

2050: the year of the horse

The European Parliament commemorates an important event: the end of the war. It has been a few years since the end of this terrible conflict. So, everything, or almost everything, was forgiven. But nothing was forgotten. Currently, the European Commissioner for Agriculture is Ukrainian and Western Russia has the presidency of the European Parliament. At the moment, researcher Dr. Assete Gomes received the Durão Barroso prize from the European commission president, Sir Thomas Smiths. Yes. It is true. England has returned to the heart of the European Union after a few years of discussions and concessions to Ireland. More complex were the negotiations with the Republic of Scotland.

Let's go back to war. At first, the invasion of Ukraine turned out not to have much impact. Neither Europe nor the United States was directly involved in Russia-Ukrainian War. The participation of the US president and EU bureaucrats consisted essentially of rhetorics and some economic sanctions. Russia even signed a treaty with China to split Kazakhstan. However, it wasn't until Russia invaded Kazakhstan that Saudi Arabia, Iran, and the Arab countries declared war against Russia. Next were the European countries, except Portugal, Greece, and Serbia. China also declared war against Russia because it expected Russia's defeat. Afterward, China was interested in having its *fair share*. Belarus remained Russia's loyal ally. The war started as a conventional war, then converted into a cyberwar. But there was always a nuclear threat hanging over the heads. It was then that the *Minsk disaster* occurred. With catastrophic consequences, a nuclear warhead, supposedly targeting a mega nuclear base installed in Finland, was redirected to Minsk. Finally, after this disaster, the United States entered the war. Cyberwar was eventually done with much more severe consequences than expected. War effort also contributed to developing new projects involving blockchain and quantum computing. Virtual reality and augmented reality were generalized and used mainly in the training context. It reduced casualties related to the inadequate usage of weapons, which often happened in the Russia-Ukrainian War.

After a year and a half of the US entrance into the war, Russia would eventually surrender. As expected, the Asian Russia part turned out to be a satellite of China, ruled directly by a people commissioner of Chinese origin. The Caucasus was occupied by Turkey, except for Georgia and Armenia, which were also reduced in extension. Western Russia currently has a government freely elected and was accepted as a member of the European Union.

In what concerns the *Minsk disaster*, many books were written, many conspiracy theories were suggested, including the participation of Mossad, CIA, MI6, O07, and even extraterrestrials. The Minsk region was declared *The Memorial to the Martyr people of Minsk*. However, new journalistic research points to new pieces of evidence. But the reporter who investigated the subject was beheaded in the Saint Petersburg metro. An email arrived for prof. Silva. At first glance, it is a call for submissions for a conference about cryptography and blockchain. However, it also had a QR-code, which pointed to a website. But it also came with a GitHub, which had nothing to do with the rest of the mail.