The development of the European Union’s strategy and its security policy: towards a multilateral security

**SUBJECT OF STUDY**
The development of the European Union’s security policy from 2003 when creating the European Security Strategy to 2016, towards a multilateral perspective.

**METHODOLOGY AND SOURCES**
- Conclusions drawn from the LIBERAL approach in international relations.
- Database of the CSDP EU MISSIONS and the RELATIONS between EU and other IGOs in each mission, divided in 2 categories→ 2003-2008 & 2009-2016.
- Other important sources are stated in the bibliography and quoted in the text.

**HYPOTHESIS**
“The security policy of the European Union is more multilateral in 2016 than it used to be in 2003”.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Including in both categories the missions that start in the first category and finish in the second one

![Graph showing interactions between IGOs](image)

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1. **There is not much more or less multilateralism in the EU’s security policy**→ It grew a lot during the years 2003-2008, specially the first years that the strategy was implemented but it didn’t grow more in the period that goes from 2009 to 2016.

2. **We could maybe say that the 2003 ESS have remained not so efficient the last 8 years due to the necessity of the renovation of it**→ The 2008 Report on the implementation of the 2003 ESS didn’t introduce important changes.

3. **However, we can talk about the different nature of the partnerships.** There are softly stronger relations EU-UN and EU-AU in the second period than with the other IGOs:

   - Order of importance - EU’s partnerships:
     1. UN
     2. AU
     3. OSCE
     4. NATO
     5. ASEAN

   - OSCE ↓ in 1 interaction
   - UN ↑ in 1 more
   - NATO & ASEAN ↓ 1 both
   - AU ↑ 2 more interactions