

Micronational History through Stamps

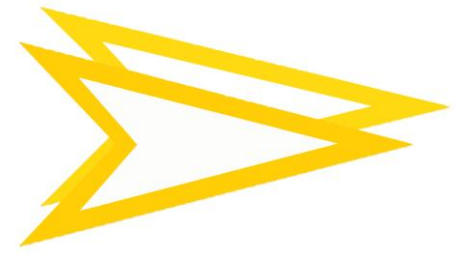
Juergen Schwarz

Postmaster General

Posta tal Musograd

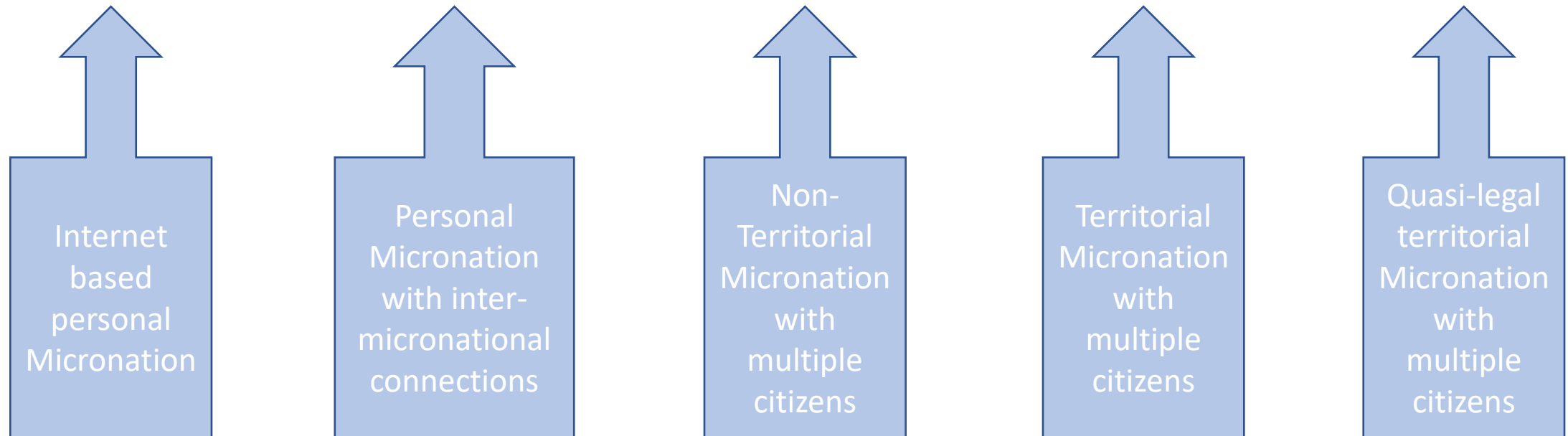
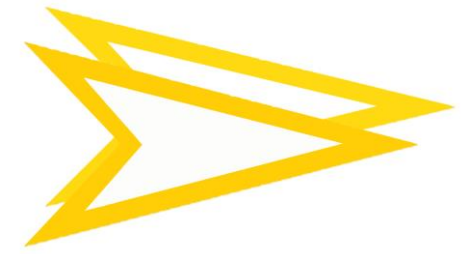
Federated Micronations of Musania

Agenda



- **Hutt River and Musograd in the Micronational Spectrum**
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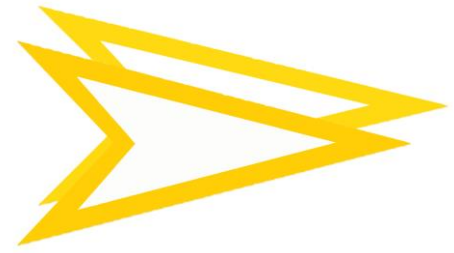
Hutt River and Musograd in the Micronational Spectrum



Federated Micronations of Musania
(Musograd)
(ref. The Netherlands vs. Holland)

Hutt River Principality
Sealand, Seborga,
Rose Island

Hutt River and Musograd



Principality of Hutt River

- Founded 1970 as a response to real world external pressures
- Founder Leonard Casley as Head of State
- No self-identification as Micronation
- Defined Territory in WA
- Strong philatelic history



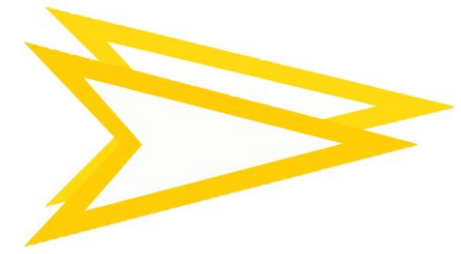
YOURSTAMPS



Federated Micronations of Musania

- Founded 1985 as thought experiment with echoes of personal history
- Founder J. Schwarz not in governmental role
- Self-identification as micronation - "Micronation" in name since 2009
- No defined real world territory
- Strong philatelic history

Hutt River and Musograd



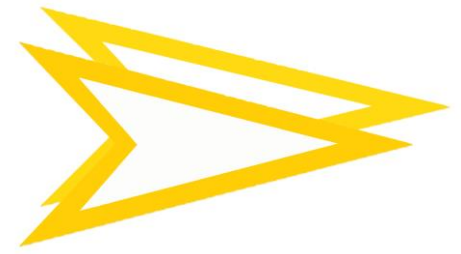
Aerial view of Musograd City
a.k.a. Musberg, on official
PtM post card.



Impressions from Hutt River (2008):

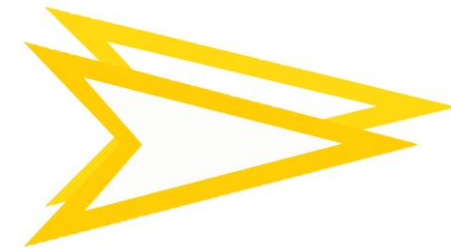
- Steve Baikie and Prince Leonard
- Secession Monument / Post Office
- FM Expeditionary Vehicle and Government Offices

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First Stamp Issues



Hutt River Province Principality – Wildflowers 1973



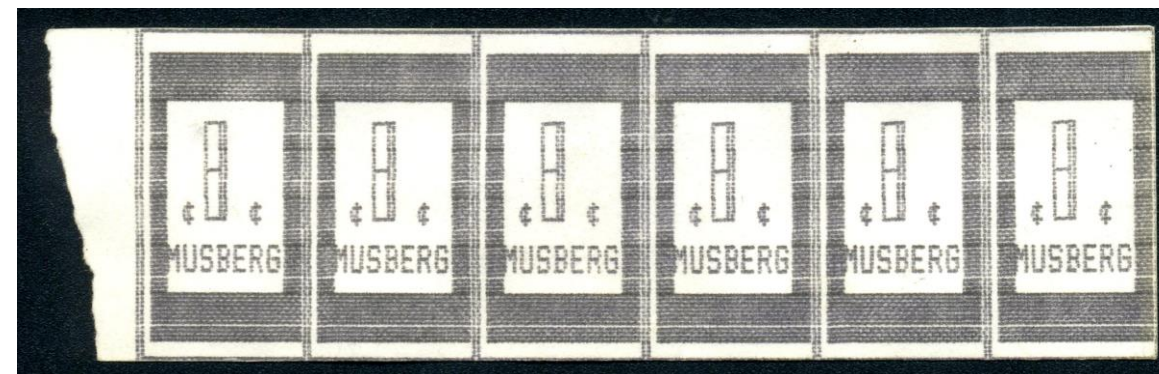
"Musograd Azad" – "Free Musograd"
Handstamped issues, early 1985



For comparison:
Lithuania 1918
First stamp series

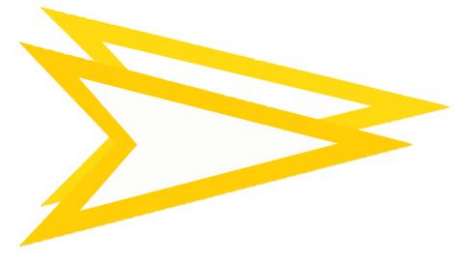


First laser colour printed
stamp of Musograd (2002)



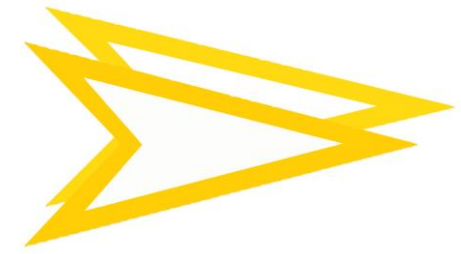
"Musberg 8c" – first computer printed PtM issue, autumn 1985

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Independence and State Structures



- HRP issued first stamps 3 years after independence / secession
- Musograd issued stamps 5 years before formal independence declaration

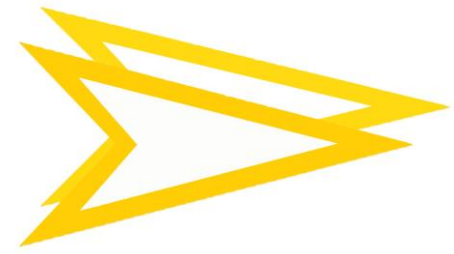


Hutt River stamp issue 1974
"4th Anniversary of Secession"



Musograd commemorative stamp sheet
"Declaration of Independence" 1990

Independence and State Structures



Hutt River:

- 1970: Hutt River Province
- 1973: First Stamps issued as "Hutt River Province Principality"
- 1979: "Hutt River Province"
- 1980: *"Kingdom of Hutt River" ? (B.Lürssen)*
- 1984: again with "Principality"
- 2006: "Principality of Hutt River"



Christmas
1979



1984



2007 – first issue
w/o "Province"

"Principality": Leonard Casley assuming role as "Prince" to legally protect other citizens of Hutt River

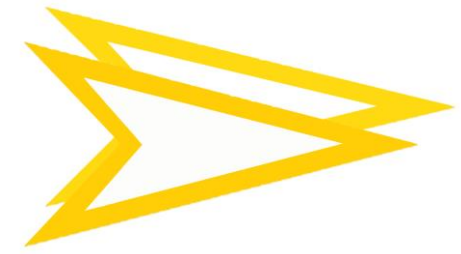
Christmas 2007
First yourstamps issue



Last issue
2019



Independence and State Structures



Musograd:

- Pre 1985: Musogradian Empire
- 1985: Republik Musberg - Musograd Azad (Free Musograd)
- **1986**: Narodni Respublika tal Musograd (People's Republic)
- 1989: Rajakratija tal Musograd (Kingdom of Musograd)
- 1994: Respublika tal Musograd ("Parramatta", elective monarchy)
- **1996**: Musogradij Respublike ("Red Parramatta", leftist republic)
- 2001: "Dershowo Musograd" (authoritarian / nationalist "State")



1985



1986



1989



1994



1996

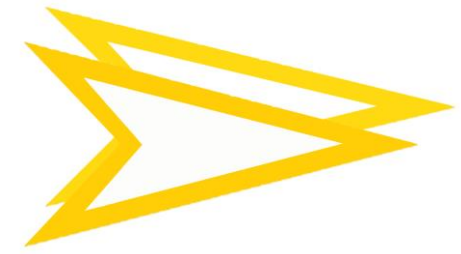


2001



2004 Historic State Flags and Coats of Arms

Independence and State Structures



"FM":

- 2004: Federation of Musograd (New constitution, Federal Provinces)
- 2009: Federated Micronations of the Musanian Lands (Sovereign States)
- 2022: Federated Micronations of Musania (Federative State)



January 2004 – Federation issue
(Currency: M\$ - Musogradian Dinar)

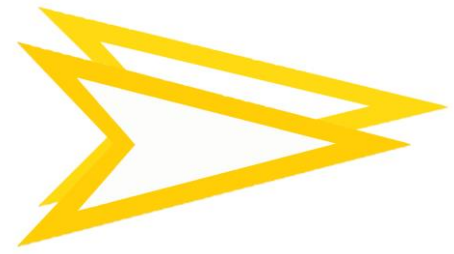


October 2009 – State and Federation Flags
(Currency: CW – "Common Wallaroo")

2022: Musanian
Constitution /
Musogradian
Independence
Day (October 3rd)

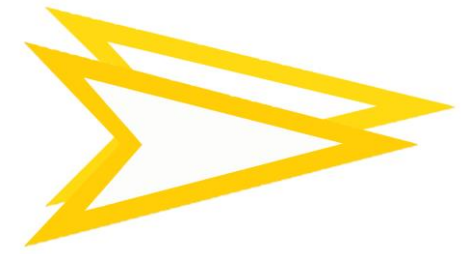


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Foreign Affairs – Diplomacy and Events



Hutt River:



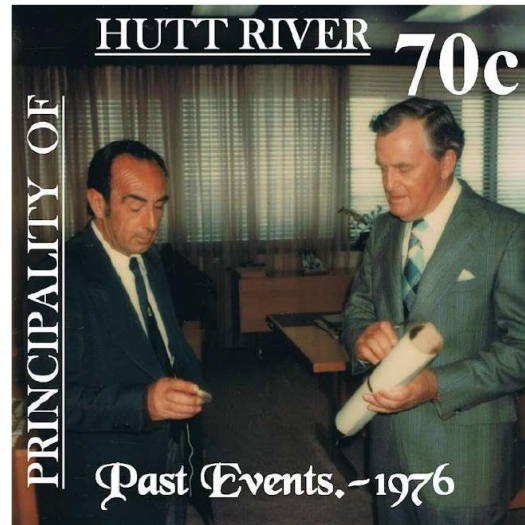
1979 Vatican visit
(Error on stamps
"In Domino Confiedo")

Federated Micronations:



CPEA / MS 2023:
Vatican and
S.M.O.M visit

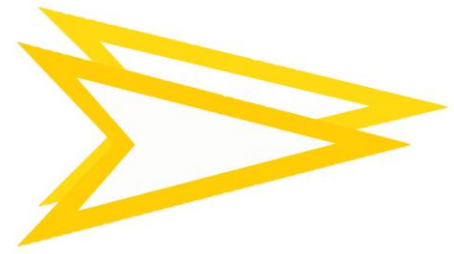
2014 Past Events:
1976 Queensland
Visit – Reception by
the Premier of
Queensland Sir Joh.
Bjelke-Petersen



PtM 2022:
Diplomatic relations
between F.M. and
Duckionary

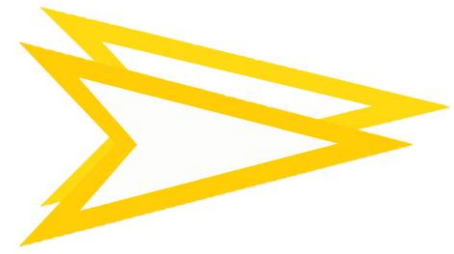


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Separatism and Treason



SEPARATISM



1992 Unauthorized "Lifecycle Cyclethon" issue by official Hutt River stamp dealer.

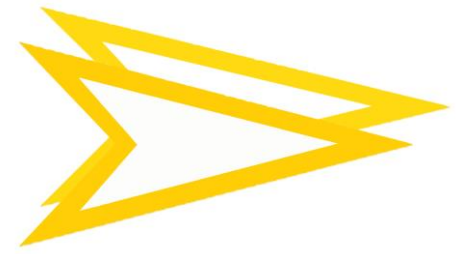
TREASON



2006 "Independence" issue of Capricornia Post.

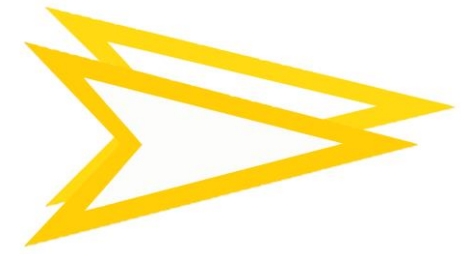
"Redfeet" – returned settlers from Australia resettled in the north of the F.M. created their own State which rejoined the F.M. in 2009.

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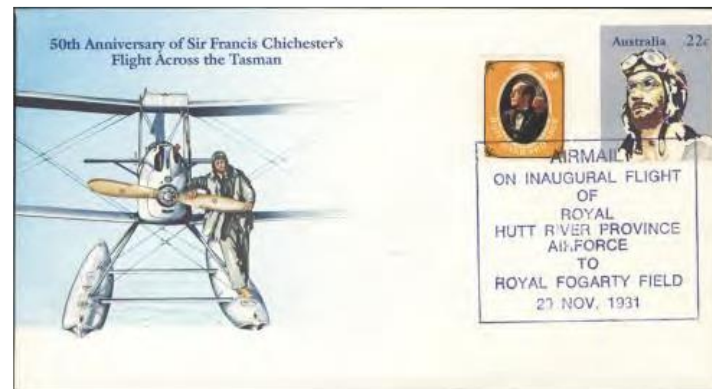


Hutt River:

- Declared War on Australia on 1977.12.02
 - Reason probably tax issues...
 - Cessation of hostilities after several days
- Later good relations with Australian Army
- Located near, but not at the coast



"Crusaders Cross" Issue
1977

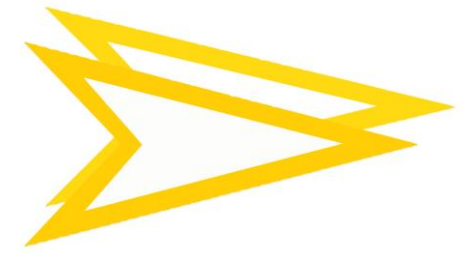


Special cover canceled with
"Inaugural Flight of Royal
Hutt River Province Air Force", 1981

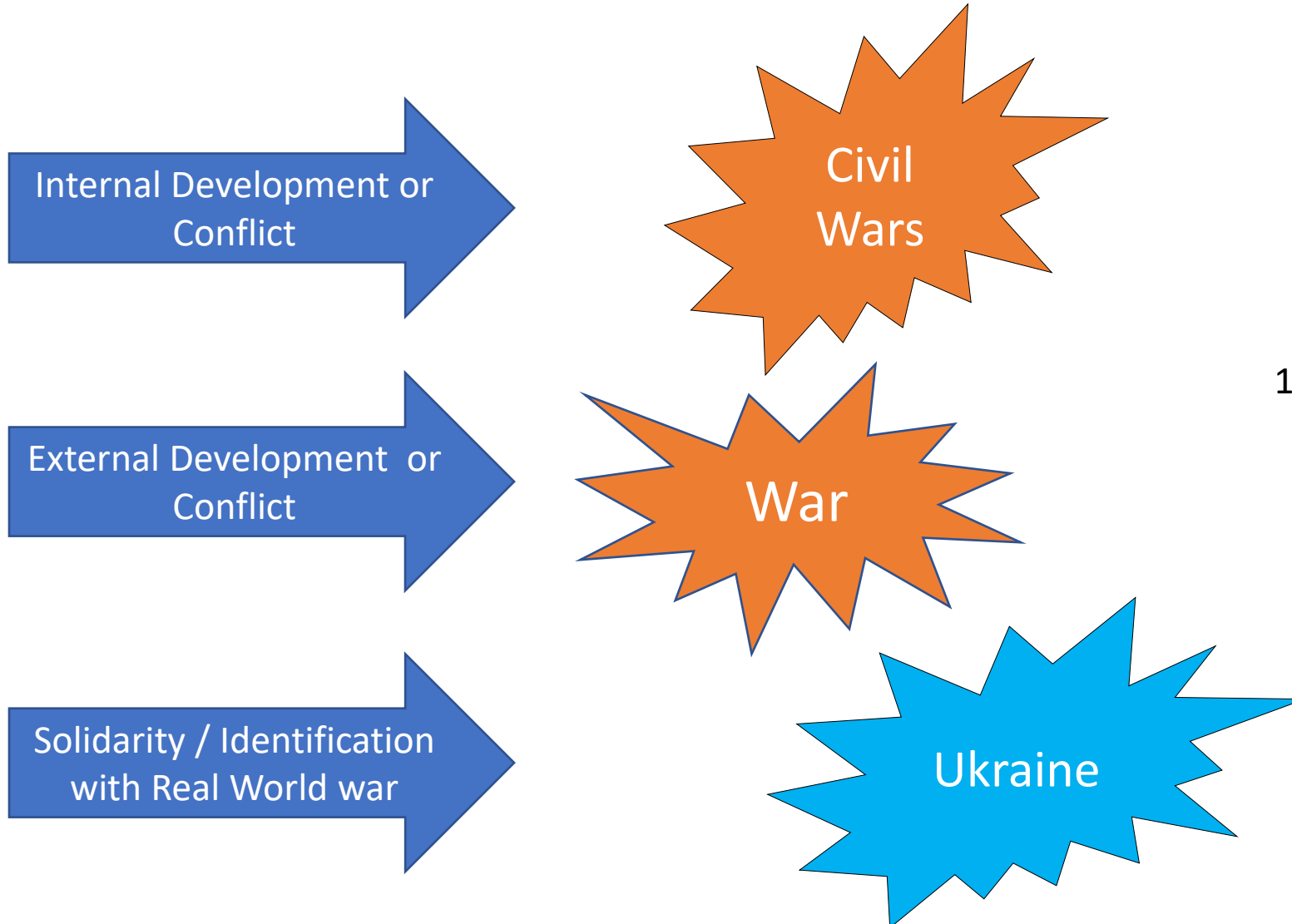


2013 "Cap Badges" issue –
Royal Hutt River Navy

Military, Conflict and War



Musograd / Federated Micronations:



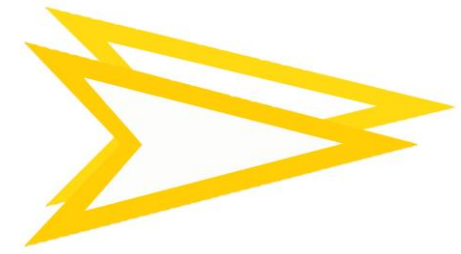
1994 "Divisional War" – Red Army issue



April 2021 "Support Ukraine" issue

Military, Conflict and War

Musograd / Federated Micronations:



War

"Shoolscah" Operation



December 2019: Hidden reference to war plans



March 2020: Military and Civil Medals
(derived from 1940s Soviet Issue)



May 2021: Honouring
"Musogradij Legija"
(Volunteers Legion)

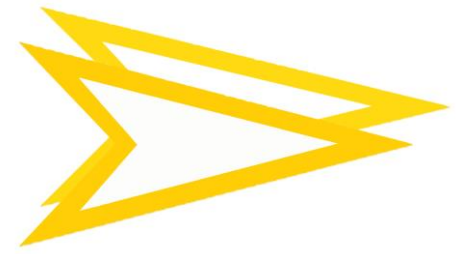


June 2021: Unissued
"FX Medal" stamp



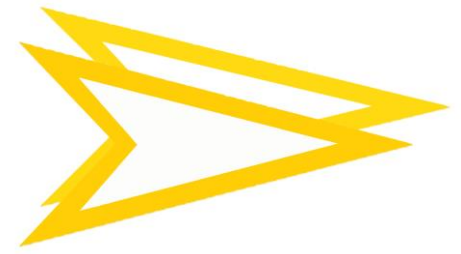
June 2023: Remembering
2nd anniversary of
Final Catastrophe

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Conclusion



- Stamps can be a good source of historical information.
 - For all types of nations, from Micronations to UN-recognized countries
- No intricate design or technology required!
 - Simple designs reflect specific situations in (micro)national history
- Allusions to historic stamp issues are welcome!



2024 Micro-Euro-Summit 2024

2000: Last issue of "Musogradij Republike" during 2000 Civil War. (Submarine Mail)



Which country inspired this issue?

2000