

The EU as a Maritime Security Provider

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Introduction

This research will provide policy recommendations to the EU institutions so security in both the bordering maritime areas as those in the wider world can be enhanced more effectively and efficiently



The Problem

- Current research struggles to keep up with rapidly changing maritime security threats like:
 - Sabotage of submarine cables
 - Drones being launched from ships
 - Russia's ghost fleet
 - Attacks on commercial ships
- Given that most Member States have maritime access with a high number of ports, there is a lot of unused potential
- It is necessary to fill the gaps in multilevel maritime security enhancement in a coherent manner



Research Questions

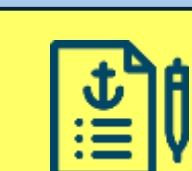
How can the EU become a more prominent maritime security provider?

- Why should the EU be a maritime security provider?
- Why does the current institutional framework not provide enough capability?
- How effective have previous maritime CSDP missions been?
- How does the EU's Maritime Security Strategy interact with those of the Member States?
- How does the EU cooperate with third states and international organizations to foster maritime security?



Methods

- Legal-dogmatic approach
- Interviews with practitioners where possible
- Various findings will be bundled into a single conclusion



Expected Results

- Maritime security threats are directly affecting EU citizens
- Institutional reform will be needed
- Previous maritime CSDP missions have been relatively effective
- The EU's strategies could be more coherent with those of the Member States
- Further cooperation with third countries should be fostered
- A clearer delimitation between the tasks of NATO and the EU should be pursued

Conclusion

This research will critically assess both the past, current and future of the EU's undertakings to project itself as a maritime security provider worldwide. With this background in mind, recommendations will be made for the EU to become more effective and efficient in reaching its objectives