A Divided Continent: Europe’s Fragmented Response to Iran

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Olga Deutsch: Europe’s response to the conflict involving Iran is characterized by deep internal fragmentation, where individual nations prioritize domestic political interests, local demographic pressures, and their specific relationships with the United States over a unified European Union stance.

Regional differences further divide the continent, as Western Europe favors diplomatic “soft power” and UN frameworks to manage internal unrest, while Central and Eastern European nations perceive Iran as an existential threat and lean toward stronger alignment with NATO and US strategic goals.

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