

EU Foreign Policy Facing New Realities: Perceptions, Contestation, Communication and Relations (ENTER)



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Introduction
Kick-off meeting
5 October 2018, Brussels

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The Political Diagnose

“A new world order is emerging, and it will be centered around the Pacific, not the Atlantic. Europe has one – and only one – chance to manage this historic transition. The old European nation-states will be no match for the new competition unless they are united”



*(Joschka Fischer 2016, Former
Foreign Minister of Germany)*

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Challenges for EU Foreign Policy



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External challenges

- Global reconfiguration of power
- Contestation of the liberal order
- Conflict prone neighborhood/illiberal values

Internal challenges

- Austerity / New protectionism
- Brexit / Nationalism / Populism
- Illiberal democratic trends
- East-West divide

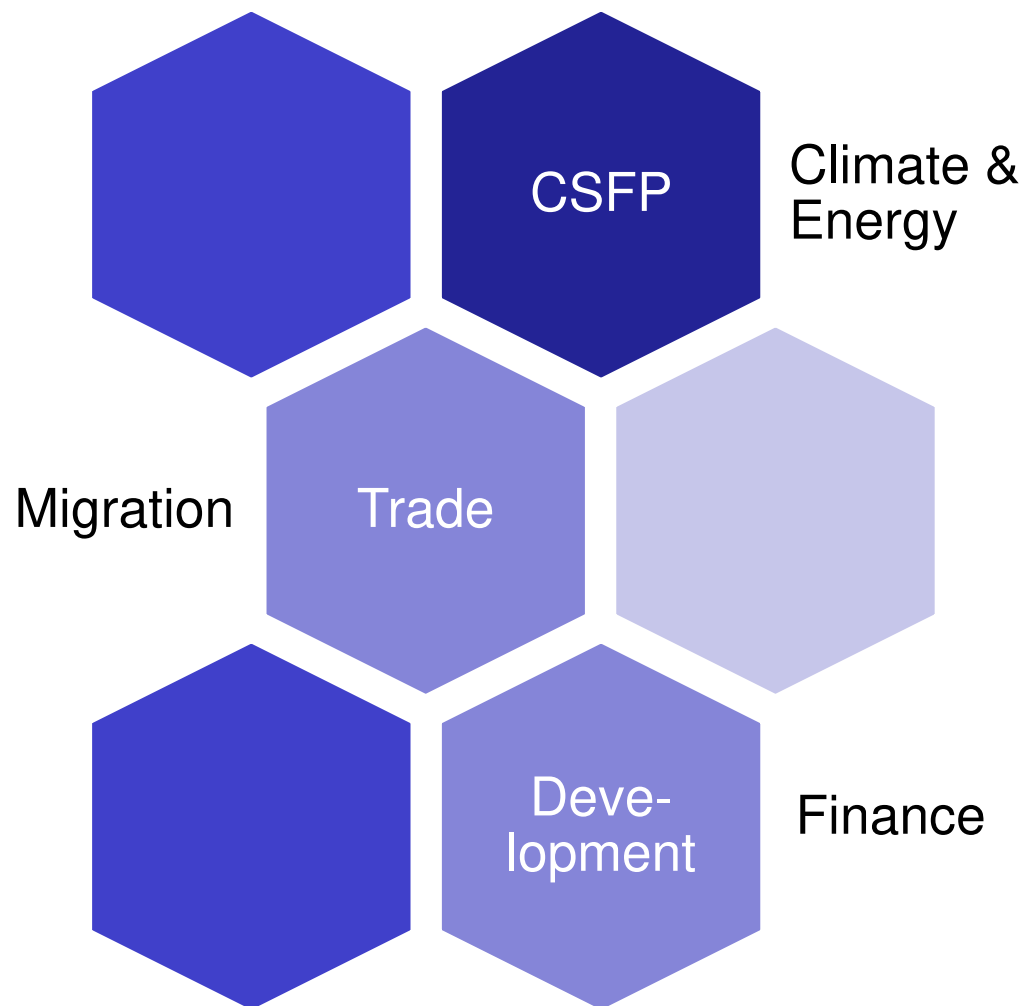
Main Questions of ENTER

How could we conceptualize these new foreign policy realities?

How do they impact on European views and practices?

What can be recommended to the EU?

EU foreign policy in a broad definition



Working Group Structure



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Conceptualization of New Realities
(WG1)

Perceptions
(WG2)

Contestations
(WG3)

Communication
(WG4)

Relations
(WG5)

WG 1 Conceptualization of New Realities

- Characterize the main features of the external environment
 - Explore their link with inter-EU challenges
 - Conceptualize a reality where key norms and principles that underpin EU foreign policy are simultaneously challenged at the global and intra-EU level
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WG 2 Perceptions

- Focus on external and internal images of the EU
 - Knowledge gaps between expectations of the EU and new realities
 - Systematic comparative analysis of self- and external perceptions in their interaction and co-construction
 - Synergy between analytical models from IR, EU studies, communication and cognitive studies and the field of political psychology
 - Testing of new methods
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WG 3 Contestation

- Explores the extent and the ways in which core norms of EU foreign policy are contested within the EU itself
- Contestation of the role of the EU in the world as consensual and rooted in a set of shared internal values and arrangements
- Contestation of the international liberal order as well as of the normative „consensus“ from within.

WG 4 Communication

- Focuses on political dialogues as an instrument of European diplomacy
- Explore the EU's ability to counter new challenges while mastering information flows and communication practices
- Analysing and comparing political dialogues across various EU policy fields
- Assessing dialogues based on three qualities: relationality, resonance and intersubjectivity

WG 5 Relations

- Concerned with the EU's adjustment to a changing external and internal foreign policy environment at the policy level
 - Coordinates research in the EU's relations with other multilateral organizations (multi-lateral) as well as major global powers (bi-lateral) and its neighbourhood (regional relations)
 - Facilitate research on the guiding principles of EU foreign policy like „effective multilateralism“
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ENTER Participating Countries



NZ

Q & A

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- Your turn!
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Key Objectives & Deliverables
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Research Coordination Objectives

Produce a common understanding of new realities

Develop knowledge for new theories

Integrate the fragmented research landscape

Stimulate new common research

Facilitate dialogue between academics & practitioners

Communicate comprehensive policy practice analyses

Capacity-Building Objectives

Early Career / ITC

- Stimulate interdisciplinary community of early career (ECIs)
- Integrate researchers from ITCs
- ECI leadership opportunities
- Conference / workshop grants with preference of ITCs

Research Network

- New candidates
- Space for cross-pollination
- Collaborate research proposals
- Setting up innovative formats

Deliverables for each WG

Own deliverable



- three Workshops (including ECI workshop)
- one panel at an international conference
- 3 Working Papers, 2 Policy Briefs + one article in a high-ranking peer reviewed journal
- 2 Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)
- 1 European Lounge Talk; 1 Round Table, 1 form of Learning Loops etc

Contributions to



- traditional and social media and website
- three main conferences and the edited volume for the third conference
- joint section at an international conference
- one Winter- (WP 1, 2, 4)/Spring School (WP 3,5)
- at least one special issue

Deliverables – Year 1

| Year | Year 1 | | | |
|-------------|--|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Quarter | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| All | Kick-off/MC Meeting ECIN Meeting Website/Flyer/Blog etc. | Website/Flyer/Blog etc | | Report |
| WG 1 | | Winter School Media | Round table/ Lounge Talk etc. Media | Paper/ Journal article etc. |
| WG 2 | | Workshop Media | | |
| WG 3 | | | Workshop Media | |
| WG 4 | | Workshop Media | | |
| WG 5 | | | Workshop Media | PaperJournal article etc. |

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Management Structure



Working Group Leaders (WGLs)

| Working Group | Leader | Vice-Leader |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 New Realities | Dr Feride Asli ERGUL JORGENSEN | Prof Knud Erik JØRGENSEN |
| 2 Perception | TBD | Prof. Natalia Chaban |
| 3 Contestation | Dr Oriol COSTA | Dr Katja BIEDENKOPF |
| 4 Communication | Dr Franziska MÜLLER | Prof Laura FERREIRA- PEREIRA |
| 5 Relations | Prof. Sarunas Likies | Dr Patrick Müller, Prof. Michael Smith |

Other Management Roles

| Roles | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Short-Term Scientific Mission Coordinator | Hila ZAHAVI |
| Winter-/Spring School Coordinator | Dr Feride Asli ERGUL JORGENSEN |
| Science Communication Manager | TBD |
| Early Career Investigator Network (ECIN) Coordinator | Dr Anna-Sophie Maasen |

Mandate Core Group

Consists of

- Action Chair/Vice-Chair
 - WG Leaders
 - Grant Holder Scientific Representative
 - Short Term Scientific Mission Coordinator
 - Science Communication Manager
 - Winter-/Spring School Coordinator
 - ECIN Coordinator
 - Scientific Publication Coordinator (Prof. Dr. Richard Whitman)
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Mandate Core Group

The SC will

- implement, monitor and evaluate the agenda and decisions of the MC
 - prepare the yearly Work and Budget Plans, as well as the Annual Progress Reports, as stipulated by COST templates
 - organise the three big conferences of the Action
 - recommend on the selection of STSMs
 - identify together with WG 1-5 bridging topics for collaboration and integration between the WGs
 - organise and promote joint activities between the different WGs.
 - create and oversee the Action website
 - the Chair will conduct the day to day operations
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E-Vote Decision

The MC decides to allow E-Vote Decisions in ENTER.

- the MC Chair introduces and manages E-Votes
 - E-Vote is usually carried out by email
 - All MC Members are on the e-mail list
 - The vote will be open 7 days
 - Simple majority vote per participating COST country
 - Non-voting will be considered as approval
 - MC decision will be included in the minutes of the following MC Meeting
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Inclusiveness

Inclusiveness Target
Countries (ITCs)

Women

Early Career

Inclusiveness ITC / Non-ITC Members



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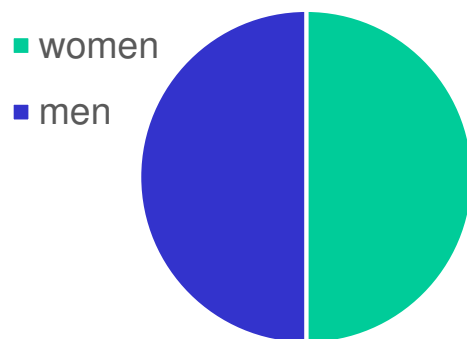
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- Estonia
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- Poland
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- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Turkey

Non-ITC

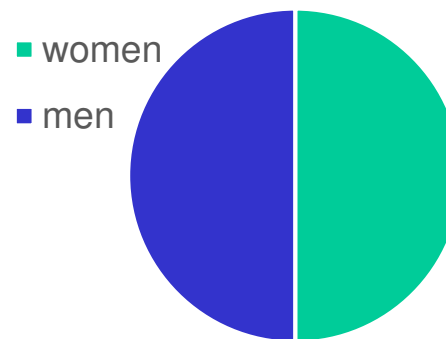
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Inclusiveness – ENTER State of Play

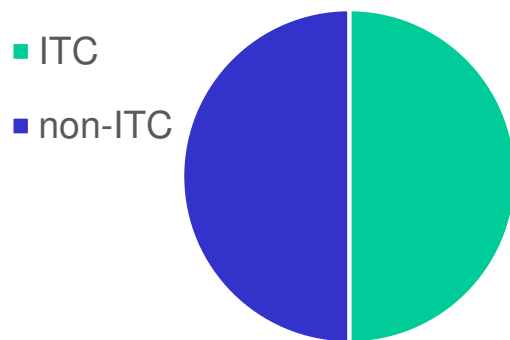
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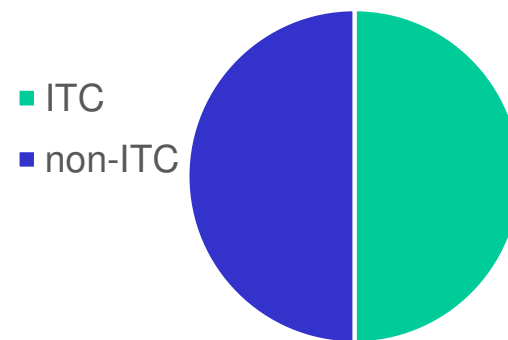
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ENTER Inclusiveness Strategy

- Ensure ITC, ECI and female participation in key action positions (e.g., WG leaders)
 - Actively encourage ITC, ECI and female participation in action activities (e.g., workshops) and take this into account in selection procedures (e.g., STSM selection)
 - Collect better data, especially on ECI participation (with help of the COST-Office)
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