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succeed in creating a solid Eastern block? What will be the influence of

the wider geopolitical context? And finally, what role is left for the EU?