



# Economic Giant? Political Dwarf?

## The European Union's Common Security and Defense Policy

# European Union: What kind of political system?

## *An International Organization?*

- **Def. IO** = international institutions based on inter-state agreements which can act independently (actorness)
- **EU**: states as masters of the treaties; intergovernmental cooperation
- **But**: supranationalism overruling states as default (EU law as law of the land; supranational institutions such as Commission, Court, Parliament; weighted majority-voting based on population as default)

# European Union: What kind of political system?

## *A State?*

- **Def. state** = monopoly over the means of violence; structure of political authority/rule over territory and population; „tax and spend“ capacity
- **EU**: structure of political authority/rule; wide-range scope of political competences and governance functions; supranationalism
- **But**: monopoly over means of violence resides in member states; little “tax and spend” capacity; member states as masters of treaties

# European Union: What kind of political system?

## *A Multi-Level Governance System*

- Political authority/rule divided and shared between various levels of governance (supranational – national)
- Shared sovereignty between various levels



## European Union: Three Pillars

### European Community

- **Treaty of Rome as revised by Single European Act**
- **Single Market**
- **Democratization of the Institutions**
- **European Citizenship**
- **Economic and Monetary Union**  
*single currency*  
*European Central Bank*  
*single monetary policy*  
*coordination of economic policies*

### Common Foreign & Security Policy

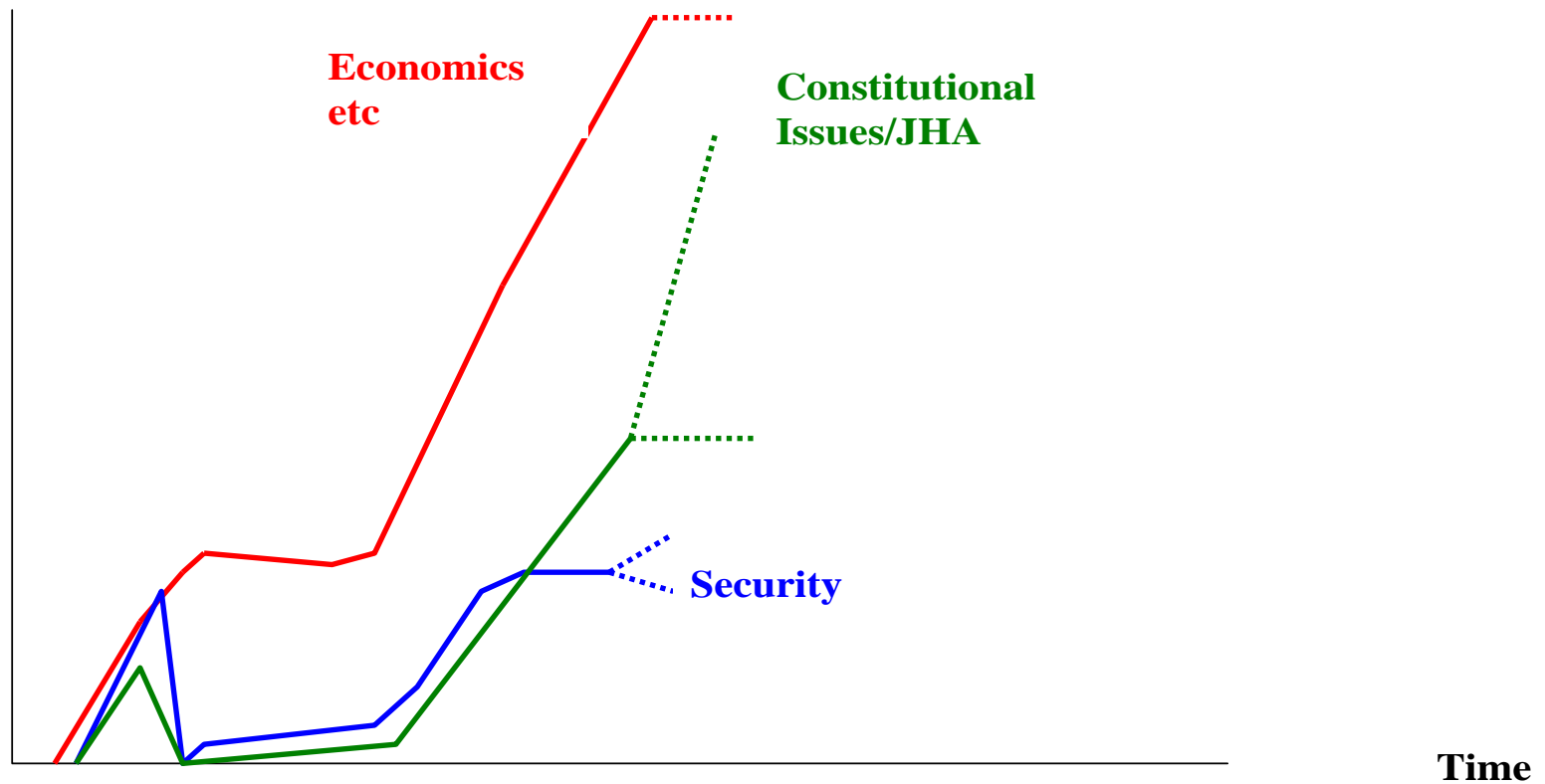
- **Common Foreign Policy**  
*systematic cooperation*  
*common positions and joint actions*
- **Eventual common defense policy based on the Western European Union**

### Justice and Home Affairs

- **Closer cooperation**  
*asylum policy*  
*rules on crossing the Member States' external borders*  
*immigration policy*  
*combating drug addiction*  
*combating international fraud*  
*customs, police and judicial cooperation*

## „You Dial Europe 911 ... and nobody answers!“ (Henry Kissinger)

### Scope and Range



## EU Foreign and Security Policy: History

- 1970: European Political Cooperation (EPC)
- 1992: Maastricht Treaties: Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)
- 1997: Amsterdam Treaty: High Representative for Foreign Affairs
- 1999: European Security and Defense Policy (ESDP)
- 2003- EU peace enforcement missions start (Western Balkans, Africa et.)
- 2009: Lisbon Treaty:
- EU Rep for External Affairs and Vice President of Commission (double hat)
  - European Diplomatic Service
  - actorness: EU as party to international treaties
  - common defense policy

# More than just military security: The EU's Foreign Policy

- External Trade: Exclusive competence
  - Foreign Aid: EUROPEAID
  - (EU and its members = 56% of all ODA [U.S.: 20%])
  - European Neighborhood Policy: trade, development, democratization
  - European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights
  - International environmental policy
  - Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP)
- Whole range of foreign policy competences in place

## **EU Foreign Policy – A Civilian Power?**

- Cooperative foreign policy
- International law and principled multilateralism
- Democracy and human rights
- Peaceful means of conflict resolution in international affairs
- Military means as last resort („effective multilateralism“)

## **But Does the EU Live Up to the Expectations?**