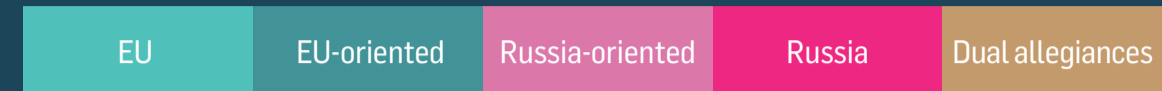


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- ### Russian influence
- 1 Areas of eastern Ukraine invaded by Russia in 2022. Control fluctuates.
 - 2 Crimea: Annexed by Russia in 2014. Internationally recognised as part of Ukraine.
 - 3 Transnistria: Unofficial breakaway state with Russian military presence. Internationally recognised as part of Moldova.
 - 4 Abkhazia and South Ossetia: Russian-occupied regions internationally recognised as part of Georgia.
 - 5 Kaliningrad: Official outpost of Russia.

Key groups

- EU**
The European Union is a political and economic union of 27 member states.
- NATO**
The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation is an intergovernmental military alliance between 30 member states: 28 in Europe, two in North America.
- CIS**
The Commonwealth of Independent States is an intergovernmental organisation in eastern Europe and Asia.
- EEU**
The Eurasian Economic Union is an economic union of post-Soviet states located in eastern Europe, western Asia and central Asia.
- CSTO**
The Collective Security Treaty Organisation is an intergovernmental military alliance in Eurasia consisting of some post-Soviet states.
- N**
Militarily neutral.

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