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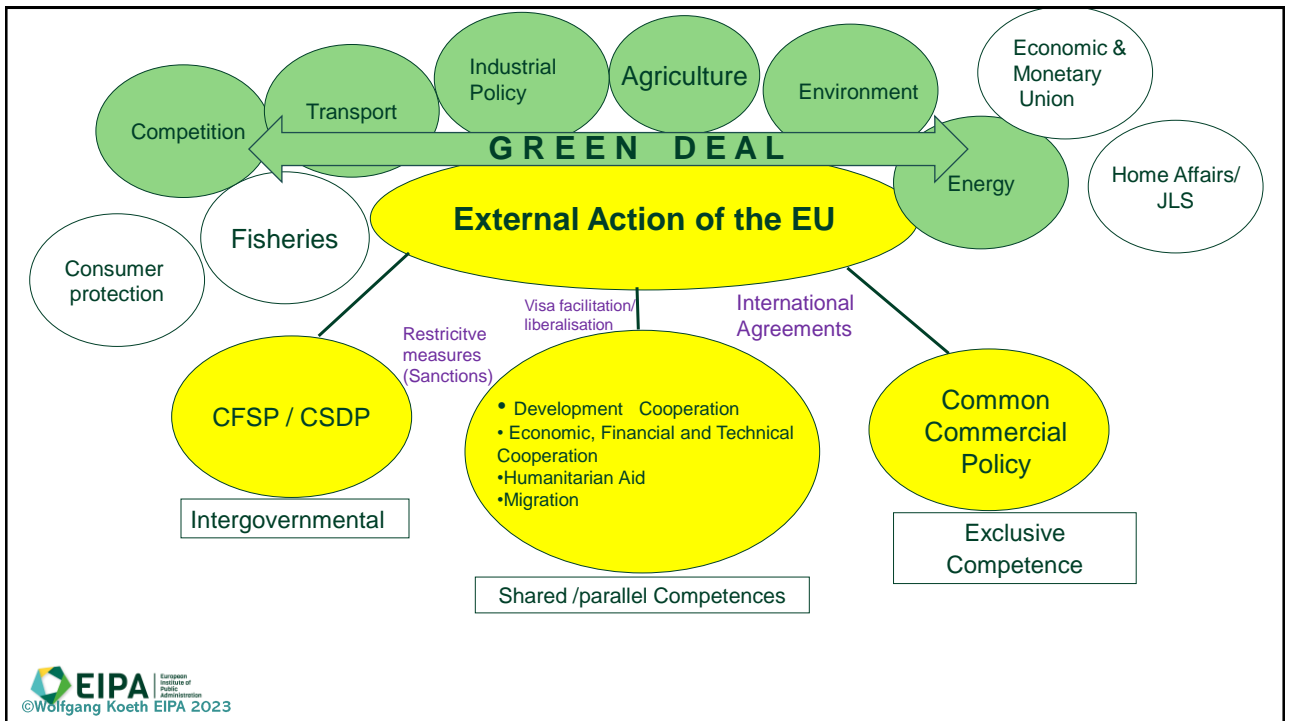


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EU: from peace project to geopolitical player

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

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.

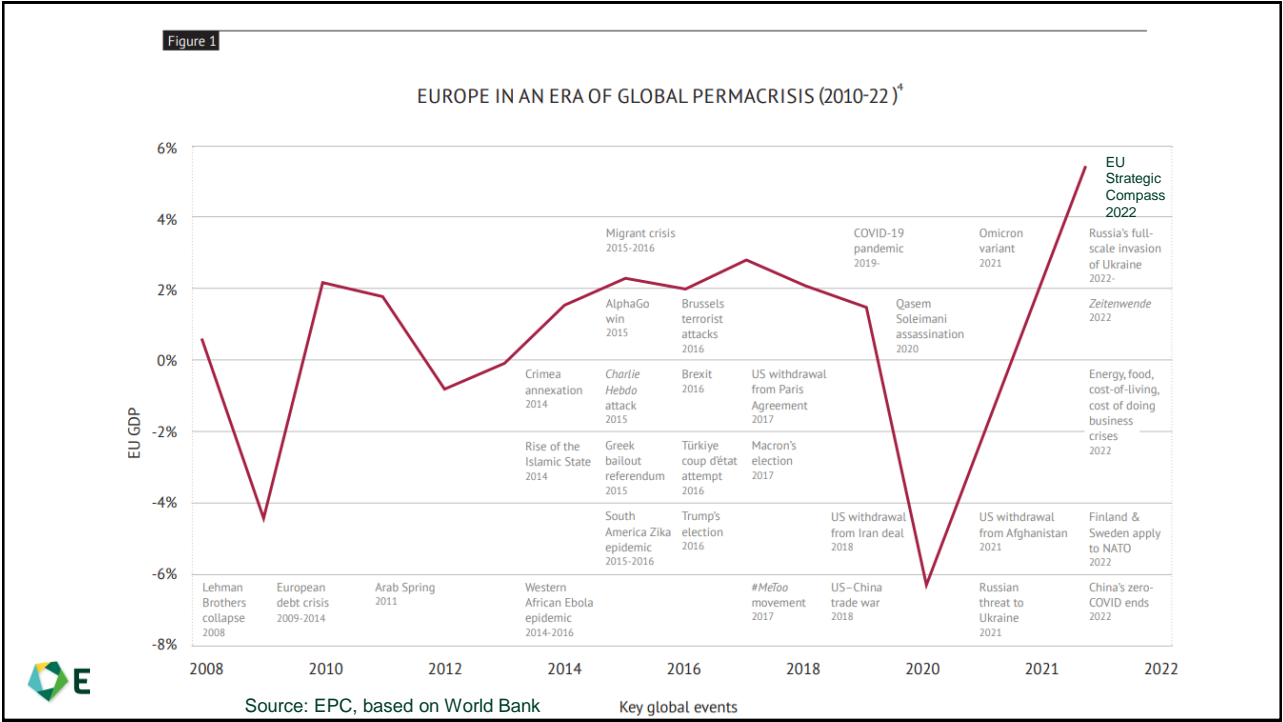
The EU Global Strategy (June 2016)

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.



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

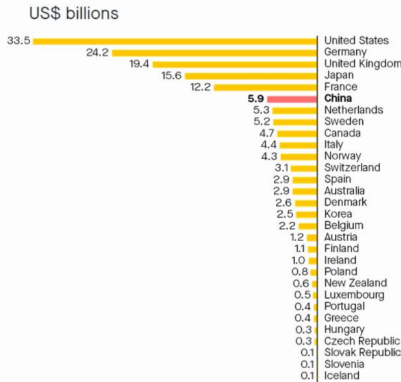
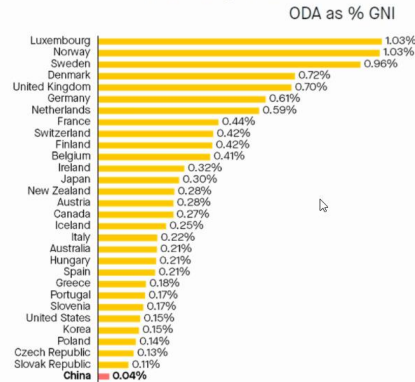


Figure 5: China's 'ODA-like' disbursements as % of GNI in ranking of DAC donors, 2019



Source: OECD-ORS, 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



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EU : referee or player?



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The EU's external action dictionary (post-2016) :

- Principled Pragmatism - *removing our rose-tinted glasses*
- Strategic Autonomy - *reducing our reliance on others*
- Geopolitical Commission - *from referee to player*
- Global Gateway - *not leaving the Global South to China*
- Team Europe - *increasing our visibility and impact*
- NDICI – Global Europe - *getting the money where we need it*
- Defence Union - *hedging our bets*



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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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