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# ECSC – What kind of result?

- Treaty of Paris (1951)
    - European Coal and Steel Community
    - Common Market in Coal and Steel
    - Competition Policy (anti-Cartel)
    - High Authority
  - Factors involved
    - Political-diplomatic
      - Resolution of World War II
      - Global politics: Cold War
    - Economic
      - Reconstruction – immediate
      - The Ruhr – long-term
    - The “European Movement” and Its Visionaries
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# Relevant Prior Histories

- France and Germany
    - Enemies since 1870
    - Alsace and Lorraine as locus of conflict
    - Political history vs. economic history
  - World War I and *Its* Resolution
    - A mess and a failure: absence of cooperation
    - The Ruhr as a focal point (1923)
    - USA as a non-player or mini-player
  - The Depression of the 1930's
    - Economic nationalism: from free trade to intense protectionism – multiplication of barriers and restrictions
    - Attitude towards “Restraint of Trade” changes
    - Lesson: economic welfare requires cooperation
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# The Elements of the Story

- Reconstruction
  - Germany
  - The USA
    - Leadership
    - International cooperation
    - Vision and action: the Marshall Plan
  - The Ruhr: a particular and complex problem
  - The Visionaries and their “Bold Steps”
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