



A 16th century map of eastern Europe according to Ptolemy

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A Ptolemaic map of Europe east of the Vistula, with eastern Poland, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova. In the Baltic are Scania and Gotland. At the bottom is the Crimea, with the Sea of Azov much too large. This map was published in Ruscelli's 'La Geographi di Claudio Tolomeo'. A feature of this First State is that there is no platemark at the top: two maps were engraved on the same plate and the resulting sheet halved. Later the plate was cut in two.

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