



CITIES AND REFUGEES

**Reality, objectives and limits of the
power of european cities**

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Geneva Convention 1951

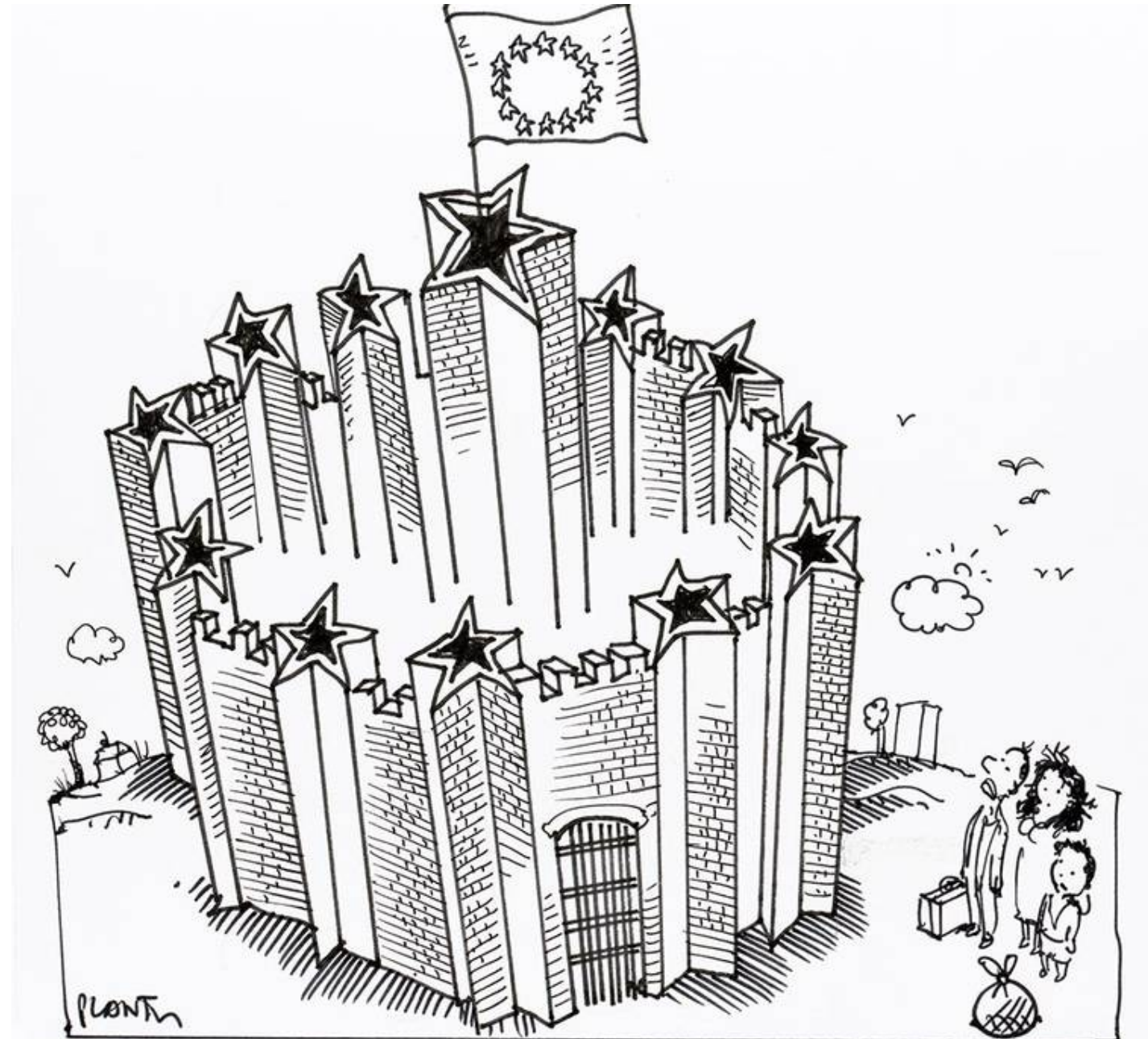
Introduction

Article 1(A)(2):
"[...] well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country; or who, not having a nationality and being outside the country of his former habitual residence as a result of such events, is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it".

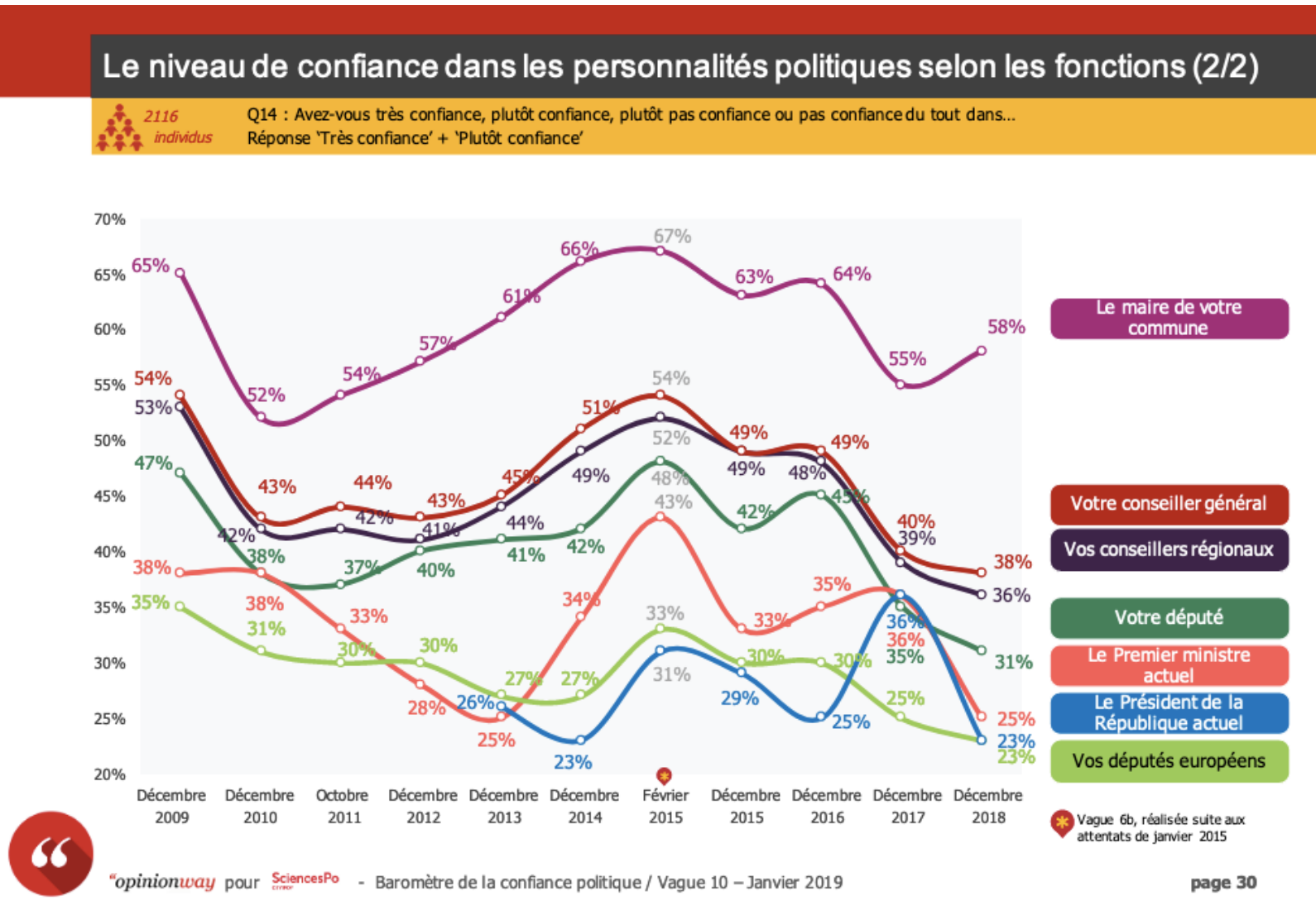


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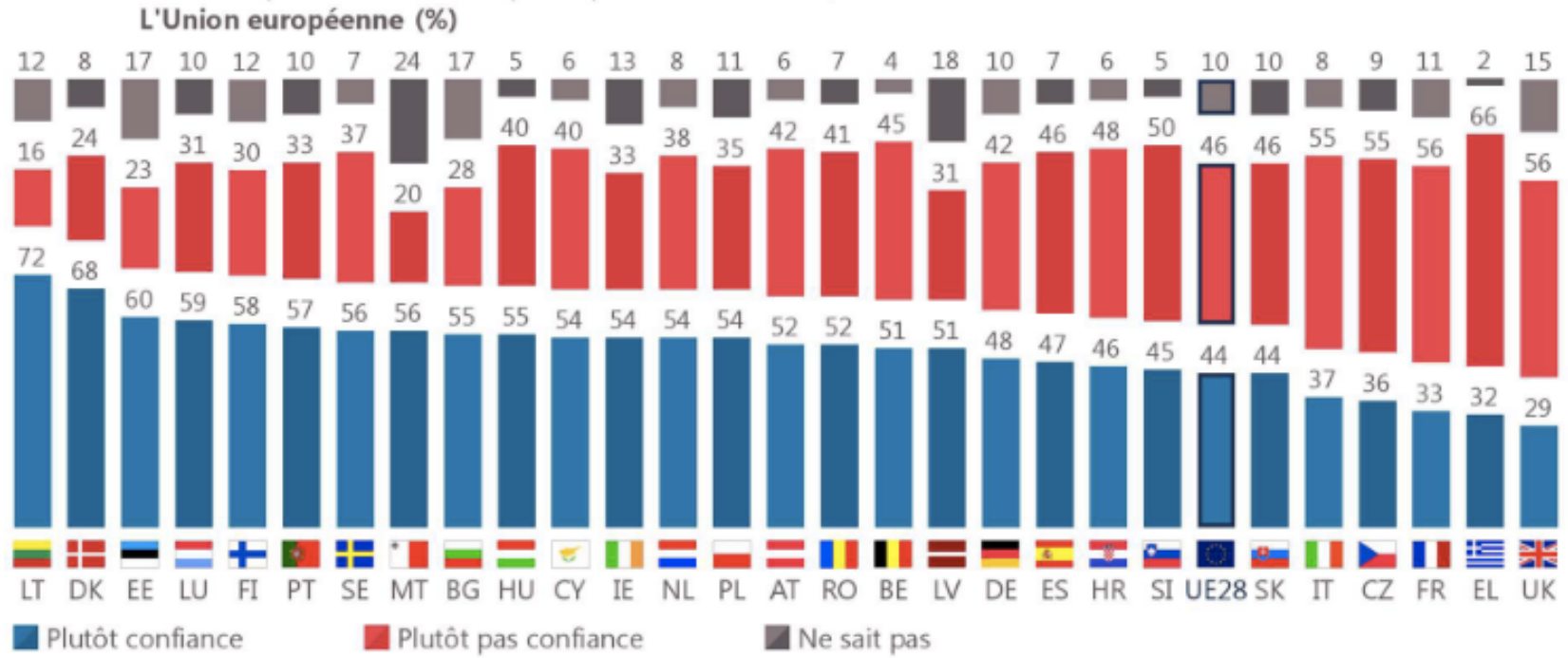
- The Principle of Free Movement
- The Convention of Dublin
- The solidarity crisis
- The redefinition of borders : "The Fortress Europe"



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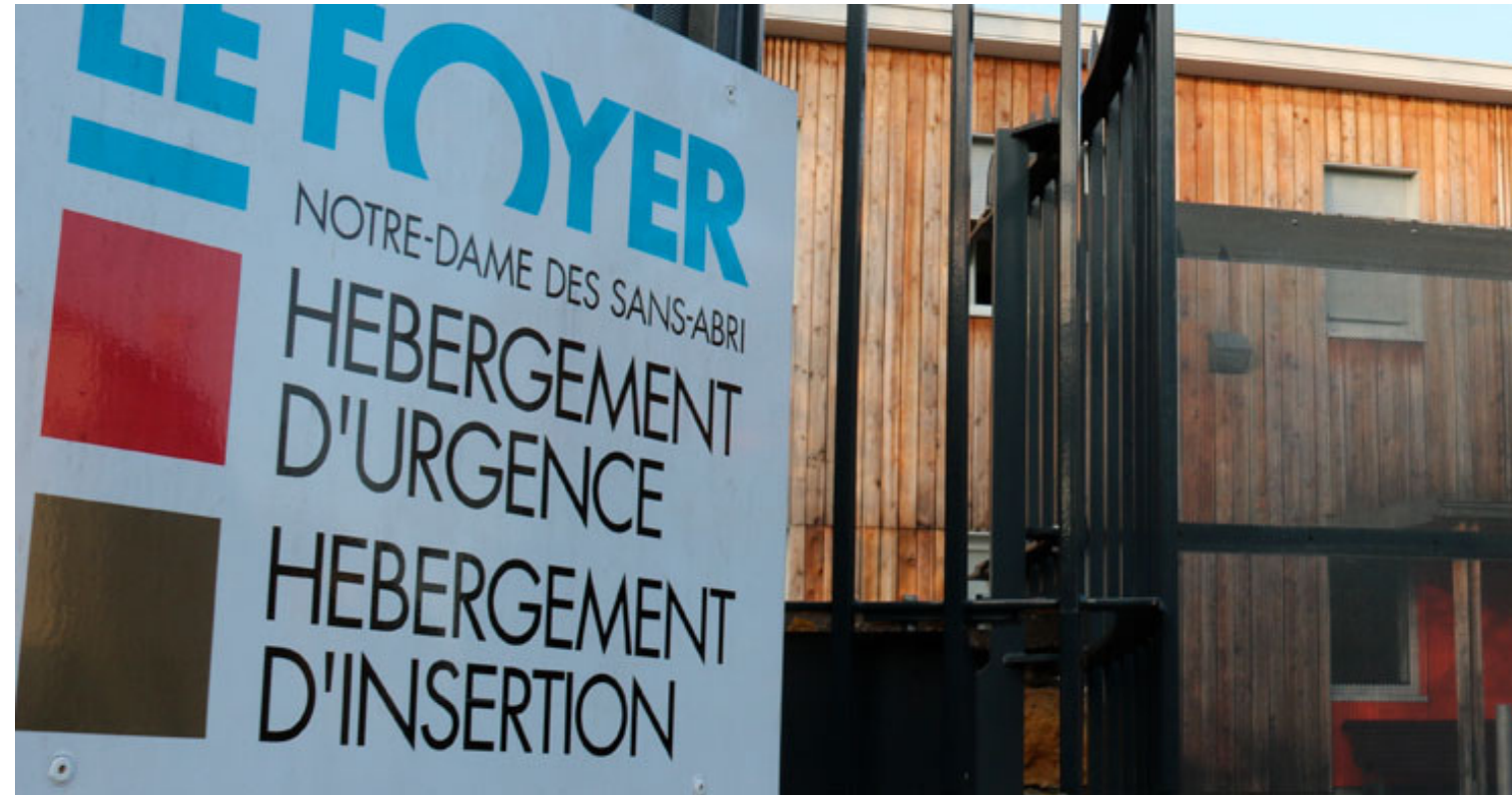
QA6a.10 Je voudrais maintenant vous poser une question à propos de la confiance que vous inspirent certains médias et certaines institutions. Pour chacun des médias suivants et chacune des institutions suivantes, pourriez-vous me dire si vous avez plutôt confiance ou plutôt pas confiance en lui/elle.



- Mobilizing cities against the European democratic deficit?
- Welcoming de facto refugees
- A strong capacity of raising awareness on the situation of refugees
- A pro-active Mayor: an additional pressure

2. Welcoming refugees: a focus on the city of Strasbourg

- Increasing presence of mayors in the political debate
- “Reception and Orientation Centers”
- City actors directly face emergency issues
- No single model for cities in terms of reception
- Ex: Grande-Synthe’s “action-research” project and emergency camp



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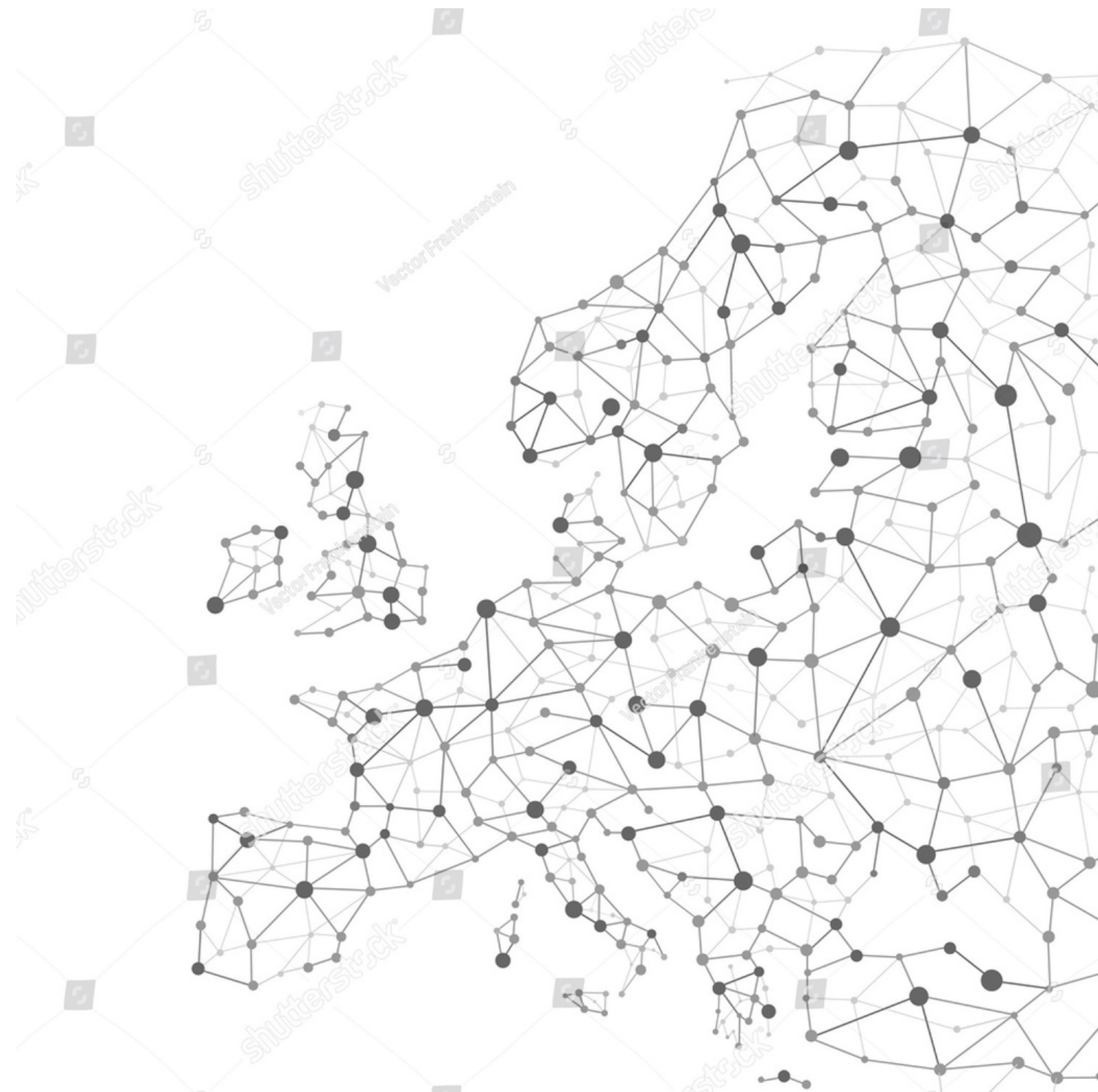


- Strasbourg: "Hospitable city"
- Emergency response: security, relocation, guidance... but insufficient means
- Raising awareness and drawing the attention of the state
- Welcoming cities and territories national association
- Comprehensive approach: from emergency needs to integration



3. European cities: a real empowerment or just a fantasy?

- Subsidiarity
- Encouraging examples of national networks of cities; the French example of Normandie / The German example of Berlin (or Hamburg)
- Supporting the mayors who want to resist and prove their solidarity towards refugees against national states?



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- Founded by the mayors of 6 greats european cities (Barcelona, Birmingham, Frankfurt, Lyon, Milan and Rotterdamn) in 1986.
- 140 european cities in 39 countries.
- From academic research to lobbying.
- The imperative of international outreach (benchmarking, management etc.)

