The EU approach to fragility

Orientation Course on Fragility, Security and Development in the context of EU External Action

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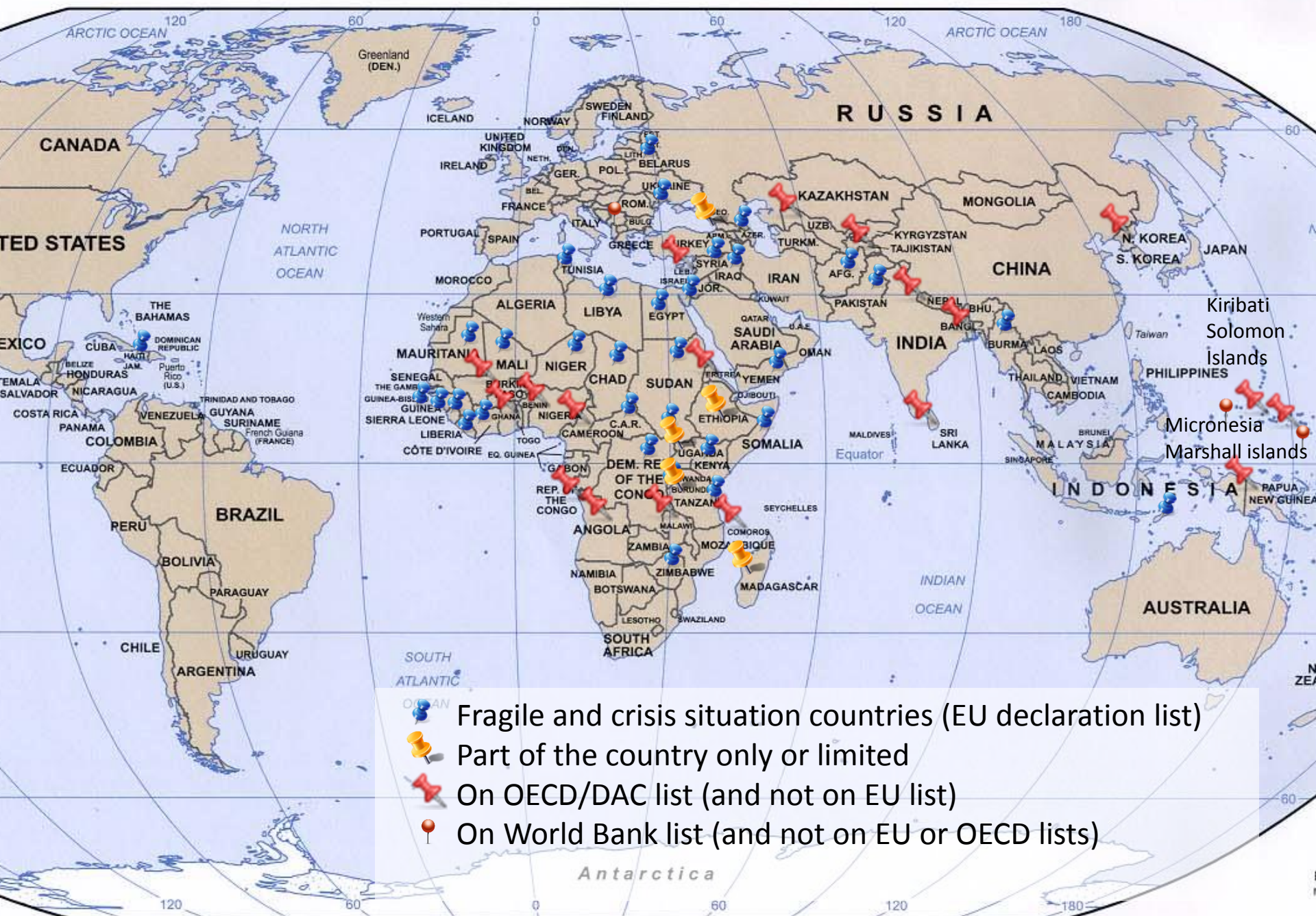# Content: The New EU Approach

1. Where we work

2. What we do

3. What we do differently

Differentiation: focus on countries most in need

"The Commission should, in all regions, allocate more funds than in the past to the countries most in need, including fragile states".

From Agenda for Change, 13/10/2011

Kiribati
Solomon
Islands

Micronesia
Marshall islands

📌 Fragile and crisis situation countries (EU declaration list)
📌 Part of the country only or limited
📌 On OECD/DAC list (and not on EU list)
📍 On World Bank list (and not on EU or OECD lists)

Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals

Legitimate politics
Foster inclusive settlements and conflict resolution

Security
Establish and strengthen people's security

Justice
Address injustices and increase people's access to justice

Economic foundations Generate employment and improve livelihoods

Revenues and services Manage revenues and build capacity for accountable and fair service delivery

How we do it: strategy

All EU external action must be coherent, coordinated and in support of EU policy objectives:

- Joint Framework Documents

- Comprehensive Approach

  - Development ↔ Security nexus

  - Development ↔ Humanitarian
    Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development (LRRD)

Aid effectiveness principles: essential but gradually…..

Ownership: *What of capacity and legitimacy?*

Alignment: *Willing or unwilling?*

Harmonisation: *An even bigger challenge?*

General budget support for fragile states

❑ **Indicators on:**
  ▪ public financial management
  ▪ and other aspects of state-building depending on context

❑ **Short-term (1-2 years) but renewable**

❑ **Focus on risk management – including risk of non-engagement**

Flexible and informed design

- ❏ **New emphasis on understanding country context (political economy analysis/conflict analysis)**

- ❏ **Policy dialogue (not contract and forget...)**

- ❏ **Plan for change (build-in scope for amendment)**

Flexible implementation

❑ **HoD can decide on flexible contracting (crisis declaration system)**

❑ **Work in progress to make it easier to amend programmes underway**

HR issues

❑ **Surge capacity for Delegations**

❑ **Skills audit**

❑ **Training programme**