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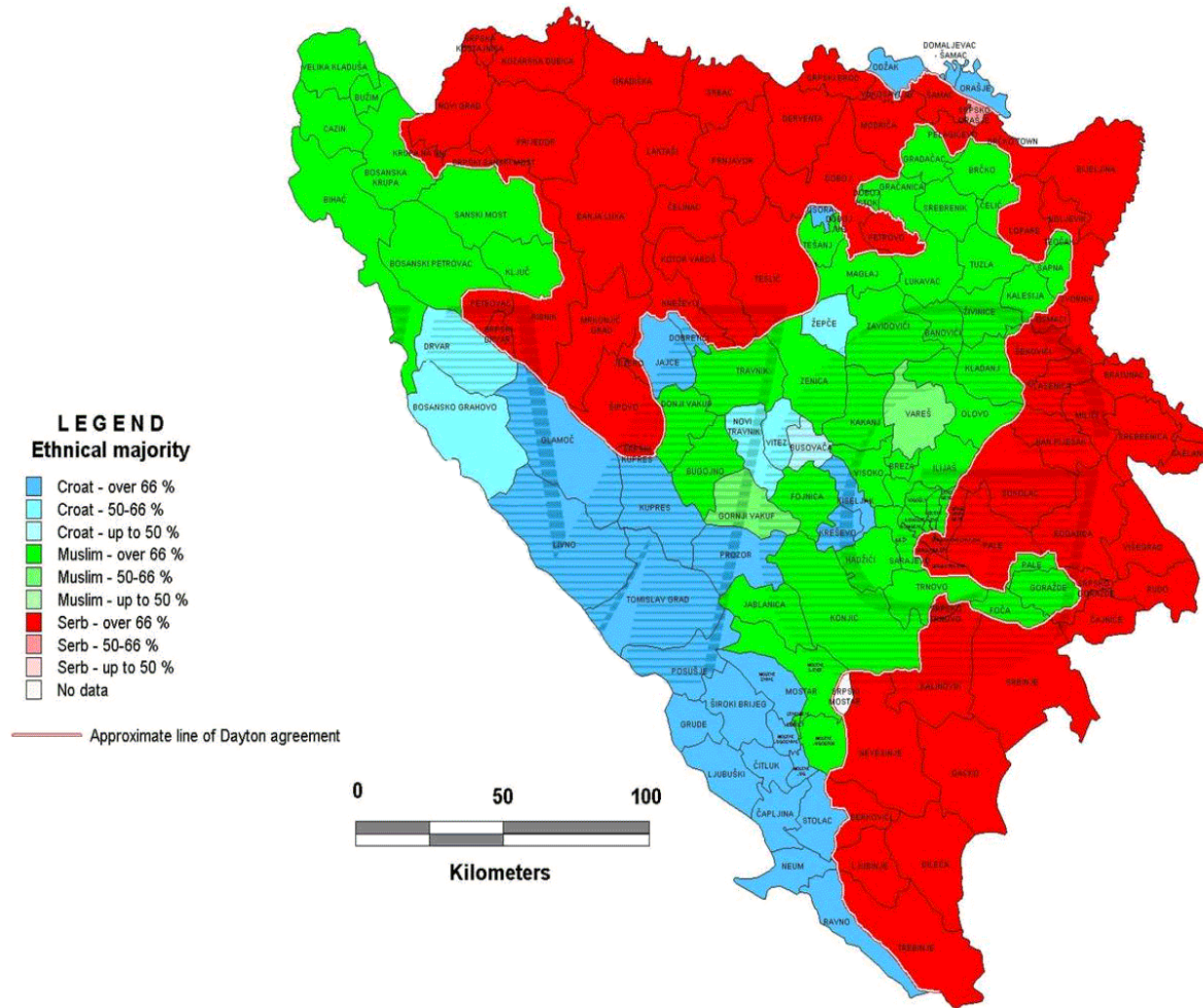
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Bosnia and Herzegovina



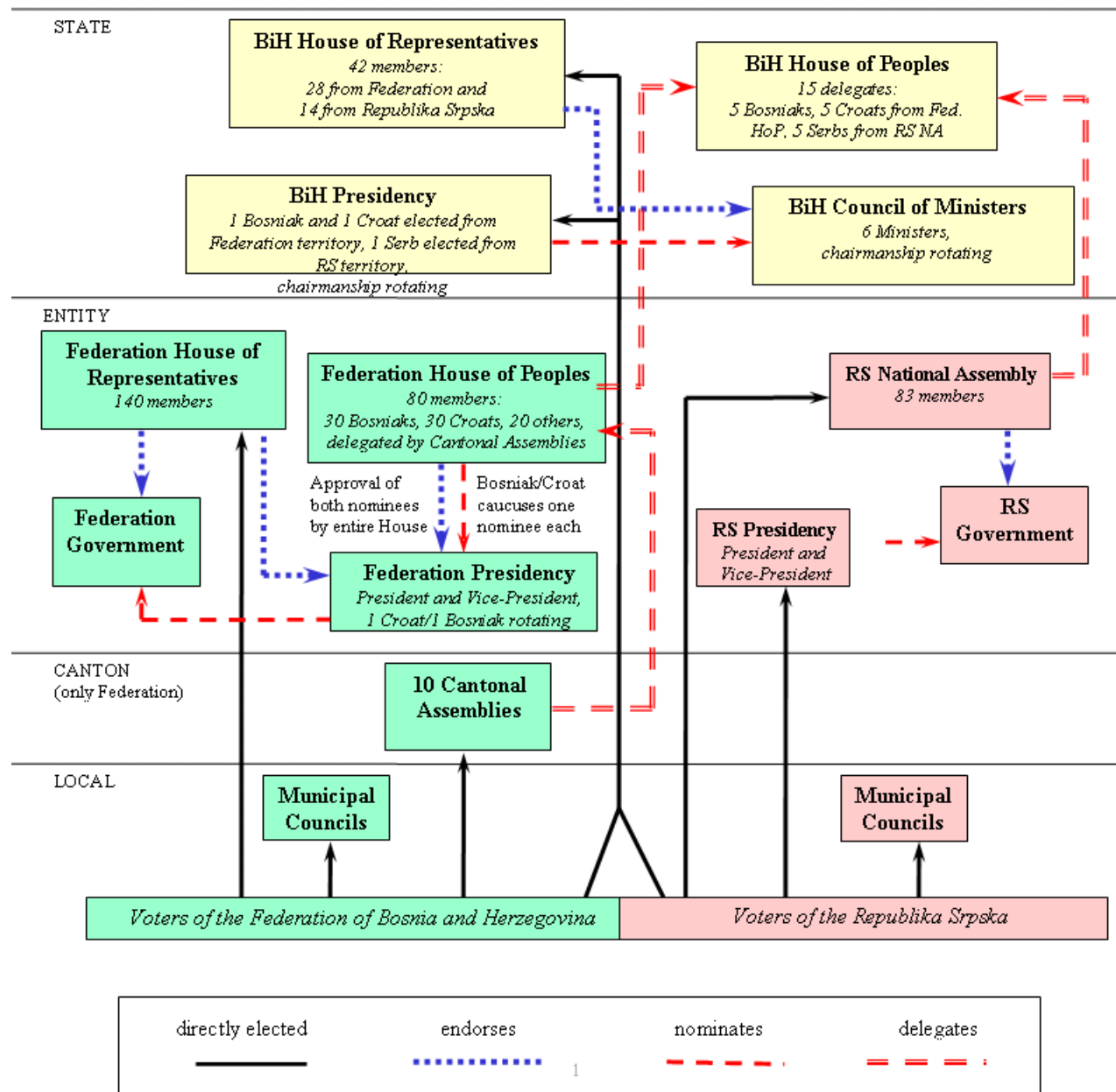
BiH



Dayton-Contract

- 14 Dec. 1995 signed in Paris,
- Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina (10 Cantons),
Republica Srpska (Central Government)
Brcko-District (American Supervisor)
- Five levels of Government,
- Each ethnic group with its own army,
- Competences:
 - weak state BiH,
 - nearly all competences given to FBiH,
RS and Brcko-District,

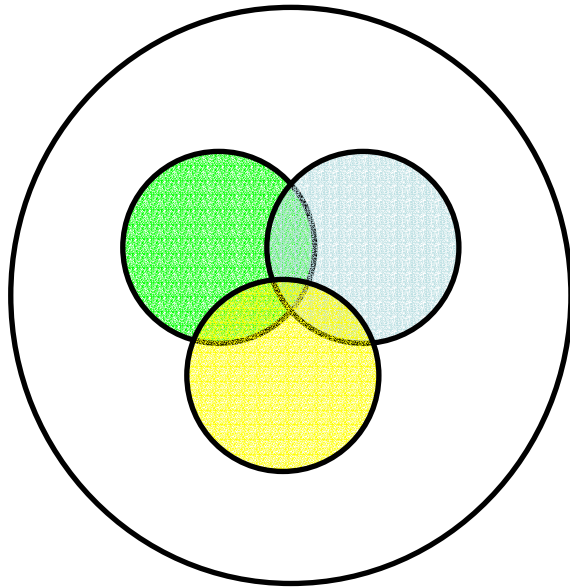
BiH's Legislative and Executive Bodies



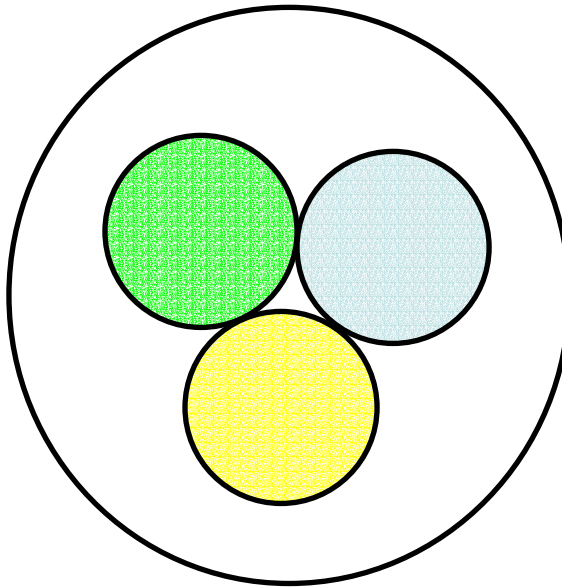
Refugees

- 2 millions of refugees,
- Accepted in European Countries, Canada and Australia,
- Right of return, but:
destroyed houses, mined country, nearly no infrastructure, no hope for jobs and future...

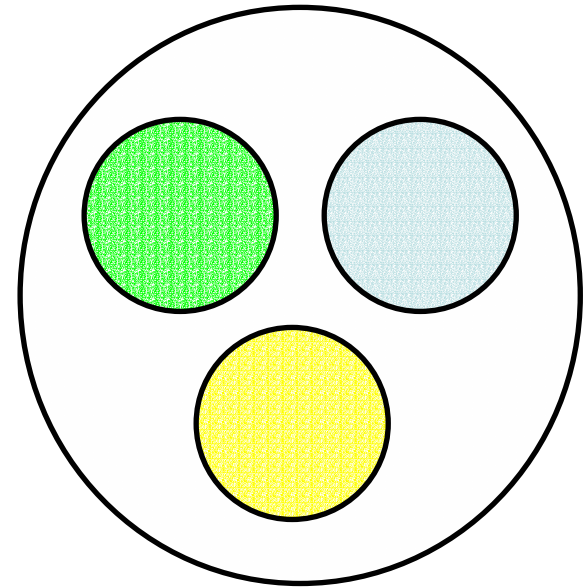
Life in BiH



Living together



Living side by side



Living separated

- All three models have been existing all the times back

Member of Council of Europe (CoE)

24 April, 2002 with 91 commitments

- Art. I: Implementation of Dayton-Contract
- Art. II: Cooperation with the international Court in Den Haag
- Art. III: Signing and implementation of Conventions and Contracts (e.g. Human Rights Convention)

- Art.VI: Strategical and political Monitoring Comissions of the CoE
each three months
- Art. VII: Strengthening of Cooperation
 - one joined army,
 - one Defence Ministry on state level
 - one common tax-policy
 - police-structures on state-level

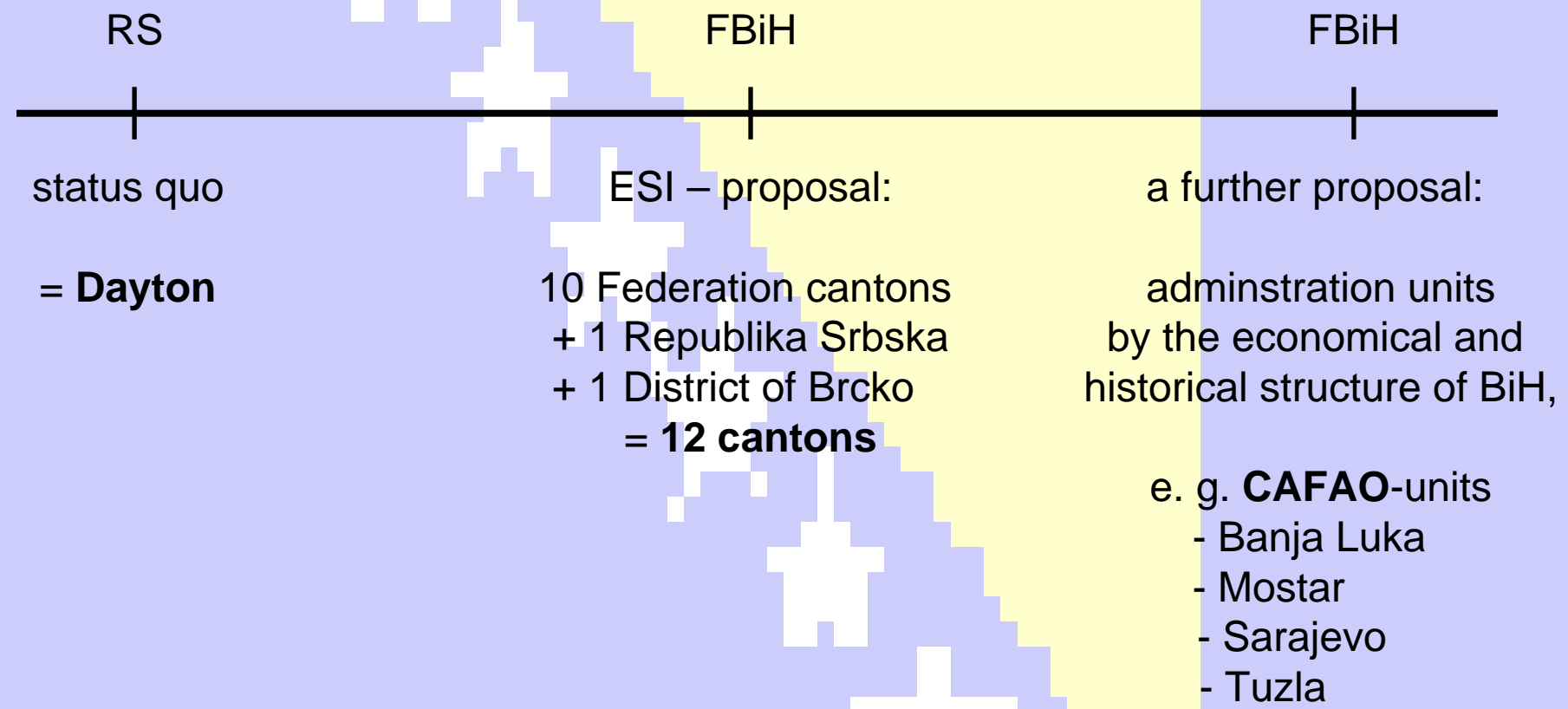
EU Roadmap

November 2003

16 points' programme:

- Strengthening the State BiH,
- Human Rights,
- Rule of law,
 - economical affairs:
one-tax-system, legislative basics,
customs law, etc.

Constitutional Reform BiH



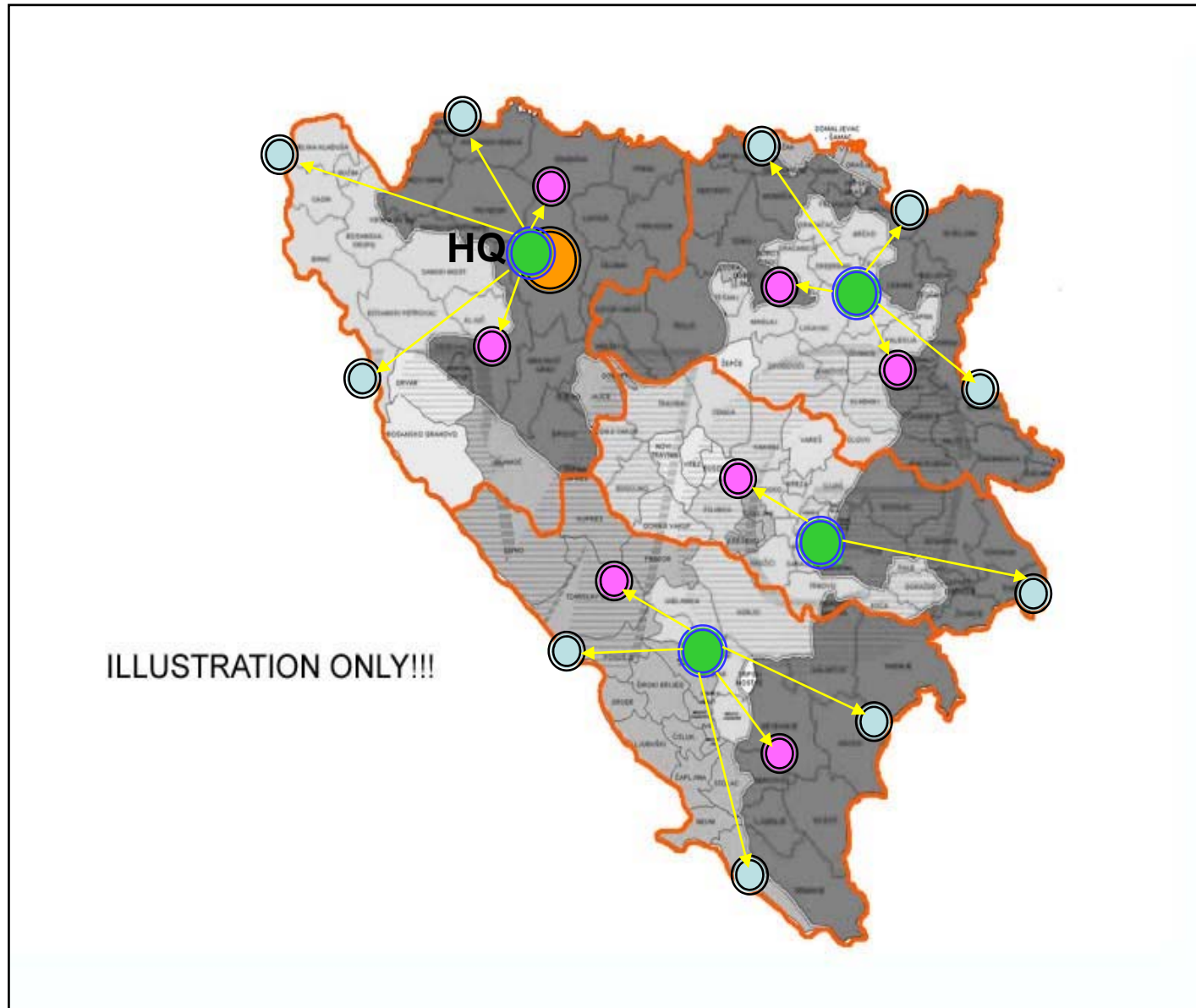
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Locations



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