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## **Outline – morning session**

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- 3** EU relations with third countries and multilateral bodies
- 4** Beyond trade

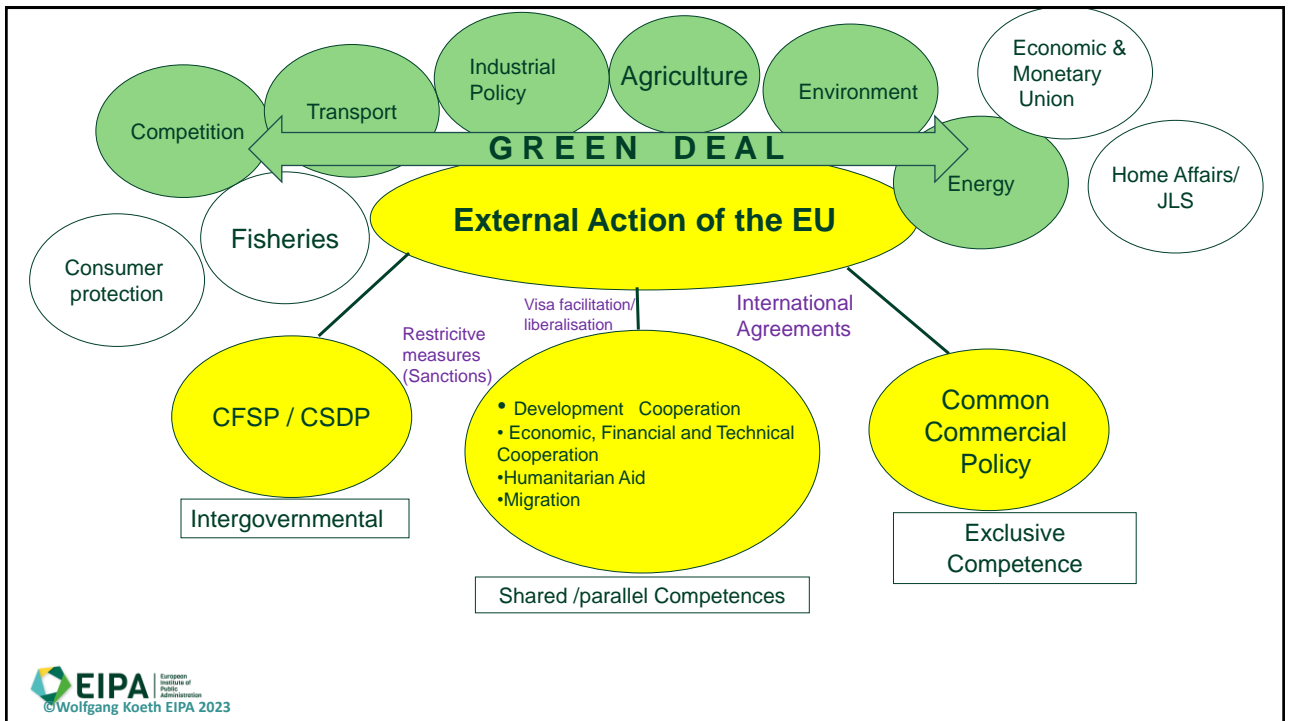


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## EU: from peace project to geopolitical player

The Schuman Plan  
1950



The European Coal and Steel  
Community (ECSC)  
1952



## EU: 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

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## 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))

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# 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 20<sup>th</sup> Century has given way to a period of peace and stability unprecedented in European history.

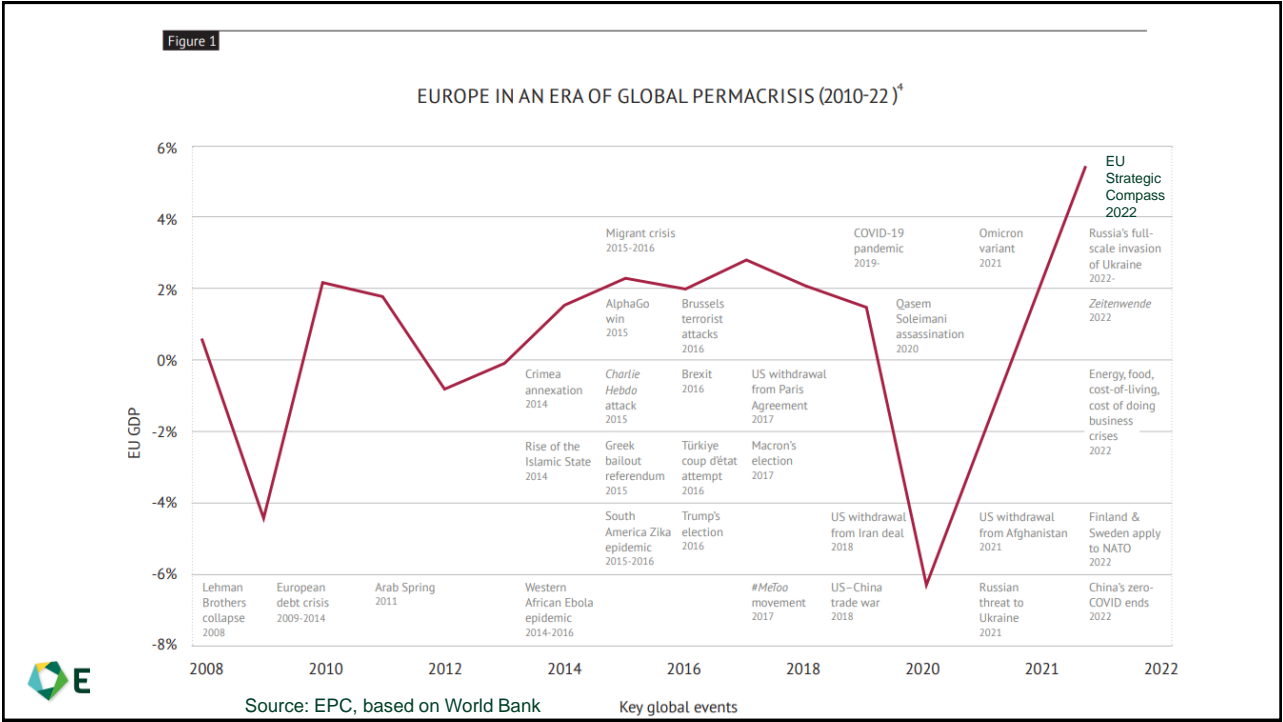
# The EU Global Strategy (June 2016)

## 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.



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

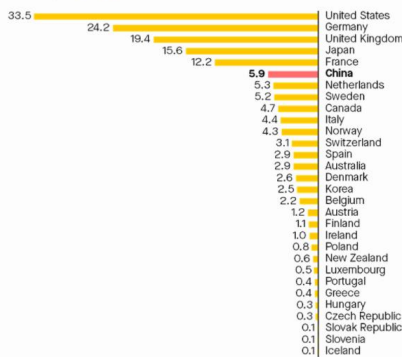
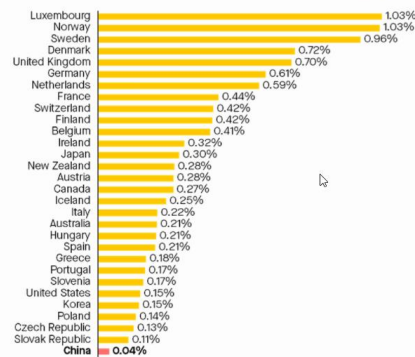


Figure 5: China's 'ODA-like' disbursements as % of GNI in ranking of DAC donors, 2019  
ODA as % GNI



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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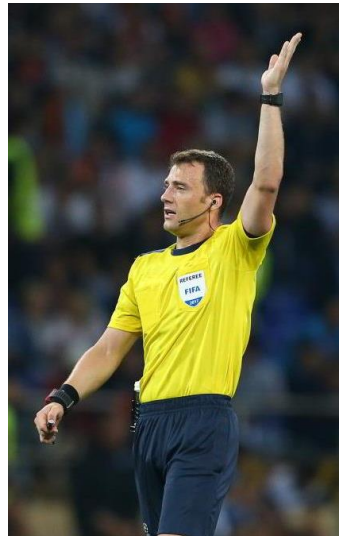
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### EU : referee or player?



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# 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*



Shared Vision, Common Action:  
A Stronger Europe

A Global Strategy for the  
European Union's Foreign And Security Policy

## 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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Jean-Claude Juncker is greeted by China's President Xi Jinping | Greg Rattenbury via Getty Images

BY HANS VON DER BURGARD

March 12, 2019 | 7:36 pm



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





  
**POLITICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE NEXT  
EUROPEAN COMMISSION 2019-2024**

### “My Commission will be a geopolitical Commission”

President-elect Ursula von der Leyen presenting herself to the European Parliament, 10/09/2019



**THE GLOBAL GATEWAY**

Connecting goods, people and services around the world in a sustainable way

**€ 300 billion** in investments (2021-2027)  
Through a Team Europe approach

Global Gateway is Europe's offer to build more resilient connections with the world through investments and partnerships

**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**

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

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## An EU approach to enhance economic security \*

Assessment of four key economic security risks:

- supply chains
- critical infrastructure
- technology leakage
- coercion

## Dealing with “Systemic Rivals





# EU seals deal to send Ukraine 1M ammo rounds

The deal represents a landmark moment for the EU, which will be empowered to help negotiate arms contracts for the first time.



 **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 ↓



## What does the future hold?



And how does it affect EU-UK relations?

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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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