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## **Annotation**

The aim of this paper is to provide a clear view of the current conflict of the United States' and Russia's geopolitical and geostrategic interests in Europe. Furthermore, the author will try – by addressing the most relevant problems – to identify alternative scenarios that may result from this conflict in the near future. At the same time the author is advocating the point that tensions in relations between the US and Russia will not improve any time soon because of fundamentally confronted interests as well as because of the influence of realist logic that dominates the political spectrum on both sides. The author argues that the basis of the new security arrangement in Europe can emerge from the tightening of Russia-Germany relations (especially in the sphere of energy security) and more independent EU policies in the sphere of military affairs. This paper does not aim to address so called “new” and “asymmetrical” threats to national and international security (e.g. terrorism, immigration, organised crime, etc.), but rather more classical threats such as military conflicts among states, challenges to the principles of territorial integrity and sovereignty as well as energy security which is a *sine qua non* for economic development of each country.

## **Keywords**

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