

Abstract in English

The Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) epitomizes the EU's aspirations to be a key actor in global security. With the Brexit the CSDP loses its biggest military power and one of its major payers. This thesis assesses how the EU dealt with the Brexit referendum and how the CSDP developed. It provides evaluation of the CSDP-related policies and assesses the degree to which new developments can be traced back to the Brexit referendum and how they are infected by domestic constituencies in the EU Member States. The thesis shows that the exit of the UK gave the CSDP new possibilities to develop, that were not fully used due to domestic constraints of EU Member States.