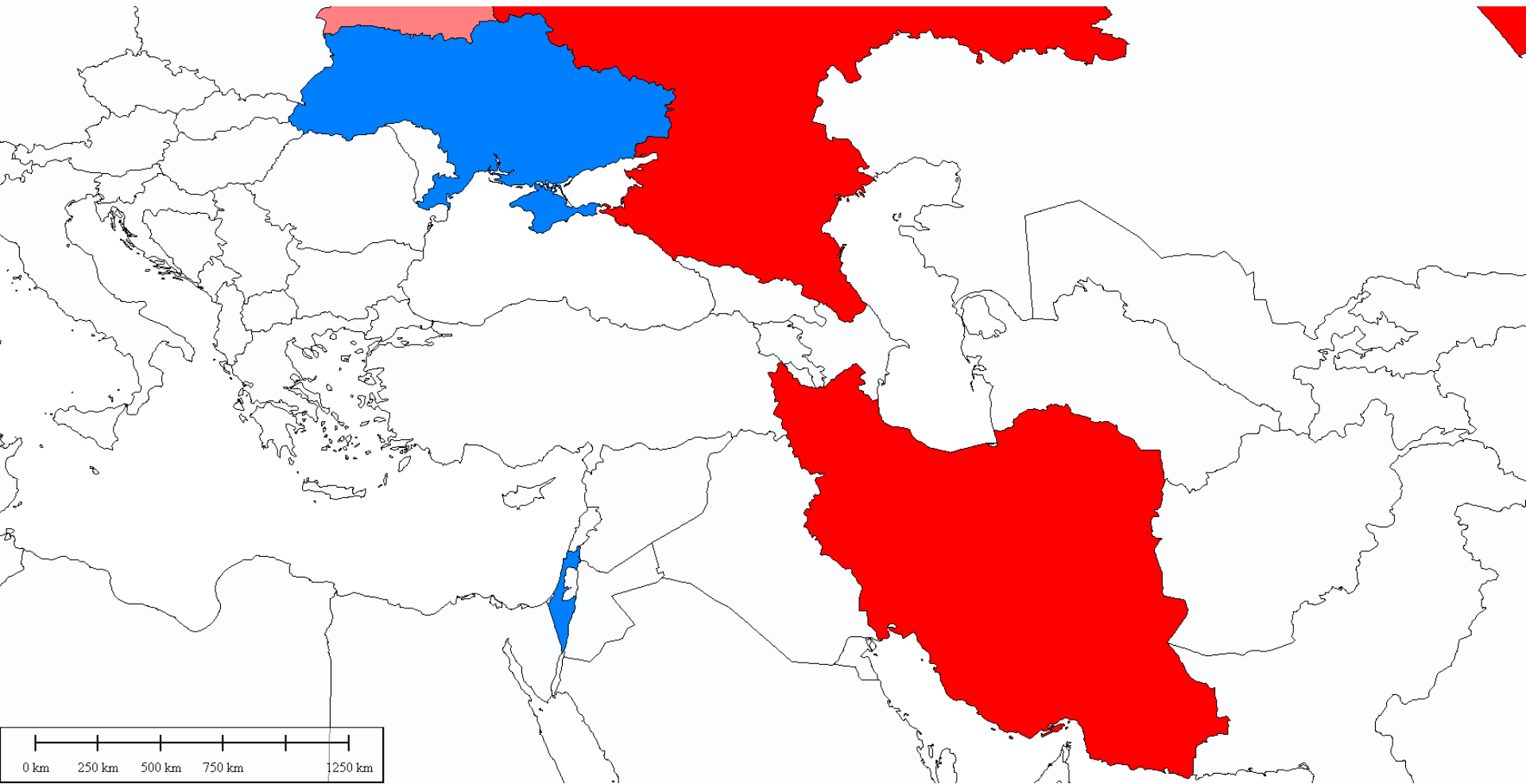


**The larger Northern Blue Country has stated that it is entitled to the same airspace protection as the smaller Southern Blue Nation. In response, the Western Alliance has argued that circumstances were quite dissimilar, since:**



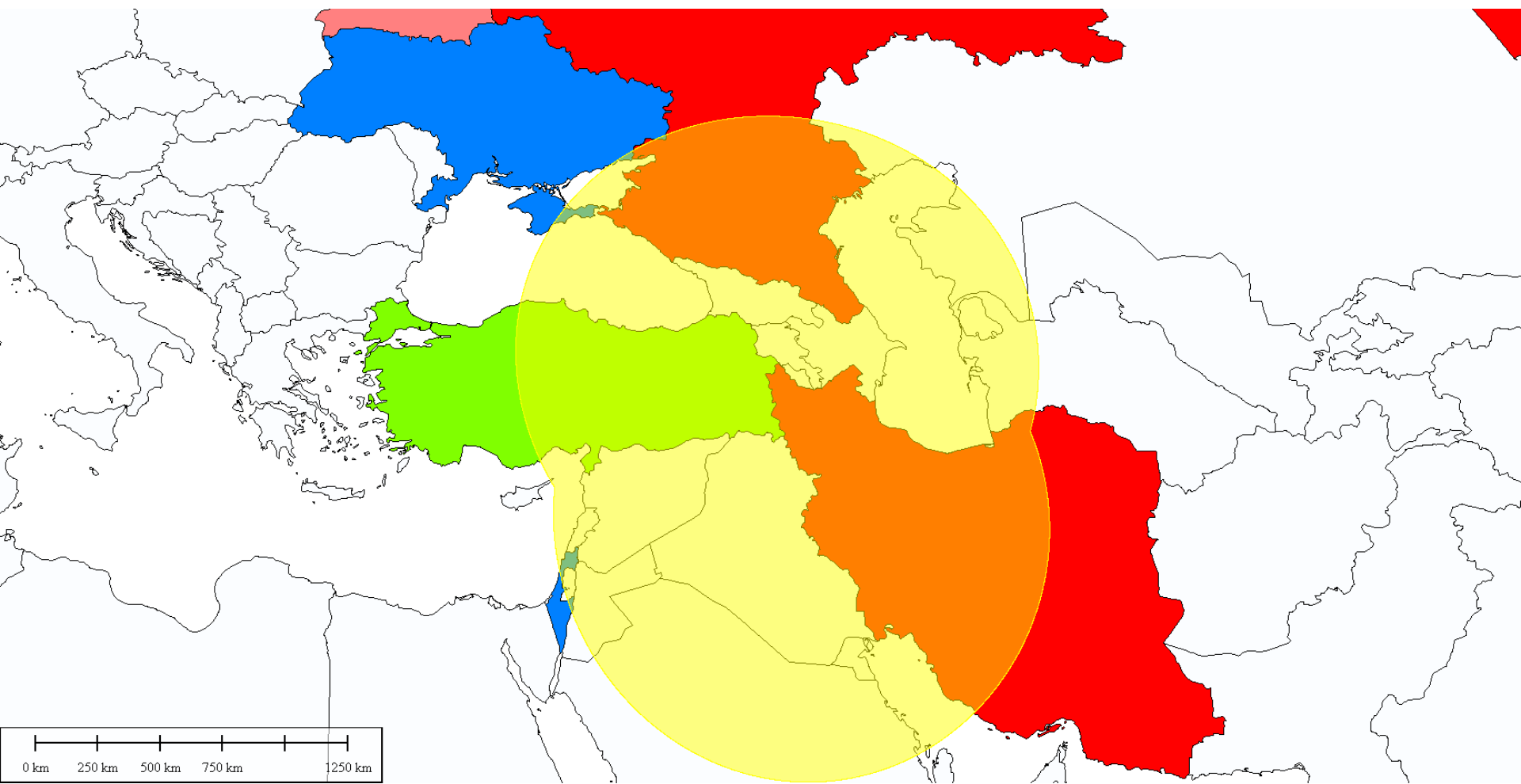
- 1. Defensively, the Northern Blue Country is 30 times the size of the Southern;**
- 2. Offensively, the Northern Red Country is 10 times the size of the Southern.**

**Furthermore, the Southern Red Country does not share boundaries with any of the European nations and is at quite some distance, whereas the Northern Red Country shares boundaries with 6 European nations and is relatively close to several others.**



**It is therefore understood that the Western Alliance deems a direct military operation against the Southern Red Country to be much less fraught with hazard than against the Northern.**

**However, Western assurance in the south may be somewhat marred when considering that the two Blue Countries are at the same flying distance from the Southern Red Nation, with one of the two having already been hit.**



**Note: the Green Country in between is officially an ally of the Blue Northern Polity but much less so one of the Southern. One would think that an assault on the Southern Red Country could very possibly result in retaliation against both Blue Nations alike, which could potentially not take the Western Alliance any closer to either Unity or Overall Triumph on all fronts.**