

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS ORGANIZATION FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURES' PROTECTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENSE POLICY

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This paper briefly presents the study of operational planning processes within the European Union institutions' framework, the analysis of undergoing projects on Communication and Information Systems; the Romanian army's contribution in the EU-led missions and national projects for C2 support; the experience of national detachments and expert groups in EU. Also, we will try to draw an inventory of lacks and constraints of interoperability inside and between the European and national systems and to analyze the lessons learned on the missions taking place under the European Union aegis.

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Introduction

The European Union's concerns in order to vividly confront the multiplication of risk factors and some new and violent threats have intensified in the last few years.

As beneficiaries of some developed countries' experience (multiple lessons learned from previous political, economic-financial and military actions), the USA, and NATO as well, are trying to organize their institutions and systems for intricate situations likely to appear in the European space as well as in the neighboring areas.

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