

Russian politicians and commentators, including former President Dmitry Medvedev, regularly call for Moscow to attack and even nuke European capitals. Russia has recently taken to jamming GPS signals in the Baltic Sea, Black Sea and the eastern Mediterranean, creating real dangers for civilian aircraft. The UK, France, Poland and many other European nations have been hit by cyberattacks emanating from Russia. French intelligence services are investigating a Russia-backed campaign aimed at interfering in the June European elections, involving hundreds of websites promoting Russian propaganda and supporting pro-Kremlin candidates. In Germany, a Russian recently stabbed two Ukrainian servicemen to death, while Russian spy networks have been uncovered in German, Poland, the Czech Republic, Latvia, France, Norway, Finland and more.

But despite some important exceptions, it's far from clear that all European leaders (let alone their citizens) recognize they're in a real war with Putin's Russia. My sense is that many countries are still sound asleep in the hope that they'll awake in the pre-2022 era and all will be well again.



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