

## Europe from challenges of war towards challenges of peace

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### Abstract

The end of the World War Second, did not bring peace and harmony among the peoples of Europe and World as expected. Enmity of the war time created such a deep ditch, which could not be overcome for a short time. What's more, even among the allies-winners of the war, friendship and cooperation did not last too long. Very soon, two-three years after the end of the war, Europe was separated by an *iron curtain*, as Winston Churchill, the British prime minister would call it.

The shadow of this division, first of all ideological, became known mostly in South Eastern European countries. This region, for about half of a century was seized by stalinism and democracy. Consequences of this division were not only political. Division produced economic and development consequences, which, in one or many ways, even nowadays, hinder this region in the European and Euro-Atlantic integration processes.

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