

The European Union and the (R)Evolution of its Strategy of Conflict Prevention

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ABSTRACT

The paper explores the evolution of the European Communities'/the European Union's strategy and approach to conflict prevention. As it will be argued, the CSDP operations and missions are only one, though very important face of the EU's external (neighbourhood) policy, and should also be seen as such – by no means can the CSDP missions and operations “succeed” alone in stabilizing the conflict- or post-conflict areas, without the application of a wider set of conflict prevention initiatives and instruments. However, the emphasis on conflict prevention is a relatively recent phenomenon for the EU and has as such only recently become an integral part of its external (neighbourhood) policy. The paper builds on the findings of the H2020 project ‘Improving the effectiveness in EU conflict prevention’ (IECEU).

KEY WORDS: the European Union, conflict prevention, European Security Strategy, Common Security and Defence Policy

POVZETEK

Članek raziskuje razvoj strategije in pristopa Evropskih skupnosti/Evropske unije (EU) k preprečevanju konfliktov. Prispevek zagovarja tezo, da so operacije in misije Skupne varnostne in obrambne politike (SVOP) le en, čeprav zelo pomemben del zunanje (sosedske) politike EU in bi jih bilo potrebno tudi na ta

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