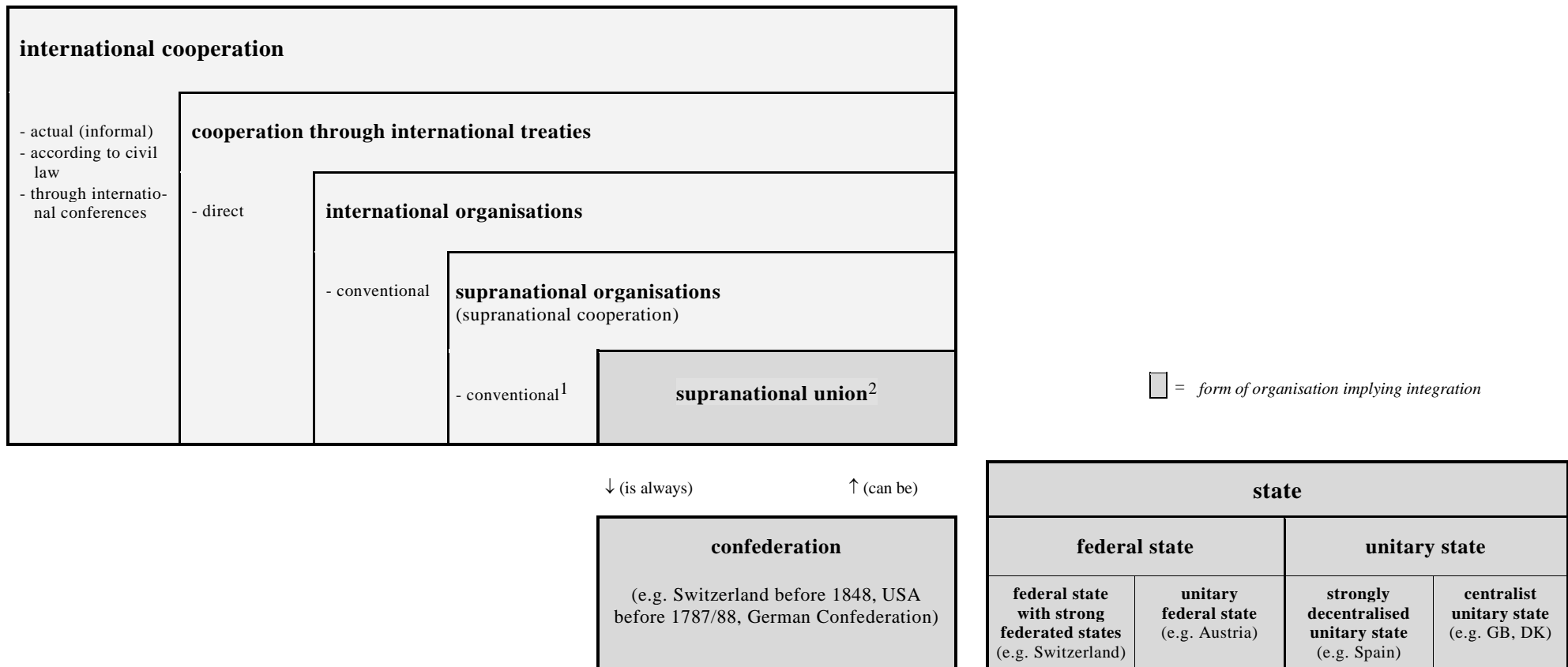


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**Diagram 1**

**Forms of international cooperation, supranational cooperation and integration**



<sup>1</sup> E.g. the European Communities at the beginning, river commissions.

<sup>2</sup> Until now only the European Union; other proposed classifications: "Staatenverbund" ("compound of states"), "Staaten- und Verfassungsverbund", state without sovereignty.