

The Congress of Vienna

After exiling Napoleon, European leaders at the Congress of Vienna tried to restore order and reestablish peace.

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- The Congress of Vienna was a series of meetings
- Meetings took place in 1814-1815
- Countries invited: Austria, Prussia, Russia, Britain and France

Who was there??

- King Frederick – Prussia
- Czar Alexander – Russia
- Emperor Francois – Austria
- British and French only represented by prime ministers





**“I cannot keep
from saying at
least 20 times a
day, ‘How
right I am and
how wrong
they are.’”**

Prince Metternich - Austria

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**Take me
back to
the good
old days!**



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back to before 1789 (French Rev.)**

**Make sure no country in Europe would
be too powerful**

**Fix the Map of Europe - France loses
land, German states work together**

Put Kings back in power

3 Goals

1. Prevent further French Aggression by surrounding France with powerful countries – make a few border changes

2. Create a balance of powers – this way no country is stronger, or can be more of a threat, than any other

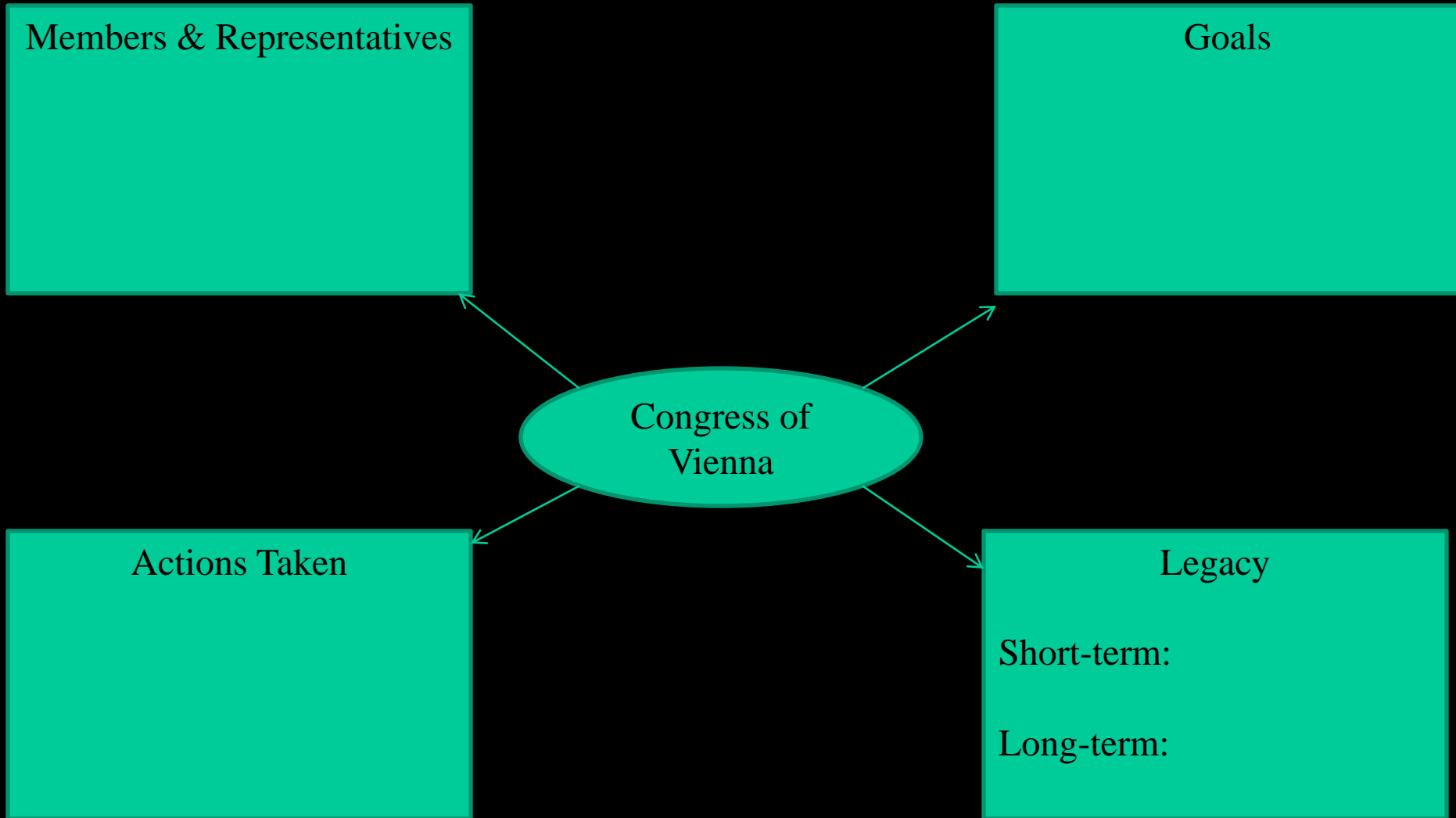
3. Restore royal families to the thrones that they had held before Napoleon took power.

Other political changes

- Conservatives feared ideas of FR Rev would spread
 - Concert of Europe
 - Nations would help each other if another revolution broke out
- Nationalism spread in countries under foreign rule
 - Spanish colonies began declaring independence

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Fill in the diagram



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Members & Representatives

5 European “great powers”: Austria, Prussia, Russia, Britain, & France

Goals:

Establish lasting peace & stability in Euro; prevent future FR aggression; restore balance of power; restore royal families to thrones

Actions Taken:

Created kingdoms and recognized independence; required FR to return territories conquered by Napoleon but left FR a major power; put ruling families back on the throne

Legacy:

Short-term: Conservatives regained control of gov'ts; triggered revolts in colonies

Long-term: Created an age of peace in Euro; diminished power of FR & increased power of GB & Prussia; sparked growth of nationalism