How to Use the EU’s soft and hard Power

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To begin with...

Source: Global Peace Index

Source: European Commission
However...

EU Security has been challenged by:
- Terrorist incidents
- Instability in the MENA region
- Russia’s actions
- Hybrid Threats
- Multipolarity
Some few words on EU’s interest for Security and Defence

• Not something new (attempts to establish the European Defence Community since the 1950s)

• Western European Union (WEU)

• The Common Security and Foreign Policy (CFSP)

• European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) => Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_European_Union
Relations with NATO
Soft power vs. Hard power

- Economic incentives/cooperation/sanctions
- Diplomatic efforts/Development Aid
- Multilateral agreements
- Appeal/ENP/MS

- EU Battlegroups
- EU Missions with military and/or civilian components
- Permanent Structured Cooperation

Source: https://www.activenews.ro/uploads/2014/05/ue-uniunea-europeana-acord-de-asociere.jpg

Source: http://static.addiyar.com/storage/attachments/1398/eprs-briefing-551346-european-defence-cooperation_404094_large.png
The 3 scenarios

• Security and Defence Cooperation scenario

• Shared Security and Defence scenario

• Common Defence and Security scenario
Source: European Political Strategy Centre qtd. in the Reflection Paper on the future of European Defence, European Commission (June 2017)
Why *now* it is a good time to move forward?

- Trump factor
- Brexit
- French and German elections have been completed
- Increased cooperation in security and defence ranks high in Eurobarometer surveys
- Ongoing discussions for the future of the EU
Figure 2: European defence spending in comparative perspective