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Day 3

- 09.30-09.45 **Introductory overview**
- 09.45-10.30 **From peace project to geo-political player**
- 10.30-11.30 **Beyond trade**
- 11.30-11.45 Break
- 11.45-13.00 **EU relations with its partners (and their impacts on the UK)**
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00-15.10 **Interactive exercise**
- 15.10-15.20 Break
- 15.20-16.10 **Towards (open) strategic autonomy?**
- 16.10-17.00 **Concluding session**



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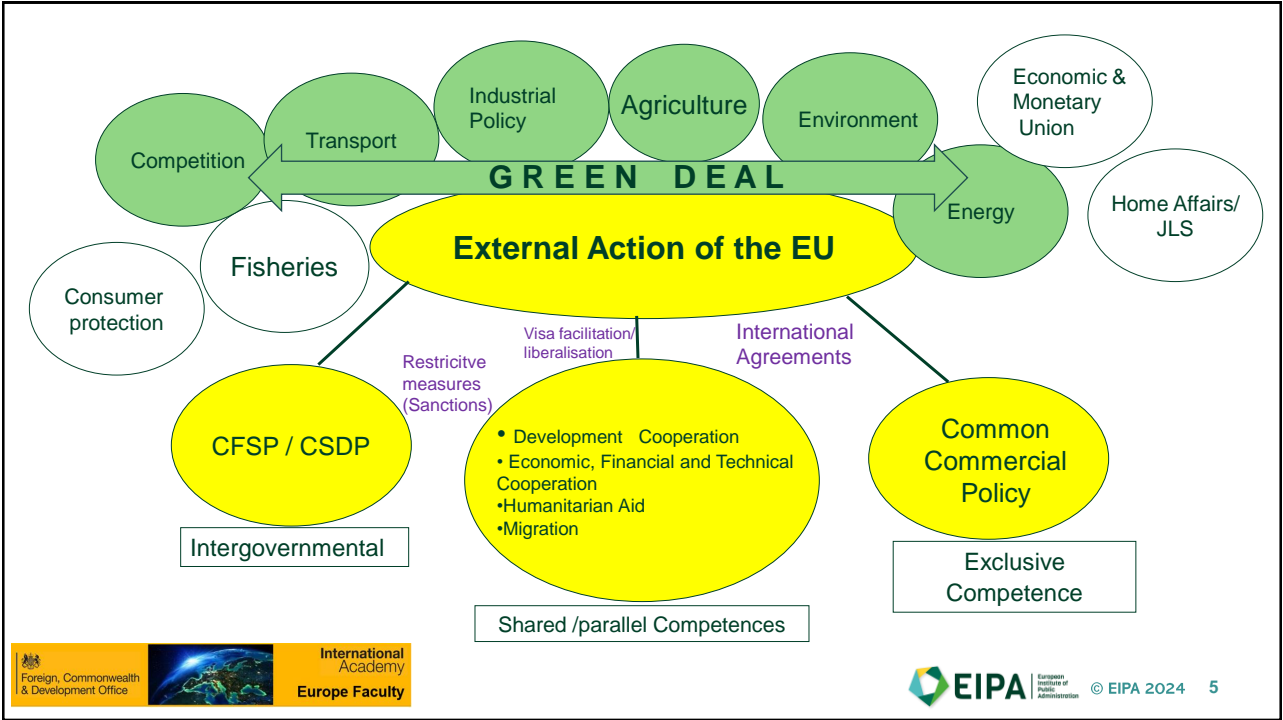
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Outline – morning session

- 1 From peace project to geopolitical player
- 3 EU relations with third countries and multilateral bodies
- 4 Beyond trade

- 1 **EU external competences**
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- 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



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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 message?



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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 20th Century has given way to a period of peace and stability unprecedented in European history.

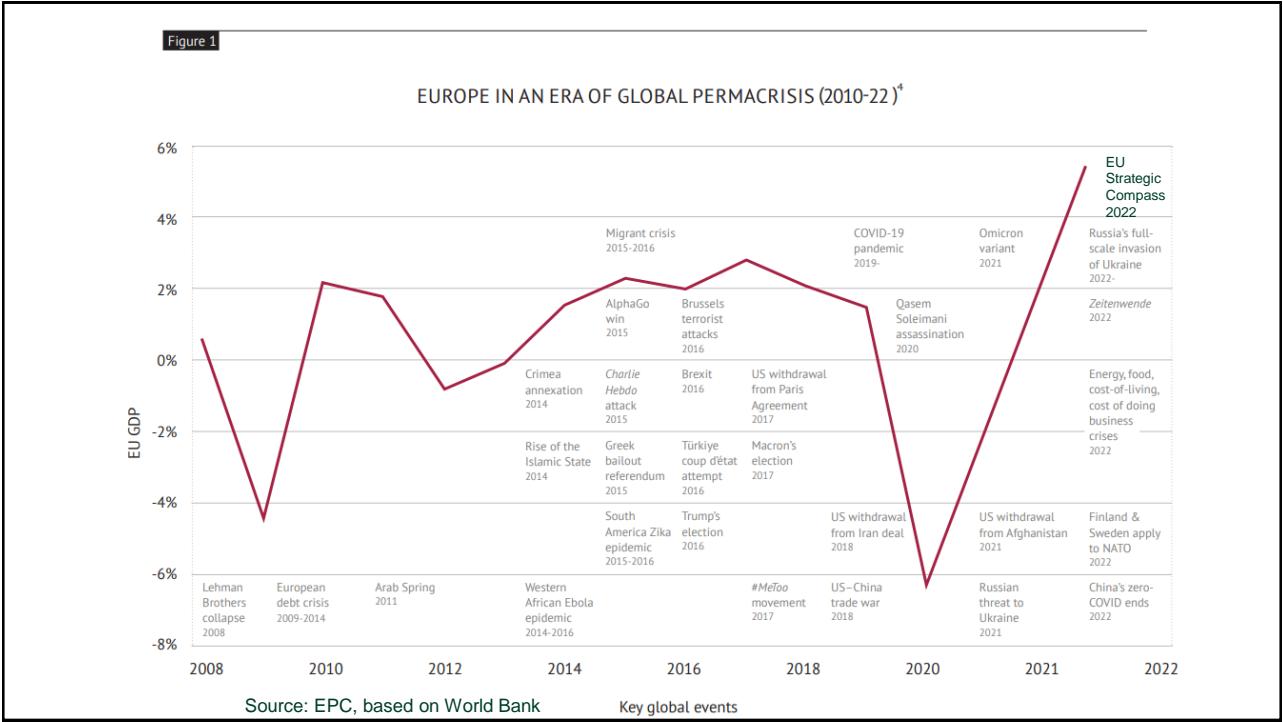
The EU Global Strategy (June 2016)

Foreword by Federica Mogherini

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



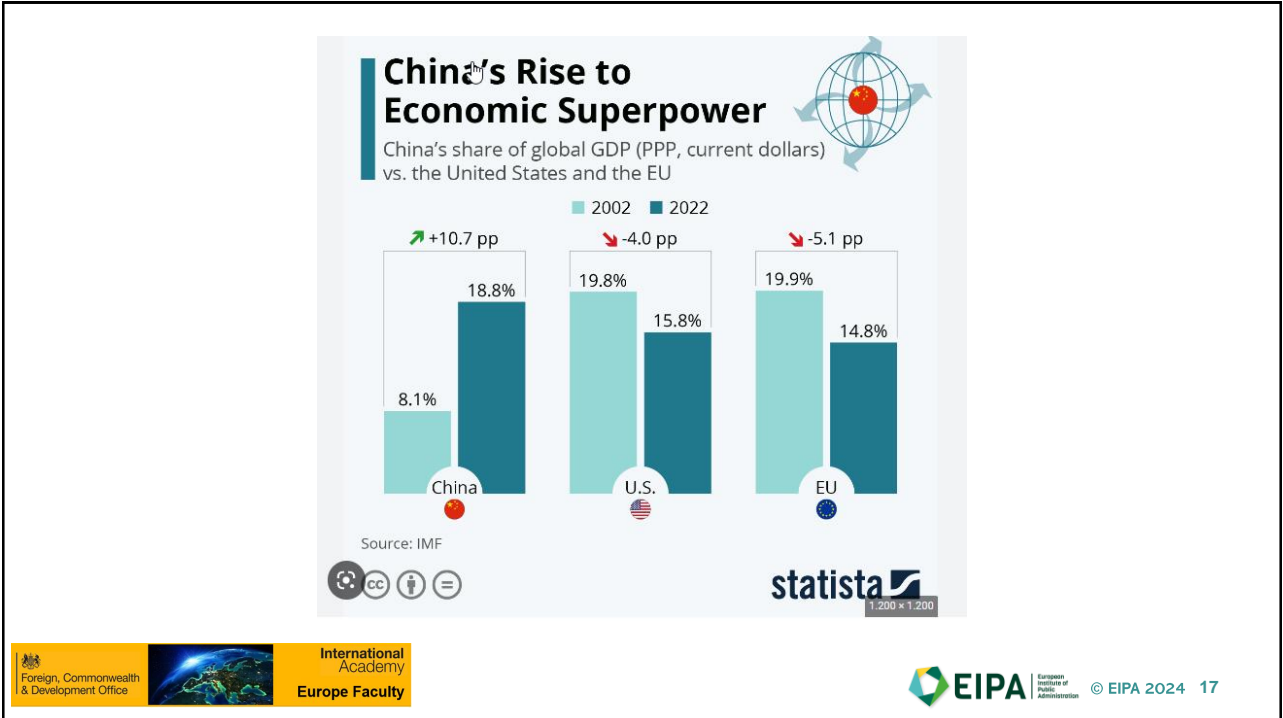
The purpose, even existence, of our Union is being questioned. Yet, our citizens and the world need a strong European Union like never before. Our wider region has become more unstable and more insecure.



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Dealing with 'systemic rivals'

China Aid FOR SHARED FUTURE

上海合作组织成员国外长理事会会议
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ГОСУДАРСТВ-ЧЛЕНОВ ШАНХАЙСКОЙ ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ СОТРУДНИЧЕСТВА
北京 2018

The Economist
The world's most powerful man

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Dealing with 'systemic rivals'

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

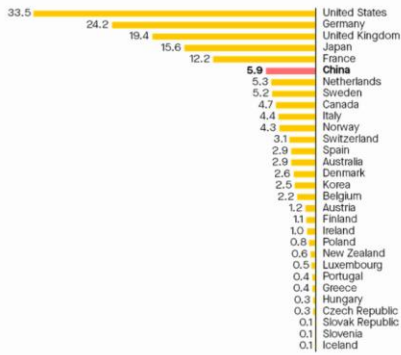
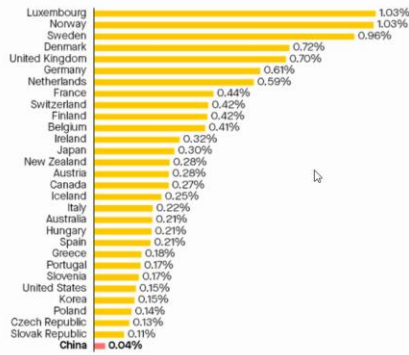


Figure 5: China's 'ODA-like' disbursements as % of GNI in ranking of DAC donors, 2019
ODA as % GNI



Source: OECD-DBS, Gross disbursements, Kizano, 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.



Norm makers and norm takers

EU : referee or player?



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

Principled Pragmatism

Strategic Autonomy

Geopolitical Commission

Global Gateway

Team Europe

NDICI – Global Europe

Integrated approach

Defence Union

- removing our rose-tinted glasses
- reducing our reliance on others
- referee becoming player
- not leaving the Global South to China
- increasing our visibility and impact
- getting the money where **we** need it
- playing three-dimensional chess
- 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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