

THE EUROPEAN POLICIES OF THE EU MEMBER-STATES

TERM PAPER OUTLINE

If you follow this basic outline, it will help you to organise your material and make it easier to write the essay. Please read this in conjunction with Doc 1: Term Paper Themes and Content.

Table of Contents

- With the titles of the chapters and sub-chapters

Introduction (1 page max)

- What is the **subject** of your essay (which member-state are you looking at) and why is it interesting?
- What are your basic **sources** of information?
- What is the **structure** of your essay (the chapters and the relationship between them)?

Chapter 1

The Profile of Country X and How it Influences its European Policy

- Which basic **characteristics** of this member-state shape its European policy (e.g. size, year of accession, history, geography, economy, external security problems, relations with US/NATO, domestic political situation, public opinion, position in the economic crisis).
- **How** have these characteristics influenced its European policy?
**Note: This should not be ‘everything you wanted to know about’ any of these subjects – you are not writing an encyclopaedia – but only those points relevant to explaining national preferences on the EU.

Chapter 2

“Why and What Europe?”

- Why did this member-state choose to enter the EC/EU? Why did it choose to join the European integration process when it did?
- What are this member-state’s **basic preferences** in relation to various key issues concerning the future of Europe? (see Doc 1. Term Paper – Themes and Content)

Chapter 3

Recent and Current Challenges (including the Russia-Ukraine war)

- How has this member-state been affected by specific challenges? What has been its position in relation to EU policies to face them? (see Doc 1. Essay – Themes and Content)

Chapter 4

Is there an issue of euroscepticism in Country X?

- To what extent might euroscepticism in this country threaten the European project?

Conclusions

- Summarise the most important findings from chapters 1-4
- How have the country's characteristics shaped its EU policy?
- Is country X a "difficult partner" in the EU?
- (Optional) On the basis of what you know about your country's European policy up to now, how would you expect it to develop in the future?