Abstract

European countries are increasingly confronted with external threats, such as the growth of terrorism, the assertiveness of Russia, and the probable disengagement of the United States. These threats require a common response; yet, the creation of a common European foreign policy has for a long time appeared as a utopia. Such an accomplishment may have become less unrealistic, since the European Union set up its own foreign ministry: The European External Action Service (EEAS). The EEAS is expected to increase the EU’s effectiveness, but faces an obstacle: European foreign policies are still fragmented, at the national and European level. May the EEAS reduce this fragmentation and enable the Union to speak with one voice?

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**European Union Diplomacy: From Dream to Reality**

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