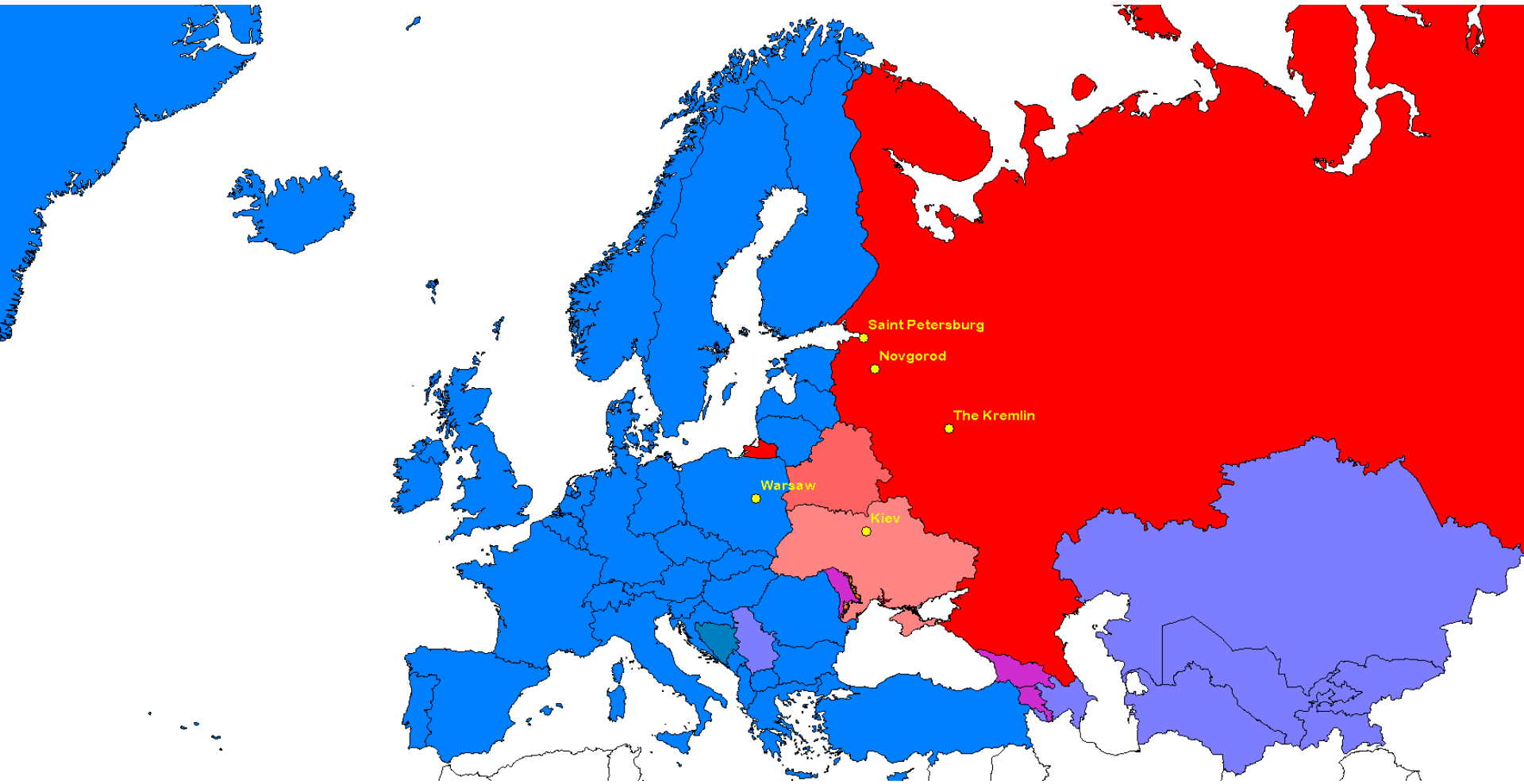
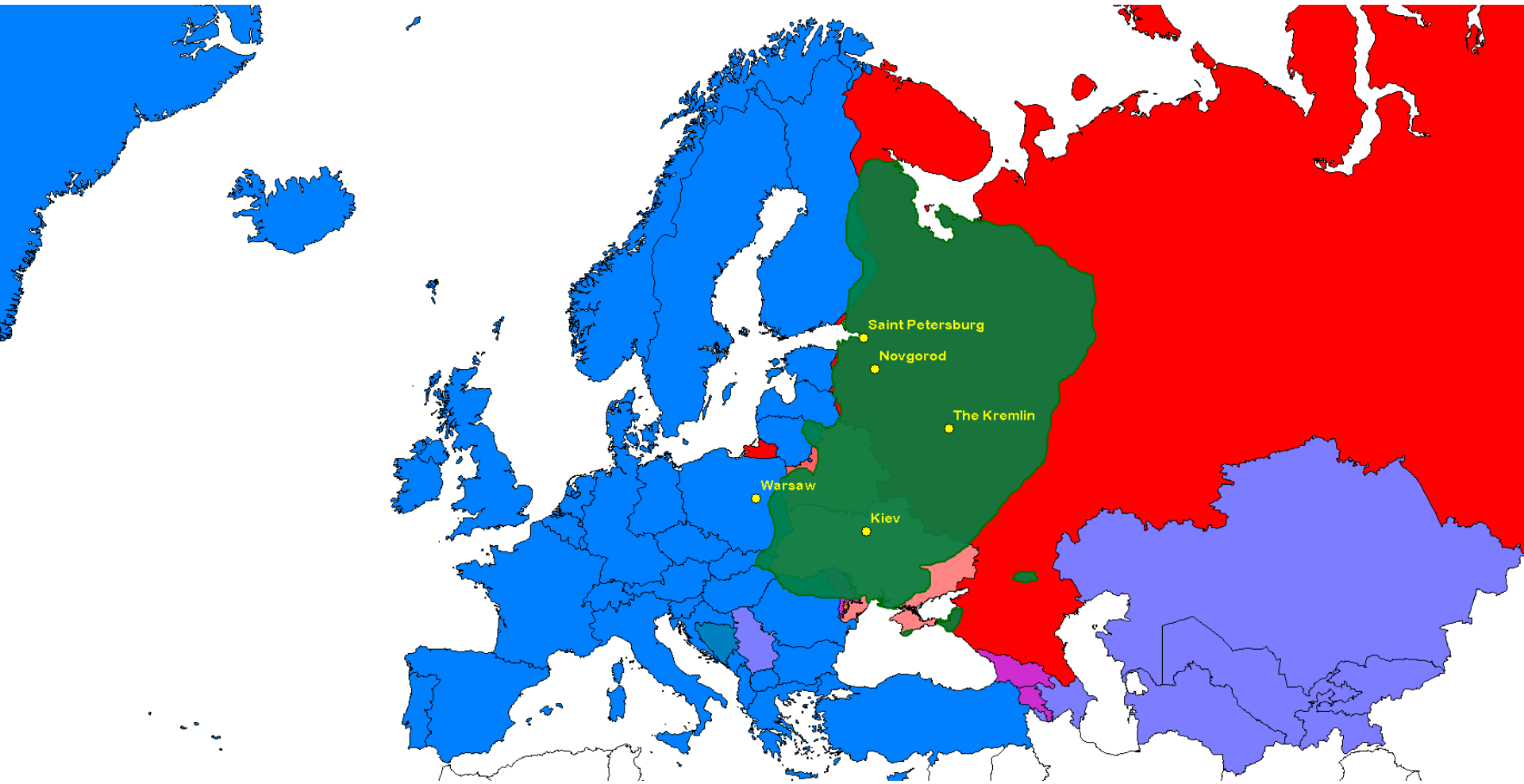


## THE FLOWING AND EBBING OF EMPIRES



2013 AD

**KIEVAN RUS (ALSO OLD RUSSIAN STATE OR ANCIENT RUS), 1100 AD  
CENTERED ON AND ORIGINATING FROM ITS CAPITAL, KIEV**



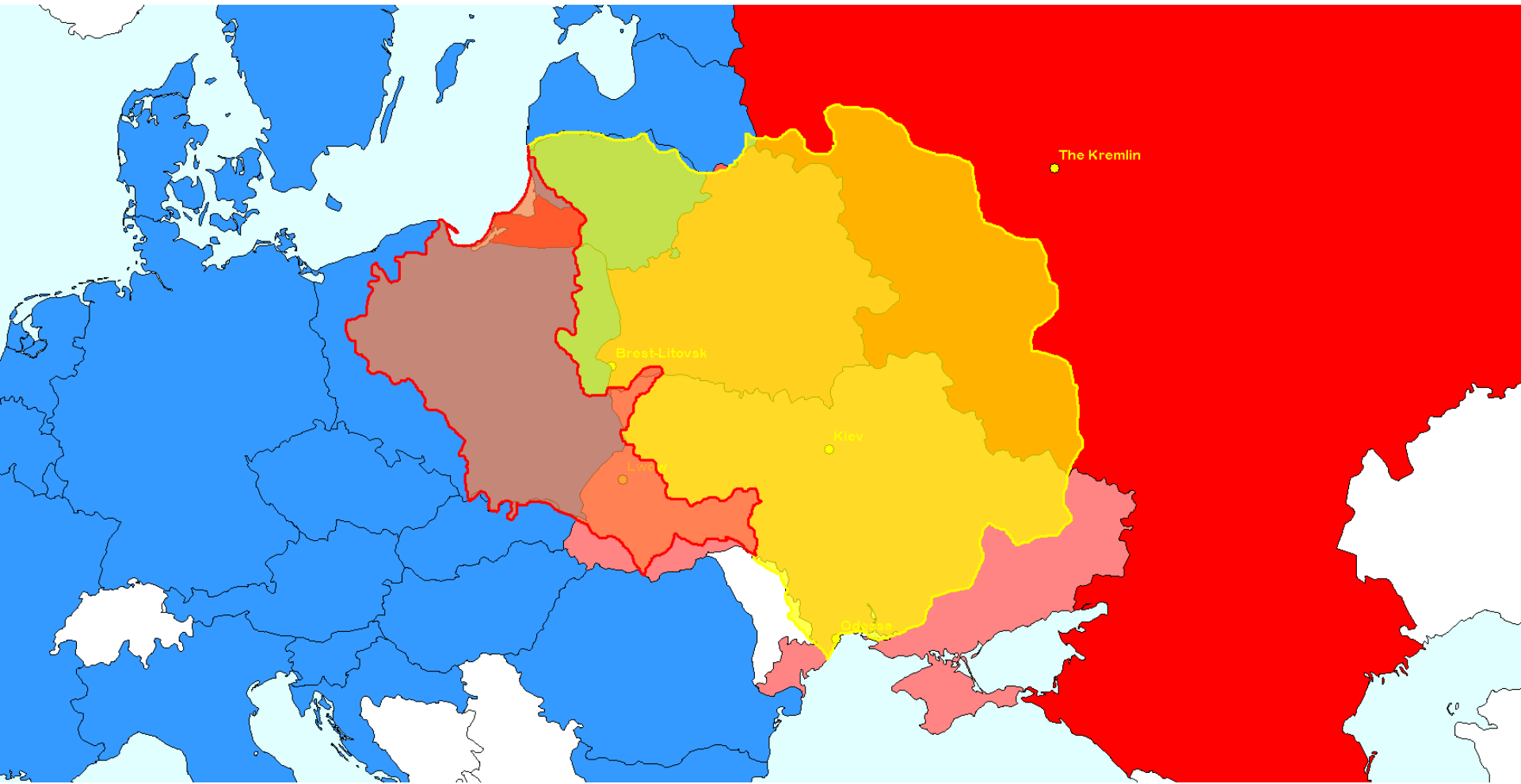
**2,400,000 sq.km (of which 20% in 2013 Ukraine and 70% in 2013 Russia)**

## POLISH-LITHUANIAN COMMONWEALTH 1650 AD



1,000,000 sq.km (including 2/3 of 2013 Ukraine and all of 2013 Belarus)

## POLAND AND LITHUANIA 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> CENTURIES



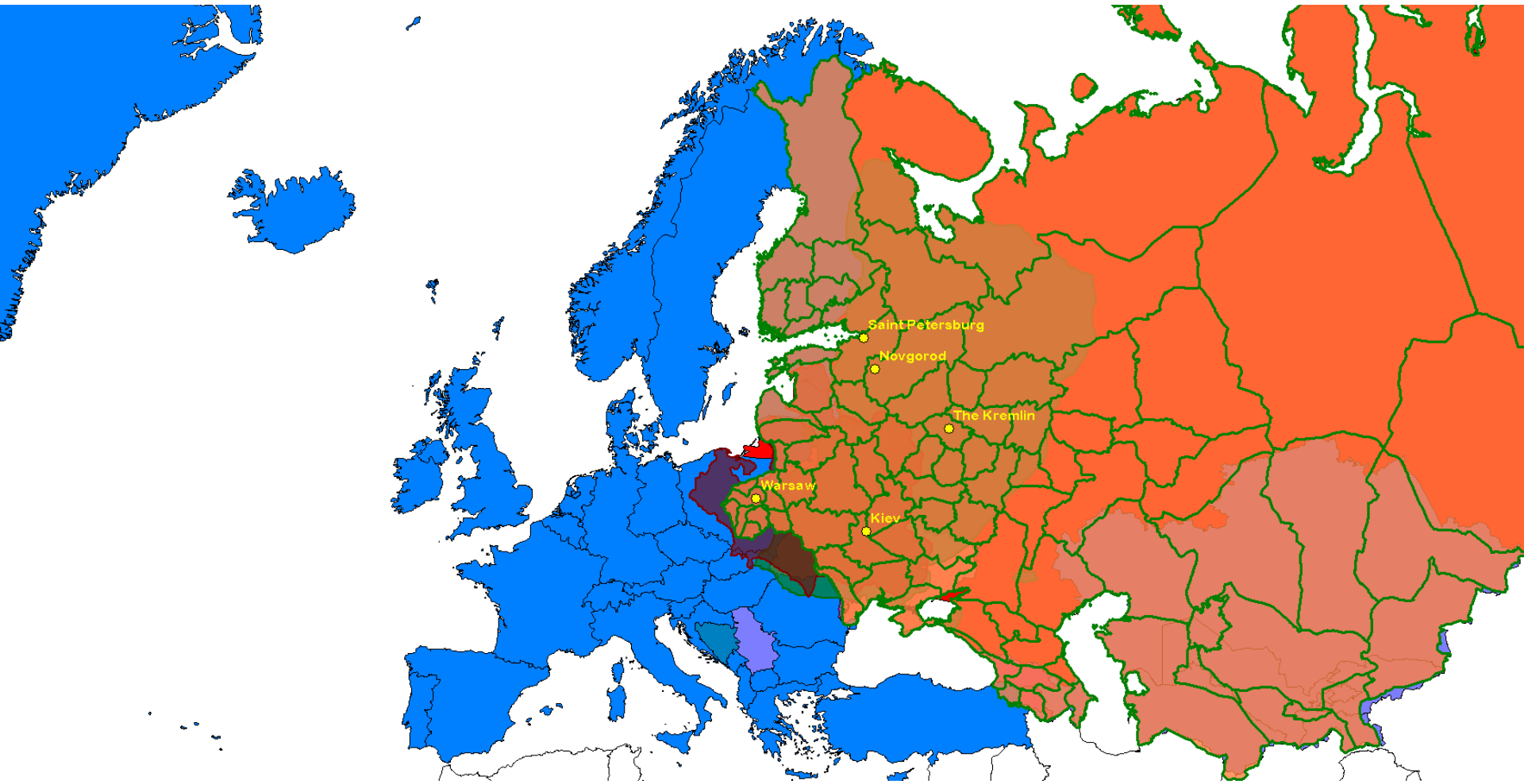
Poland in the west and Lithuania in the east superimposed on contemporary boundaries

## PORTION OF ANCIENT RUS CONQUERED BY THE POLISH-LITHUANIAN



750,000 sq.km (covering all of 2013 Ukrainian speaking Ukraine and all of Belarus)

## RUSSIAN EMPIRE 1897 AD



**35% OF 2013 POLAND IS WITHIN THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE; 65% IS GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN**

## THE USSR 1991



## RUSSIA 1991 TO 2014

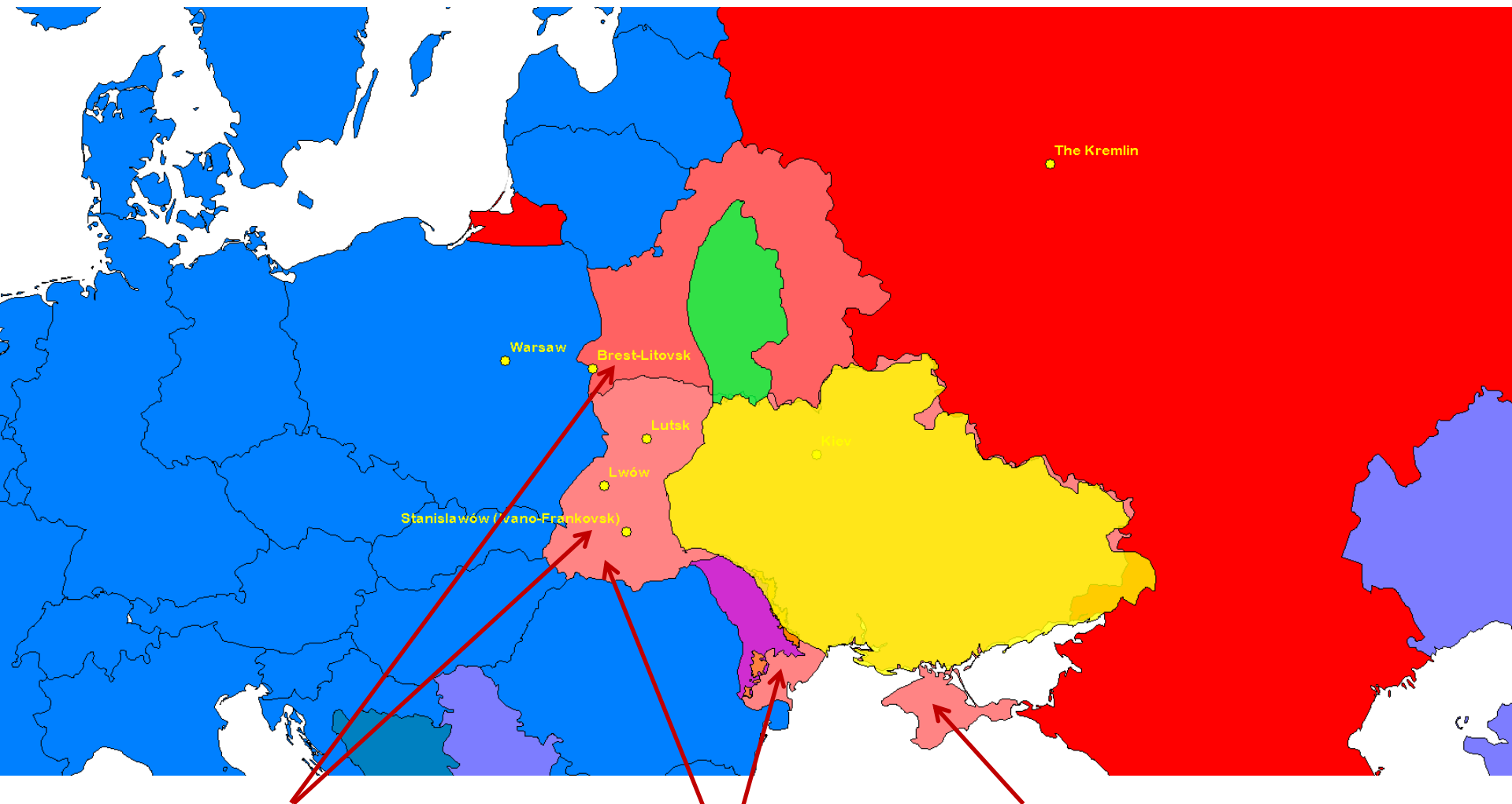




## UKRAINE AND BYELORUSSIA 1922



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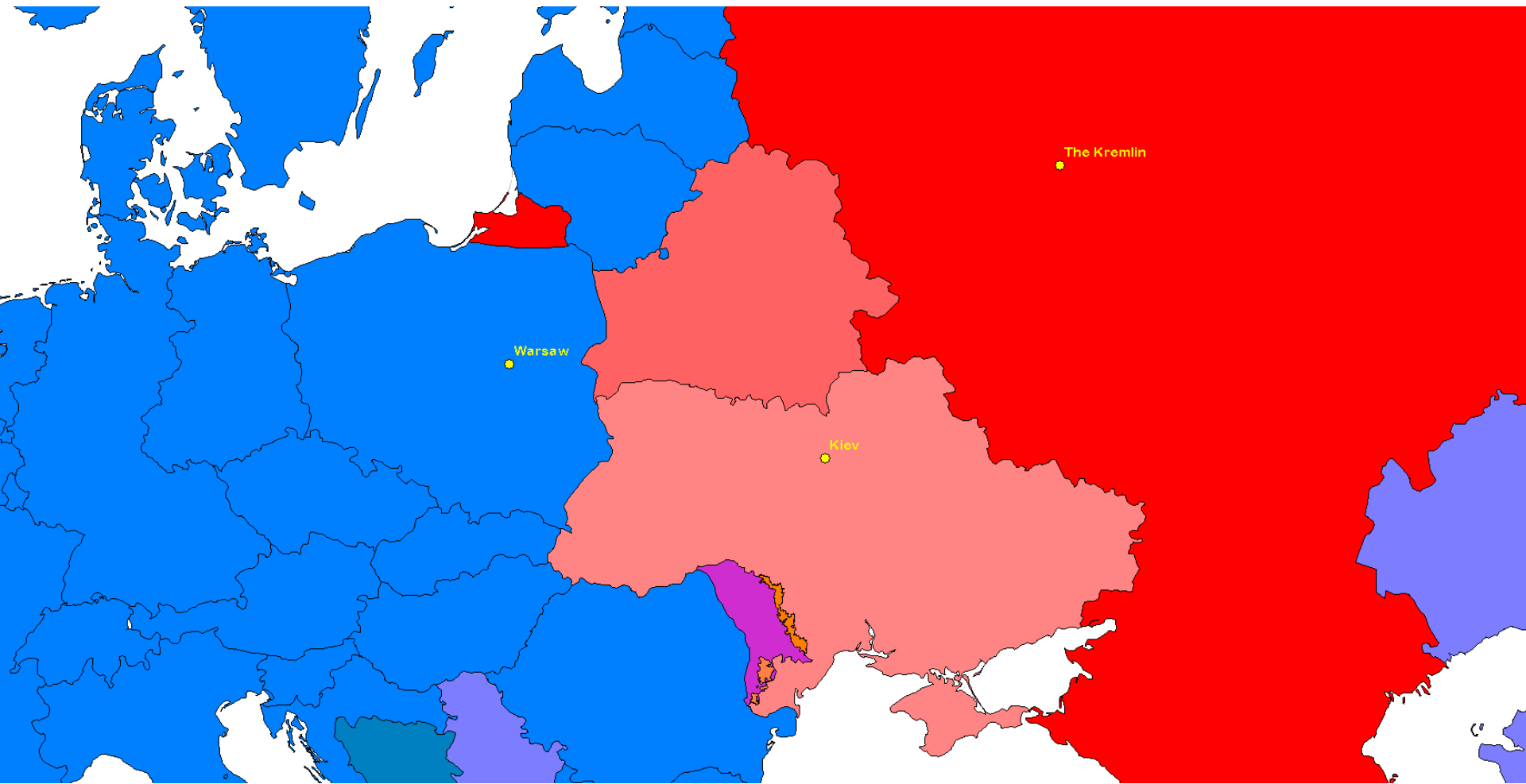
TO POLAND\* UNTIL WWII

TO RUSSIA UNTIL 1954

TO SLOVAKIA\*, HUNGARY\*, ROMANIA\* UNTIL WWII

*\* Should perhaps  
be returned, in a  
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pan-Europeanism*

## UKRAINE AND BELARUS 1991 TO 2014



## THE PONTIC-CASPIAN STEPPE: HOME OF THE COSSACKS



## 1917 - 1954

From Poland





## 1917 - 1954

