



European Defence - a Project on the Move

How has the nature of the European Defence changed over time and how have recent changes in the European international environment altered the prospects for the future?



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Topic

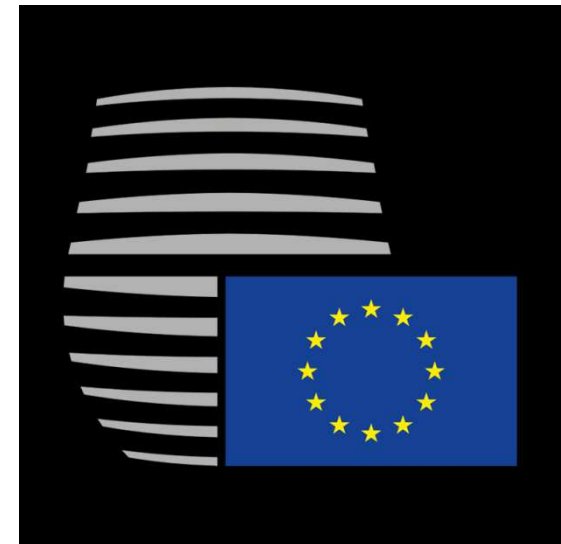
- European Defence – A Project on the Move
 - Changing nature of ED
 - Influence changing European international environment
- Treaties → no change
- Extra-treaty developments
 - Compensates institutional inertia

“A new European Defence Fund is in the offing. As is a Permanent Structured Cooperation in the area of defence. By 2025 we need a fully-fledged European Defence Union. We need it.”

~ President Jean-Claude Juncker at the State of the Union Address 2017

Definitions

- Community method
- Intergovernmental method



Institutions reference: https://europa.eu/european-union/index_nl, accessed on 21/05/2018

Research Gap + RQ

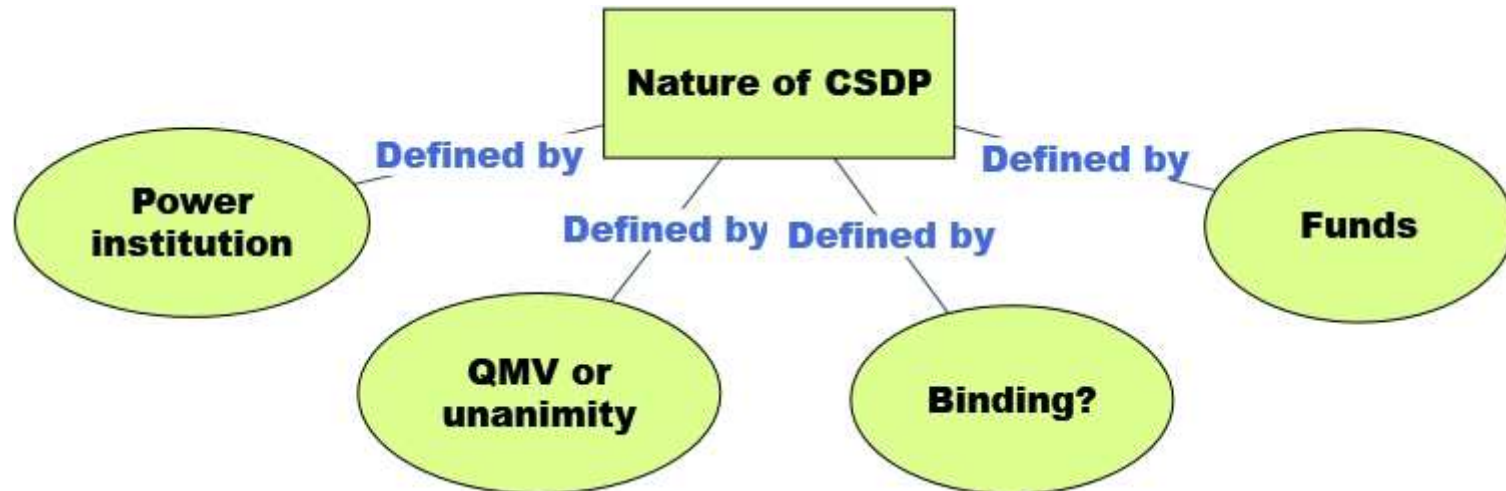
- Research Gap
 - ~~Research influence current political situation (logical)~~
 - ~~Comprehensive study with theoretical framework~~
- Research Question
 - Development nature CSDP over time?
 - Influence of current events on CSDP?



EUTM Somalia Reference: <https://www.eutm-somalia.eu/european-training-mission-somalia-eutm-s-the-first-military-engineering-course-is-over/>, accessed on 21/05/2018

Methodology

- Process tracing
 - Maastricht, Amsterdam and Lisbon



- Look at extra-treaty decisions
 - PESCO and EU Council review on S&D 2017

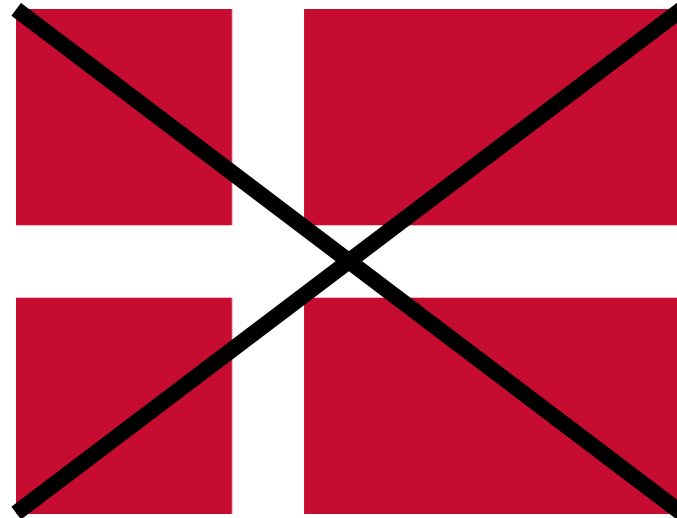
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Results

Maastricht Treaty

Power institution: Council and European Council	Decision: unanimous
Binding: no strong commitments → unanimity	Funds: European Communities → unanimity

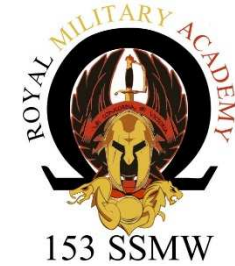
- Intergovernmental method → Denmark Opted out



Danish flag Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_Denmark, accessed on 21/05/2018



Results



Treaty of Amsterdam	
Power institution	Decision
Binding	Funds

- Creation High Representative CFSP
- Common Strategies
- ESDP (not in treaty)
 - Proactive crisis management
- Intergovernmental method → minor supranational points
 - Changes possible due to geopolitical context (instability Balkans)



Results



Lisbon treaty	
Power institution	Decision
Binding	Funds

- Abolishment pillar structure
- Commission joint proposals to Council (but only external action)

“The Union shall respect the equality of Member States before the Treaties as well as their national identities, inherent in their fundamental structures, political and constitutional, inclusive of regional and local self-government. It shall respect their essential State functions, including ensuring the territorial integrity of the State, maintaining law and order and safeguarding national security. In particular, national security remains the sole responsibility of each Member State.

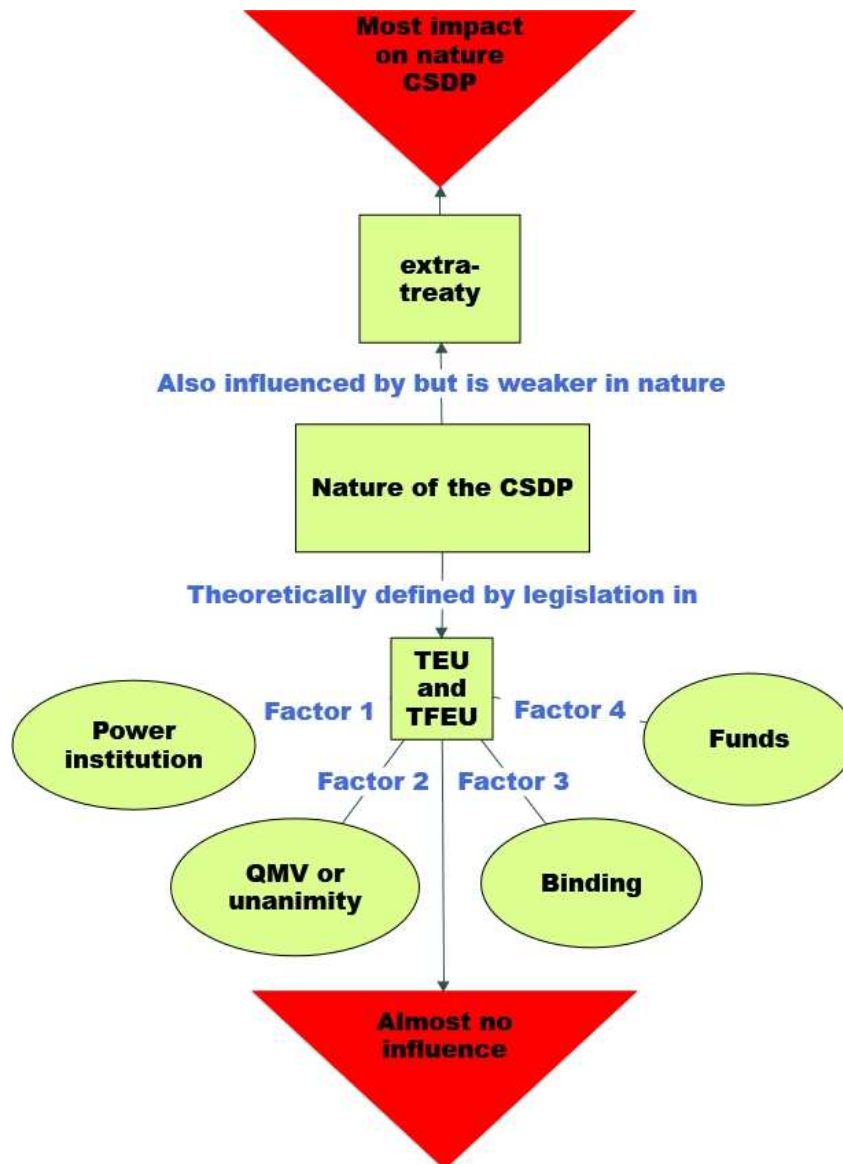
~ The European Union, (2010). Consolidated versions of the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The Lisbon Treaty. P. 18

Results

- Consequence current events → PESCO
 - 23 MS → Coordination
 - Binding decisions
 - Administrative expenditure → Union budget

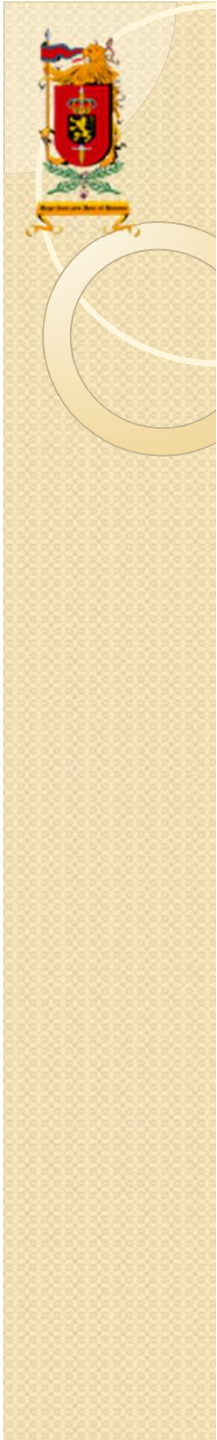


Summary / Opinion



- Danger
 - Easily reversible when outside treaties
- If EU wants to make CSDP truly more supranational → give EU institutions more official power by altering treaties
- EU collaboration is the only way forward
- Non-collaboration is understandable as no real CFSP

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Questions?

