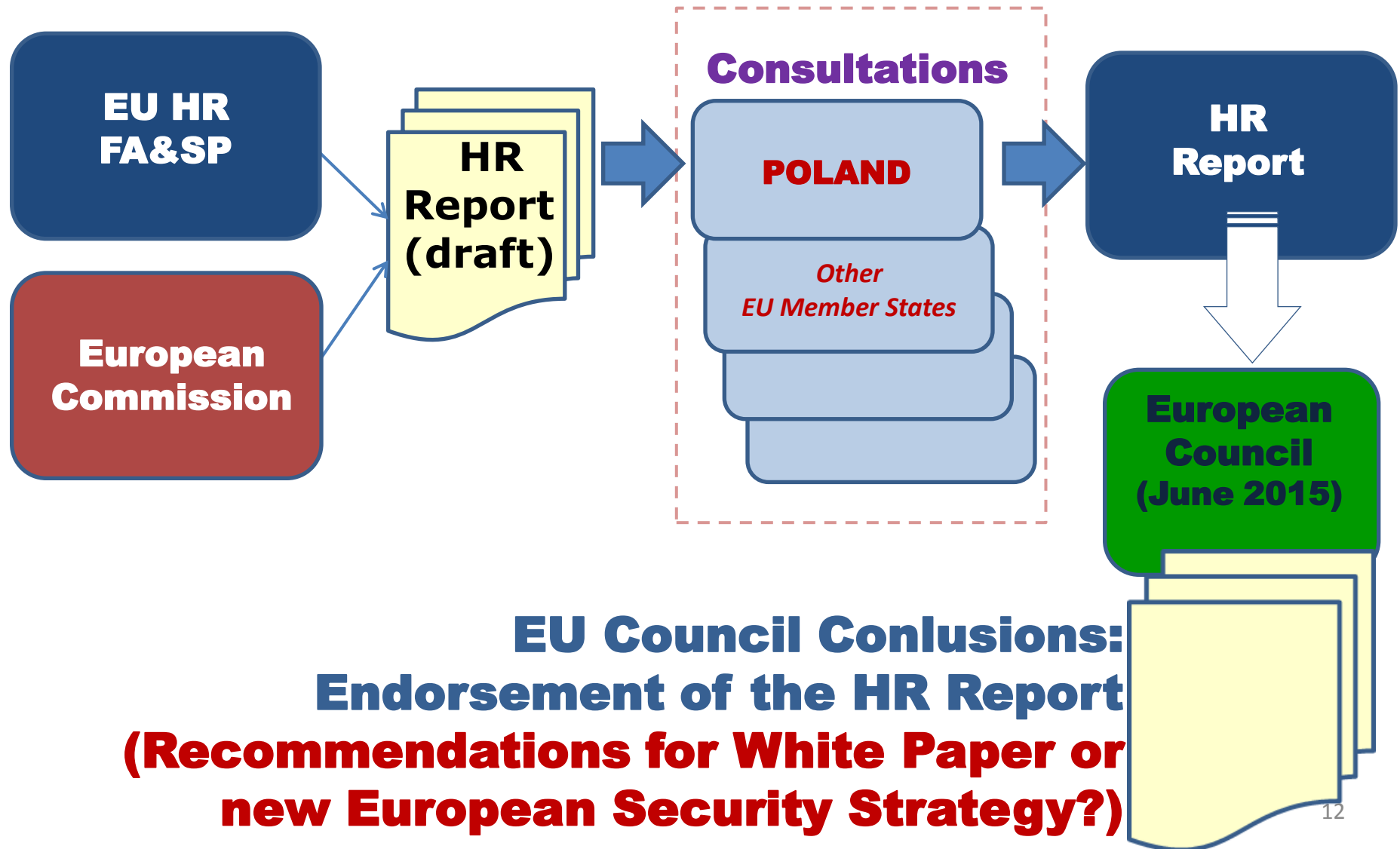
- **2013 European Council set the necessary strategic benchmarks (Cyber Defense Policy Framework; EU Maritime Security Strategy; 2015 HR report)**
- **2015 report – starting point and foundation to debate a new European security strategic framework: challenges and opportunities should refer to the EU mission and actions supported by available capabilities (European security strategic review)**

# **STRATEGIC AREA OF DEBATE ON EU SECURITY**

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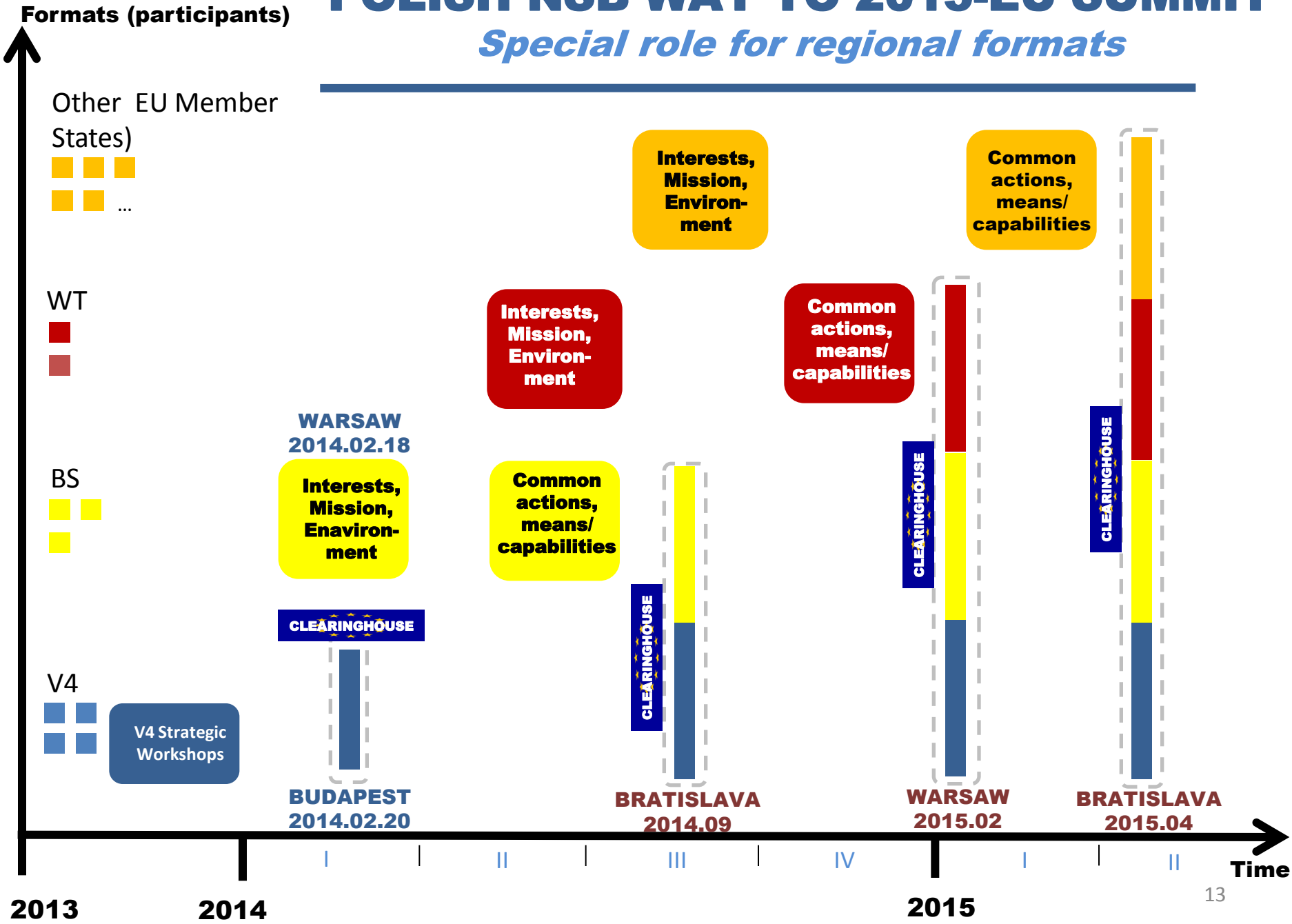
- **The EU mission in the area of security**
- **Security environment**
- **The EU actions in the area of security**
- **Means/capabilities required for those actions**

# STRATEGIC REFLECTION PROCESS



# POLISH NSB WAY TO 2015-EU SUMMIT

## *Special role for regional formats*



# CONCLUSIONS

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- **DECEMBER 2013 EUROPEAN UNION COUNCIL SUMMIT:**
  - ✓ Moderate satisfaction from the point of view of CSDP
  - ✓ Concept of the small steps and the impulse for strategic reflection: report in 2015
- **SERIOUS CRISIS** at the east flank of EU confirms the need of **A NEW EUROPEAN SECURITY STRATEGY**
- **DIRECTIONS OF FURTHER ACTIVITIES (Polish point of view):**
  - ✓ The need for nation wide debate and between EU members
  - ✓ 2015 HR report – a new European security strategic framework
  - ✓ Invitation of the security advisors to the heads of states and governments/NSC secretaries for November 2014 meeting (Warsaw Security Forum)

# DISCUSSION