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## ***Working with Europe and the EU*** ***– A New Context***

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## **Outline – morning session**

- 1 **EU external competences (interactive exercise)**
- 2 From peace project to geo-political player
- 3 EU relations with third countries and multilateral bodies
- 4 Beyond trade



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## Competences in EU external action

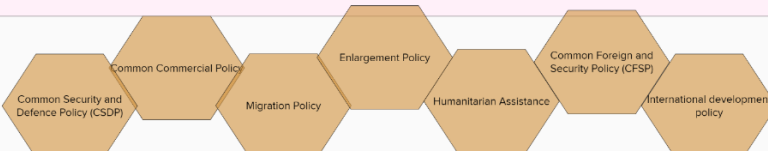
**Exclusive competence:** only the EU can act  
Member States cannot act individually

**Shared competence:** Member States can act as long as EU has not acted

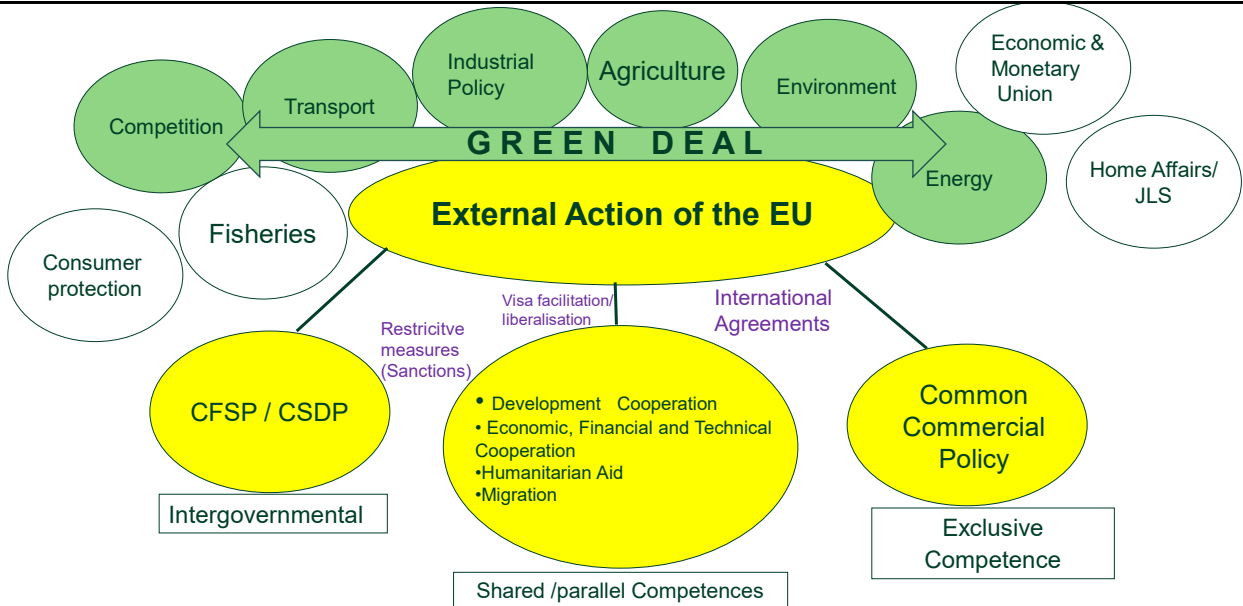
**Parallel competence:** Both EU and Member States can act

**Intergovernmental policy:** Transfer of competences is excluded. Member states can act within EU framework if decided by unanimity

Which policies fall under which competences? Drag and drop them to the right space.



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## From peace project to geopolitical player



Presidents Herman Van Rompuy, José Manuel Barroso and Martin Schulz receiving the Nobel Prize medal and diploma for the European Union (EU) during the Nobel Peace Prize Award Ceremony at the Oslo City Hall in Norway, 10 December 2012. Copyright © The Nobel Foundation 2012 Photo: Ken Opprann

## The objectives of EU External Action

**'In its relations with the wider world, the Union shall uphold and promote its values and interests** and contribute to the protection of its citizens. It shall contribute to peace, security, the sustainable development of the Earth, solidarity and mutual respect among peoples, free and fair trade, eradication of poverty and the protection of human rights, in particular the rights of the child, as well as to the strict observance and the development of international law, including respect for the principles of the United Nations Charter.'

(TEU Art. 3(5))

## *The 2003 European Security Strategy*

A SECURE EUROPE IN A BETTER WORLD

EUROPEAN SECURITY STRATEGY

Brussels, 12 December 2003

Introduction



Europe has never been so prosperous, so secure nor so free. The violence of the first half of the 20th Century has given way to a period of peace and stability unprecedented in European history.

# The EU Global Strategy (June 2016)

Foreword by Federica Mogherini

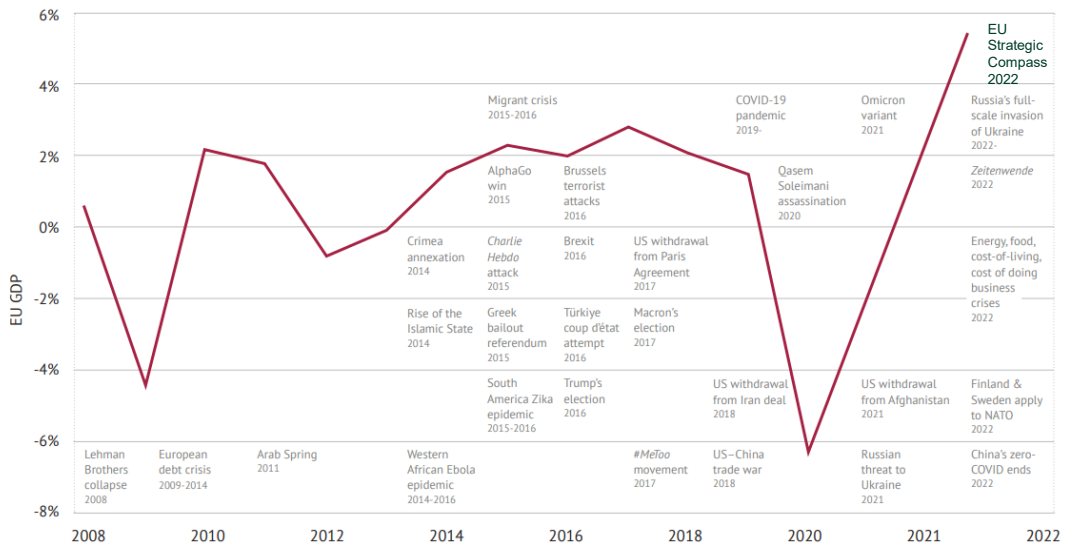
High Representative  
of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy  
Vice-President of the European Commission



The purpose, even existence, of our Union is being questioned. Yet, our citizens and the world need a strong European Union like never before. Our wider region has become more unstable and more insecure.

Figure 1

EUROPE IN AN ERA OF GLOBAL PERMACRISIS (2010-22)<sup>4</sup>

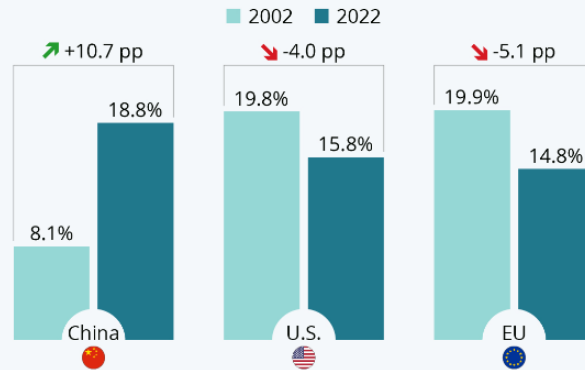


Source: EPC, based on World Bank

Key global events

## China's Rise to Economic Superpower

China's share of global GDP (PPP, current dollars) vs. the United States and the EU

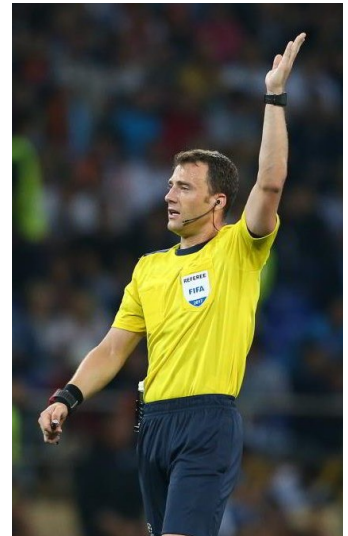


Source: IMF



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## EU : referee or player?



# Principled Pragmatism

'The EU should remove its rose-tinted glasses and pragmatically look at the world as it is, not as it would like to see it.'



Nathalie Tocci, 2017

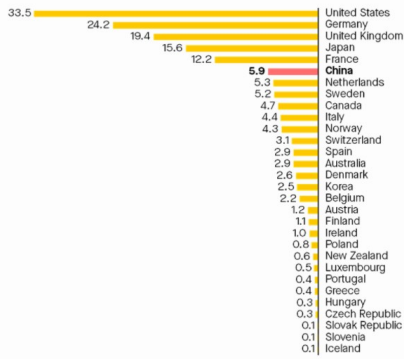


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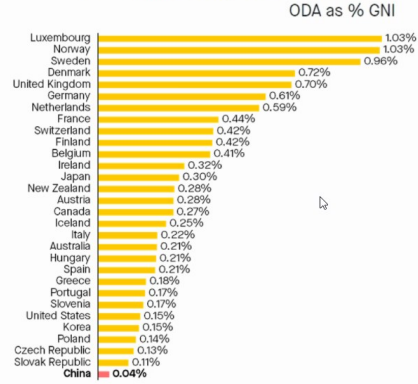


# Dealing with 'systemic rivals'

**Figure 4: China's 'ODA-like' disbursements in ranking of DAC donors, 2019**  
US\$ billions



**Figure 5: China's 'ODA-like' disbursements as % of GNI in ranking of DAC donors, 2019**  
ODA as % GNI



Source: OECD CRS, Gross disbursements: Kitano, N. & Miyabayashi Y. 2020. 'Estimating China's Foreign Aid: 2019-2020 Preliminary Figures'. Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development, JICA. Figures based on OECD's grant equivalent methodology, US\$ conversions based on current prices.



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## Norm makers and norm takers





## EU slams China as 'systemic rival' as trade tension rises

Brussels also slaps down Italy for looking to engage too closely with Beijing.

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Juan-Claude Juncker is greeted by China's President Xi Jinping | Greg Baker/AFP via Getty Images

BY HANG VON DER BURCHARD

March 12, 2018 | 7:38 pm

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Europe dramatically sharpened its political stance against China on Tuesday by slamming Beijing as a "systemic rival" for the first time.

In a strategic communication mapping out 10 proposals for dealing with Beijing, the European Commission also slapped down

## Dealing with "Systemic Rivals"



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## EU awards Ukraine and Moldova candidate status

By Jessica Parker, Joe Inwood & Steve Rosenberg  
In Brussels, Kyiv and Moscow

23 June



Russia-Ukraine war



## EU to officially examine Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia's bids to join the bloc

While the move is just a technical step, it still carries significant symbolic value.

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The prime ministers of Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia at the European Commission on November 30, 2021 | Pool photo by Stephanie Lecocq/EPA-EFE



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in investments (2021-2027)  
Through a Team Europe approach

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**INVESTMENT PRIORITIES**

- Digital Networks and Infrastructures
- Climate Resilience and Clean Energy
- Green Smart and Safe Transport
- Health Systems and Supply Chains
- High Quality Education and Research

**KEY GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR INVESTMENTS**

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- Good governance and transparency
- Equal partnerships
- Green and clean infrastructures
- Security focused
- Catalysing private sector investment

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## What does the future hold?



And how does it affect EU-UK relations?

 **Ursula von der Leyen**   
@vonderleyen ...

Our Union was born as a peace project.

But peace requires security.



We must think again of our Union as a security project.

So that Europe can take strategic responsibility for its own future ↓



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**Over the next decade, what would you consider the biggest foreign policy challenge to the UK? (please rank - highest above)**

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**In which part of the world do you see the biggest opportunities for a joint approach between the UK and the EU? (please rank - biggest opportunities above)**

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