

## ASPECTS OF THE COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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**Abstract:** *The whole liberal world order appears to be falling apart, nothing is as it once was. When Vladimir Putin annexed Crimea and started the bloody conflict in Eastern Ukraine in 2014, many considered him to be the major cause of global destabilisation. Just a few years later the US President, has seriously challenge the current international order when he questions free trade and the Western or NATO set of values. This has massive consequences, not just for Europeans. The global security situation is more dangerous today than at any time since the collapse of the Soviet Union. We are experiencing an epochal shift; an era is ending, and the rough outlines of a new political age are only beginning to emerge. No matter where you look, there are countless conflicts and crises that greatly affect us Europeans. In this context of transformations that seem chaotic, is it topical the establishment of a European army with all the specific resources available, as a way of ensuring security and defense of the European Union?*

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### **I**ntrouction

*“Common Security and Defence Policy of the European Union (CSDP) establishes the framework for the political and military structures, as well as for missions and military operations and civilian EU abroad.”<sup>1</sup>*

Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) constitute the operational arm of the ESDP (European Security and Defence Policy).

CSDP is an instrument of EU intergovernmental level, in conceptual evolution from 1998 (summit of the Franco-British from Saint Malo) and carried out since 2003 – when the European Security Strategy (SES) was

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<sup>1</sup> Descriptive files on the European Union. Politica de securitate și apărare comună, <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/ro/sheet/159/politica-de-securitate-si-aparare-comuna>