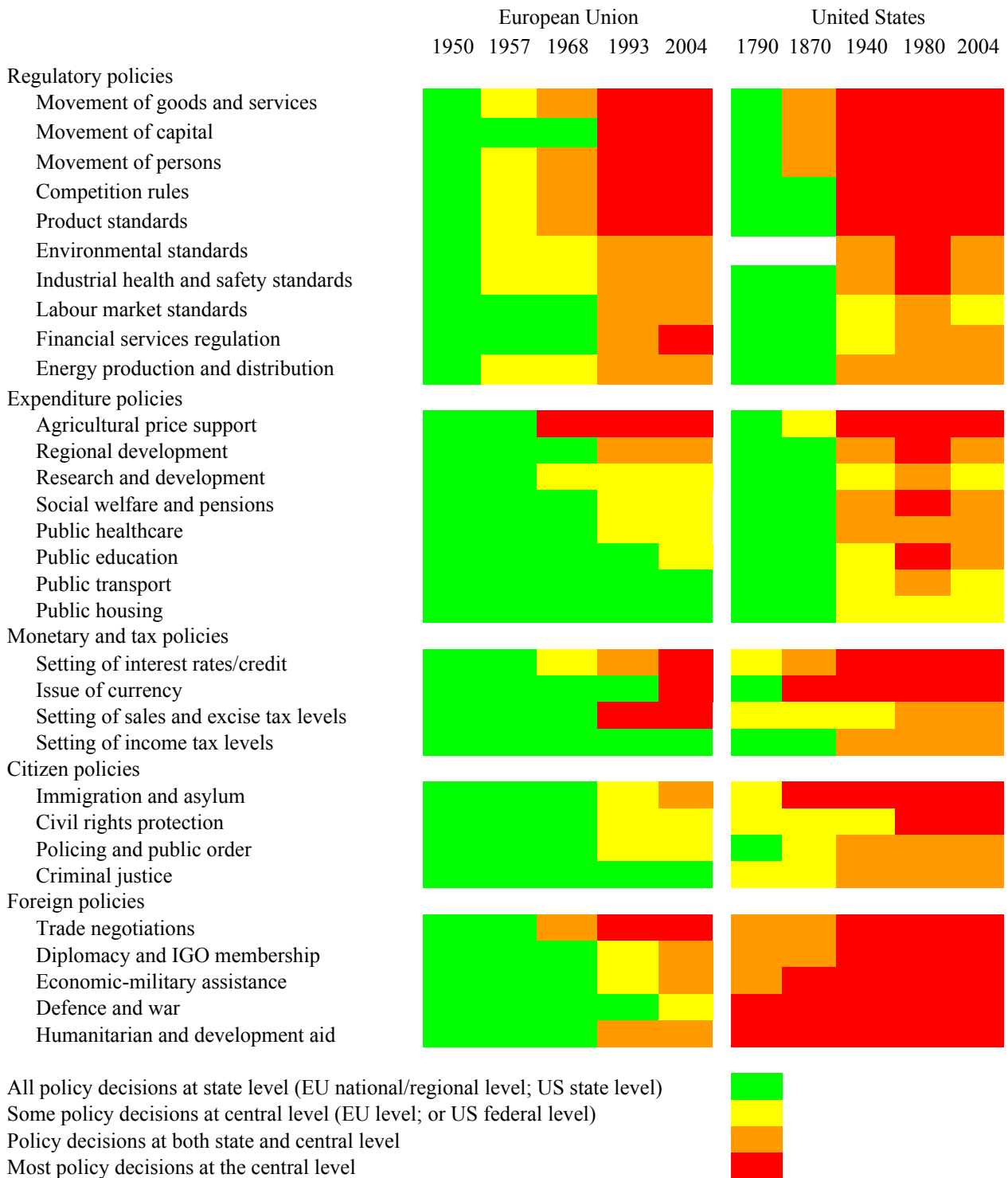


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Allocation of policy competences in the EU and the US



EU: 1950 - before any treaties; 1957 - EEC Treaty; 1968 - Merger Treaty; 1993 - Maastricht Treaty

US: 1790 - end of ratification of Constitution; 1870 - reconstruction era; 1940 - New Deal; 1980 - before Reagan

Sources: Schnitter (1996), Donohue and Pollack (2001), Alesina et al (2002).