## Abstract

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## Historical integration of Hungary into the economic and power structure of bipolar Europe

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Due to its spatial location Hungary is located on the border of the East and the West. In the conflict zone of two different cultures, religions, socio-economic systems and two powerful centers of power. The country was able to protect its independence and identity by taking advantage of the geographical protection of the Carpathian Mountains and positioning itself well between the two European powers, exploiting its geopolitical resources. As a result, it has been able to survive for over a thousand years in a region where other states have only survived for a few centuries.