

The Future of European Defence Post-Brexit

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Section: Global Constraints, External Crises, Internal Challenges: What Future for the EU's Security

Abstract:

In response to traditional (e.g. Russia's military capabilities, China as rising power) and non-traditional types of security threats (terrorism, hybrid conflicts, systemic instability, unpredictability of security risks, cyber threats, nuclear weapons), defence and security cooperation in Europe has intensified. Existing bi-, mini- or multi-lateral security and defence alliances (e.g. UK-France, JEF, NORDEFECO) have been consolidated while new cooperation mechanisms were adopted (e.g. FNC, PESCO). While these developments are expected to increase security and defence efficiency in Europe, they can also be anticipated to impact on the domestic security and defence institutions and organisations (e.g. military).

This Panel is guided by two axes of research:

- (1) Defence cooperation in the EU
- (2) Institutional change and transformation of defence and militaries in the EU

Topics of abstracts might include, but are not limited to:

- **Costs and benefits or incentives/value-added and obstacles of defence cooperation** in the framework of bi, mini- or multi-lateral defence mechanisms or alliances (e.g. PESCO, FNC, NORDEFECO, JEF, UK-France, EU-NATO). Methodological approaches based on rationalist models of economic or political cost-benefit analysis are encouraged in this section.
- **Causes and consequences of change and transformation of defence.** Papers in this section could analyse processes of institutional change and transformation of defence institutions and new models of institutional design. Possible research questions could be: (i) What are the determinants of change in defence/military institutions? or (ii) What is the impact of defence cooperation mechanisms on domestic defence architecture? Conceptual frameworks applying theories of institutional change, integration (e.g. theories of European integration) and transformation are encouraged in this sub-section, but innovative theoretical frameworks are also welcomed.
- **Security and defence (cooperation) in Europe post-Brexit.** Prediction papers using counterfactual analysis or large-N methodologies are encouraged in this sub-section.

This Panel aims at generating an academic discussion between various theoretical and methodological approaches to study defence cooperation and transformation.

Papers can address cross-cutting topics from the items suggested above. All paradigms, methodological approaches and schools of thought will be considered in equal measure.

This Panel aims at publishing a book comprising selected Papers from the Panel and the Panel section. Details and support here would be appreciated.

If you have a Paper you think might fit in this Panel, please contact the Panel Chair before 31 January with the following information:

- Title of the paper (no more than 20 words)
- Abstract of the paper (no more than 250 words)
- Author's (and if applicable co-author's) email address as registered in their MyECPR account
- 3 – 5 keywords