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Objectives, principles and structure of Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union – attempt to asses after the changes in the Treaty of Lisbon

SUMMARY

The article aims at assessing the changes that occurred in the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union after over 5 years of entering into force of the Lisbon Treaty. The paper begins with a presentation of a short but complicated history of the European foreign and security policy which began in the second half of the 20th century, i.e. after the Second World War. The second part presents goals, objectives and structure of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty and problems which are associated therewith. Then, the complex institutional structure which the European Union CFSP is based on is described. The article also summarizes the effects on the Common Foreign and Security Policy which one can notice after entering into force of the Lisbon Treaty, as well as some failures suffered by the Member States concerning the functioning of this field within the European Union structures. The paper ends with conclusions on the missed opportunities regarding the Treaty and thoughts about the future of the Common Foreign and Security Policy in the European Union.

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