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The role of the European Union in the world

Lecture 1





1. Why the European Union conducts foreign policy?

- Economic reasons
- Political reasons
- Geopolitical reasons
- Security reasons





2. Milestones of EU foreign policy. Historical overview

- European Defence Community
- Fouchet plan
- European Defence Cooperation
- Maastricht Treaty CFSP
- First European Global Strategy





3. Institutions of EU foreign policy

- European Council
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- European Commission
- European Parliament
- High Representative and EEAS





4. Main challenges in the EU foreign policy

- national interests of the Member States
- too many EU members?
- narrow powers of supranational institutions in the field of foreign policy
- an increasingly unstable international environment





• Discussion: How much EU in the EU foreign policy?



