



The Foreign Policy of the EU

Chapter 9

The Foreign Policy Dimension of Internal Policies

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1. Inside/outside divide

- EU as a shield and an agent of globalization
 - Internal policies, external ramifications
 - Beyond usual foreign policy areas, actors, interests, capabilities and approaches
 - Often fundamentally different goals
- ‘other dimensions’ of foreign policy (vs. dominant foreign policy dimensions)



2. Freedom, security and justice

- Schengen: 1985 outside EC framework
 - Dismantling national borders
 - ‘compensatory measures’
- Justice and Home Affairs: third pillar in Treaty of Maastricht
- Area of Freedom, Security and Justice: Treaty of Amsterdam
 - First pillar: free movement of persons
 - Third pillar: police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters (PJCC)



2. Freedom, security and justice

- Schengen and border controls: FRONTEX
 - Support national authorities
 - Patrolling operations at coastal areas
 - securitization of EU external borders
- Immigration and asylum
 - Remote-control policies: preventing migrants to reach EU
 - externalization of EU migration control
- Agreements
 - Specific ASFJ
 - AFSJ in cooperation and association
 - internal security and migration dominate over ‘human dimension’



3. Terrorism

- Core national policy
- 9/11, Madrid and London bombings
- Response:
 - burst of activity at EU level: EU Action Plan (2001), Declaration on Combating Terrorism (2004), Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2005)
 - Prioritized cooperation with US + multilateralism + counterterrorism clauses in bilateral agreements
- Problems:
 - Implementation, cooperation, coordination and solidarity



4. Energy

■ Challenges:

- Growing import dependence
- Instability of energy producers
- Growing international demand

■ Response:

- Green Papers (2000, 2006)
 - Development of critical infrastructure
 - Securing and diversifying energy sources
 - Relationships with energy suppliers
- yet, EU's failure to 'speak with one voice'



5. Environment

- Art. 174 TEC: ‘promoting measures at international level’
 - Multilateral environmental agreements (Kyoto)
 - Dissemination of environmental practices (enlargement)
 - Environmental clauses in agreements with third countries
- EU as a structural *power* (?)
- *identity* goal



6. Health and Demography

- European Security Strategy (2003): ‘global challenge’
 - Protection against *internal* health threats
 - Promotion of *global* public health
- Demographic challenges facing the EU
 - Birth rates, ageing population
- Internal consequences
 - Impact on competitiveness
 - Impact on the European social model
- Foreign policy consequences
 - Shrinking share of EU in world population
 - Impact on foreign policy choices

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