

# An Introduction to the European Union and the European Integration:

Agents, Structures, Processes, Trends



# **Public Policy: the Fundamentals**

- Ends/Goals
- Means/Tools
- Agents:
  - **≻**Makers
  - > Takers
  - **Communicators**
  - > Implementers
  - **≻**Analysts

# **Public Policy: the Particulars**

# Agent: (?)

✓ The State or the Government: the separation or fusion of powers

# **Ends: (?)**

- ✓ Earnings
- ✓ Benefits

# Means: (?)

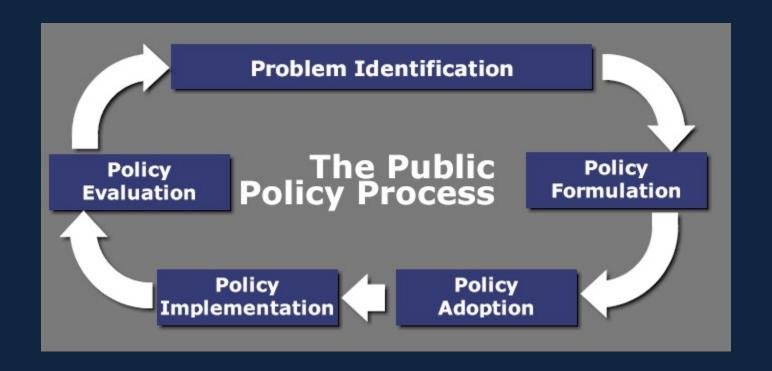
- ✓ Law
- ✓ Norms
- ✓ Procedures
- ✓ Standards (of compliance, efficiency and quality)

# From Knowledge Through Decision to Policy

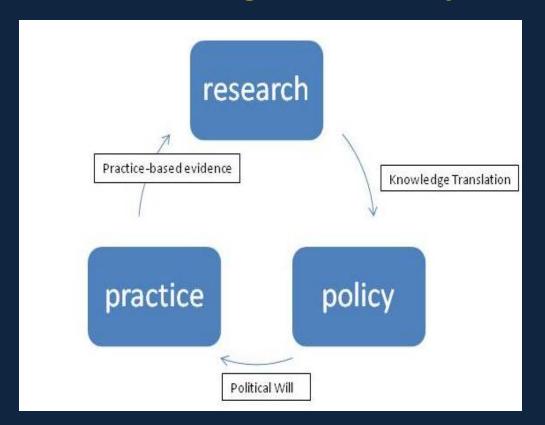


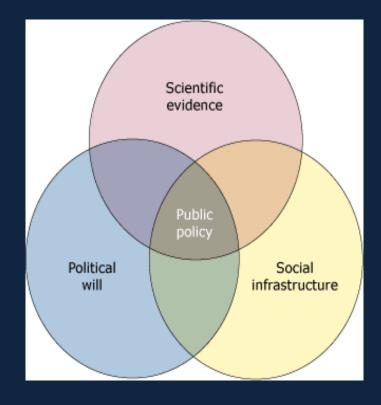


# **The Decision Making and Taking Process**



# **Moving from Theory to Practice: the Limits**





# **Perceiving of the Union**







### The Schuman Declaration, May 1950

https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/symbols/europe-day/schuman-declaration en

«... Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements which first create a de facto solidarity. The coming together of the nations of Europe requires the elimination of the age-old opposition of France and Germany. Any action taken must in the first place concern these two countries...»

## The Fundamental of the EU

- Aim: peace, values, well being
- Values: dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law, respect of human rights
- Principles: equality of members, national sovereignty/identity, constitution, good faith cooperation
- Functioning: αrepresentative and participatory democracy

### **Rounds of Enlargements**

https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/history\_en

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7klq\_EBUBo

- 1. 1973: UK, Ireland, Denmark
- 2. 1981: Greece
- 3. 1986: Spain, Portugal
- 4. 1995: Austria, Finland, Sweden
- 5. 2004: Malta, Cyprus, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Slovakia, The Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia
- 6. 2007: Romania, Bulgaria
- 7. 2013: Croatia

#### **EU Treaties**

☐ Treaty establishing the ECSC (1951/1952) ☐ Treaties of EEC and EURATOM, Rome (1957/1958) ☐ Single European Act (1986/1987) ☐ Treaty of EU, Maastricht (1991/1993) ☐ Treaty of Amsterdam (1997/1999) ☐ Treaty of Nice (2001/2003) ☐ Treaty of Lisbon (2007/ 2009)

# The EU's Main Institutions/Bodies

- The European Council
- The Euro Summit
- The Council (the Council of the European Union)
- The European Parliament
- The European Commission
- The European Court of Justice
- The Court of Auditors
- The European CentralBank
- The Economic and Social Committee
- The Committee of the Regions

## **Contradictions**;

- Globalisation Regionalism
- Intergovernmentalism Supranationalism
- Europeanization Euro-Atlantism
- Enlargement Deepening
- Integration Pluralism

# Lost Without a Compass or a Roadmap for a Move Forward;





#### The EU in Global Politics:

# Common Foreign and Security Policy & Common Security and Defense Policy



### **Common Foreign and Security Policy**

# Objectives

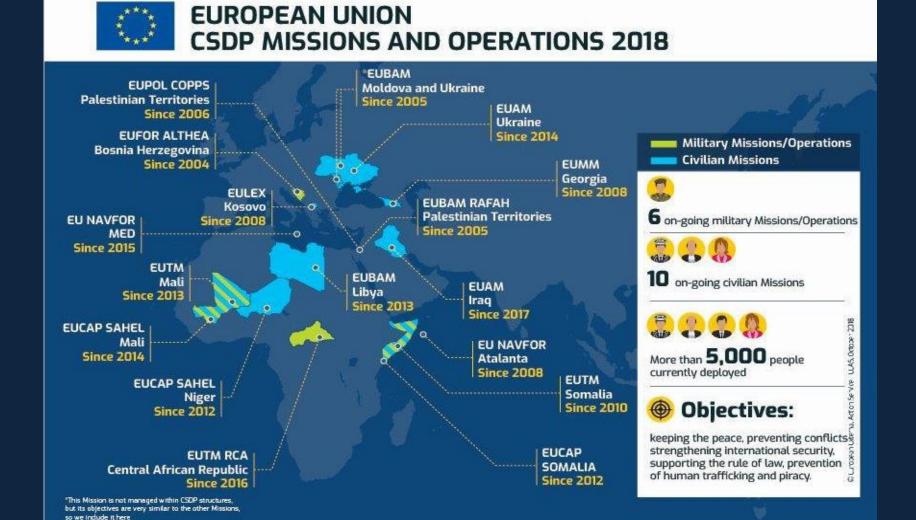
- safeguard its values, fundamental interests, security, independence and integrity
- II. consolidate and support democracy, the rule of law, human rights and the principles of law
- III. preserve peace, prevent conflict, strengthen international security
- IV. Promote multilateral cooperation and good global governance
  - CFSP: https://eeas.europa.eu/topics/common-foreign-security-policy-cfsp\_en
  - Petersberg Tasks: http://www.weu.int/documents/920619peten.pdf
  - •EU External Action: https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage en

# **Common Security and Defense Policy**

https://eeas.europa.eu/topics/common-security-and-defence-policycsdp/5428/european-union-military-committee-eumc\_en

- The Political and Security Committee (PSC)
- The European Union Military Committee (EUMC)
- Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management (CIVCOM)
- The Politico-Military Group (PMG)
- The Crisis Management and Planning Directorate (CMPD)
- The European Union Military Staff (EUMS)
- The Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC)
- European Defence Agency
- European Security and Defence College (ESDC)
- European Union Institute for Security Studies
- <u>European Union Satellite Centre</u>
- EU Operations Centre
- Partnerships

# **Common Security and Defense Policy**



## **EU Global Strategy for Common Foreign and Security Policy**

https://europa.eu/globalstrategy/en/global-strategy-foreign-and-security-policy-europeanunion

#### **EU Global Strategy:** implementation plan on security and defence

#### Level of ambition







Proposed actions











take forward

#### Examples of concrete deliverables



defence spending







a better rapid response a joint planning and conduct of non-combat

possibility of a new permanent structured

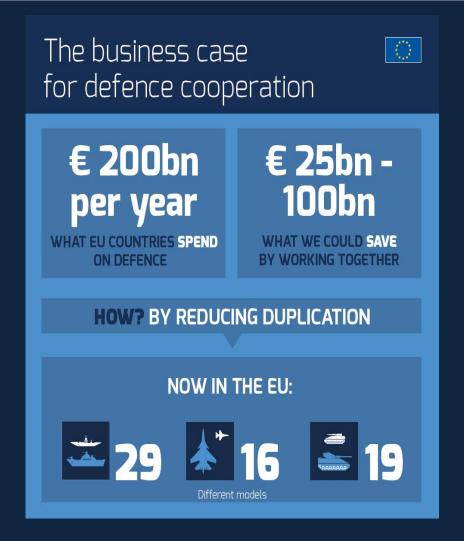
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#### **Priorities**

- a) The Security of the EU
- b) State and Societal Resilience
- c) Integrated Approach to **Conflicts and Crises**
- d) Cooperative Regional **Orders**
- e) Global Governance

## Moves Towards a Common Defense Union?

https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/16693/eusecurity-and-defence-package\_en



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## **EU & NATO**

#### **EU-NATO Joint Declaration: implementation**

6 December 2016

Council of the EU and North Atlantic Council endorse

#### 40+ proposals in 7 areas



hybrid threats

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operational cooperation, including maritime issues

cyber security

defence capabilities







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industry and research

exercises

capacity building



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## **EU-NATO** cooperation



- Information sharing
- Coordinated planning
- Concrete cooperation

#### in the areas of:



**Hybrid Threats** 



Operational cooperation



Cyber Security



Capacity building



Defence capabilities



Industry and research



Exercises

#### **Relevant Web Links**

- EE: https://europa.eu/european-union/index\_en
- European Council: <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/</a>
- EU Treaties in Force: <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/collection/eu-law/treaties.html">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/collection/eu-law/treaties.html</a>
- Treaty of Lisbon:

http://publications.europa.eu/resource/cellar/688a7a98-3110-4ffe-a6b3-8972d8445325.0006.01/DOC 19

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Treaty of Lisbon:

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EL/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&from=EN

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