

How to Use the EU's soft and hard Power



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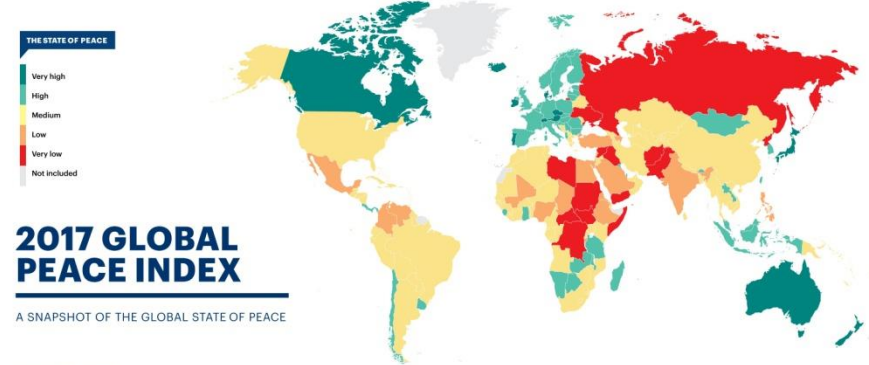
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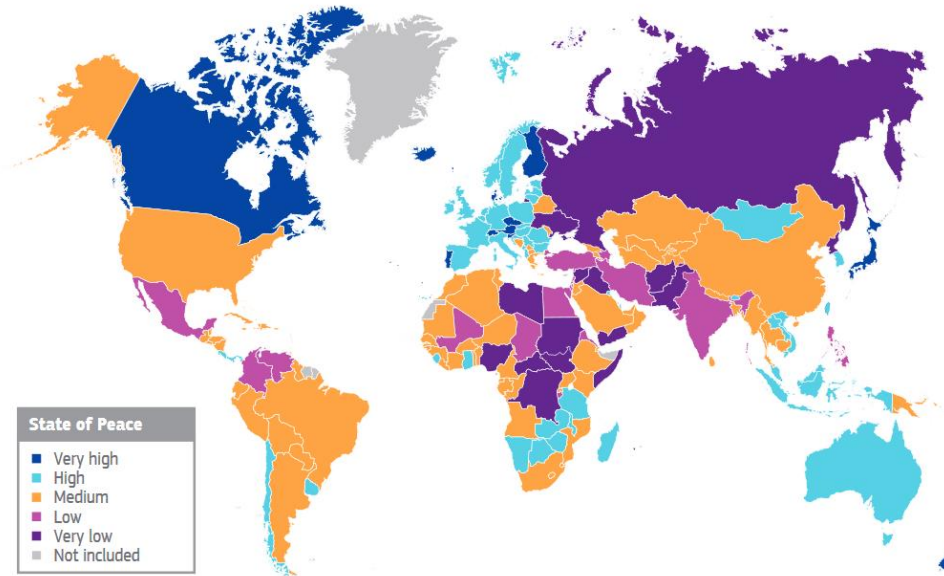
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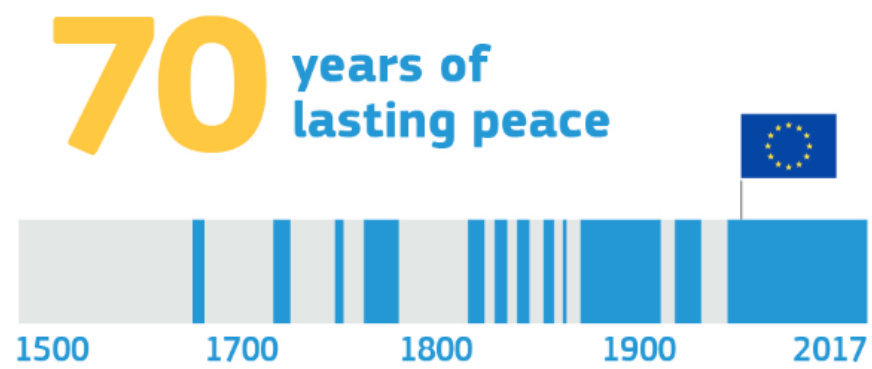
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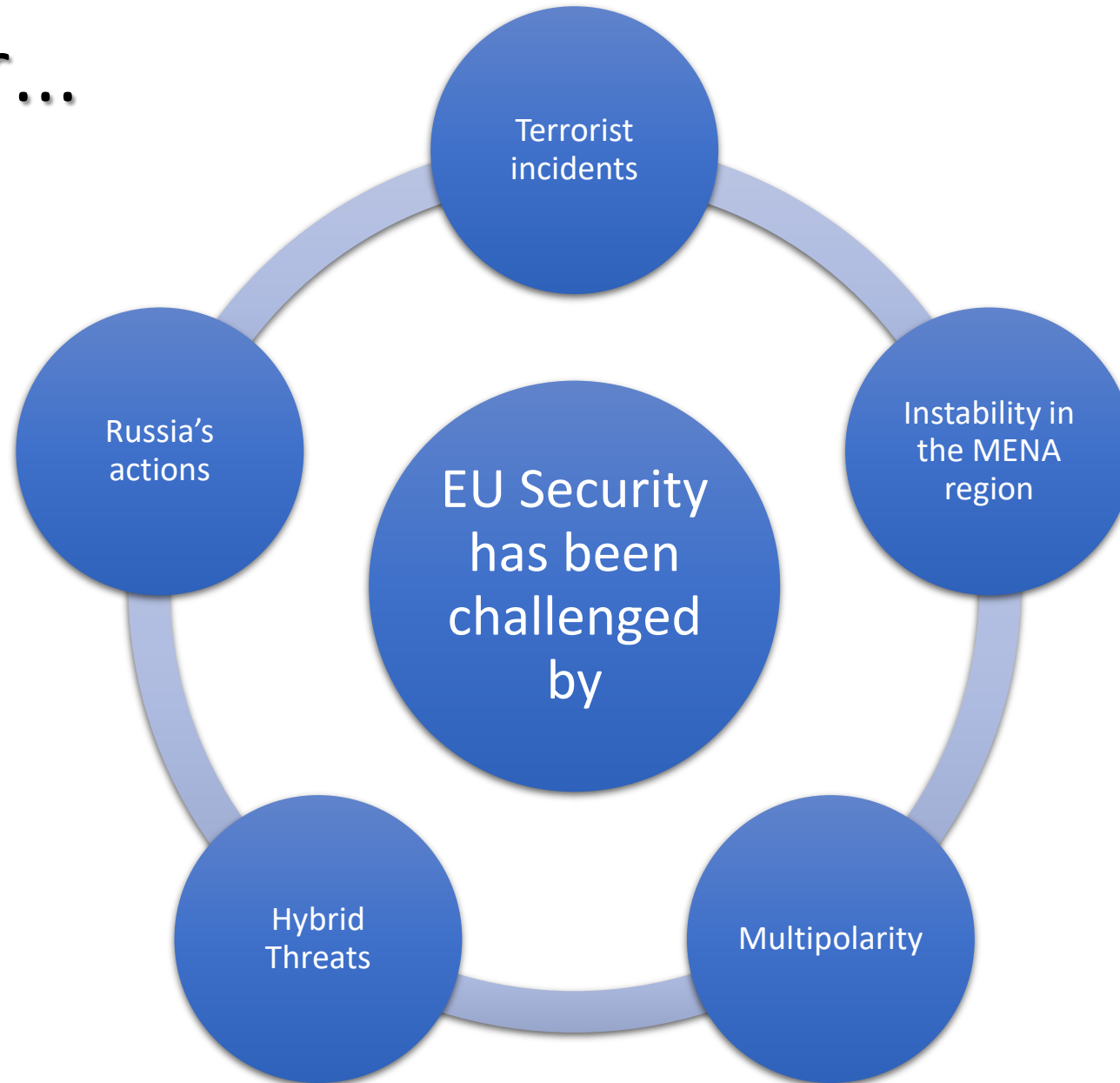
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Source: European Commission

However...



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



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Soft power vs. Hard power

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



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



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The 3 scenarios

- Security and Defence **Cooperation** scenario

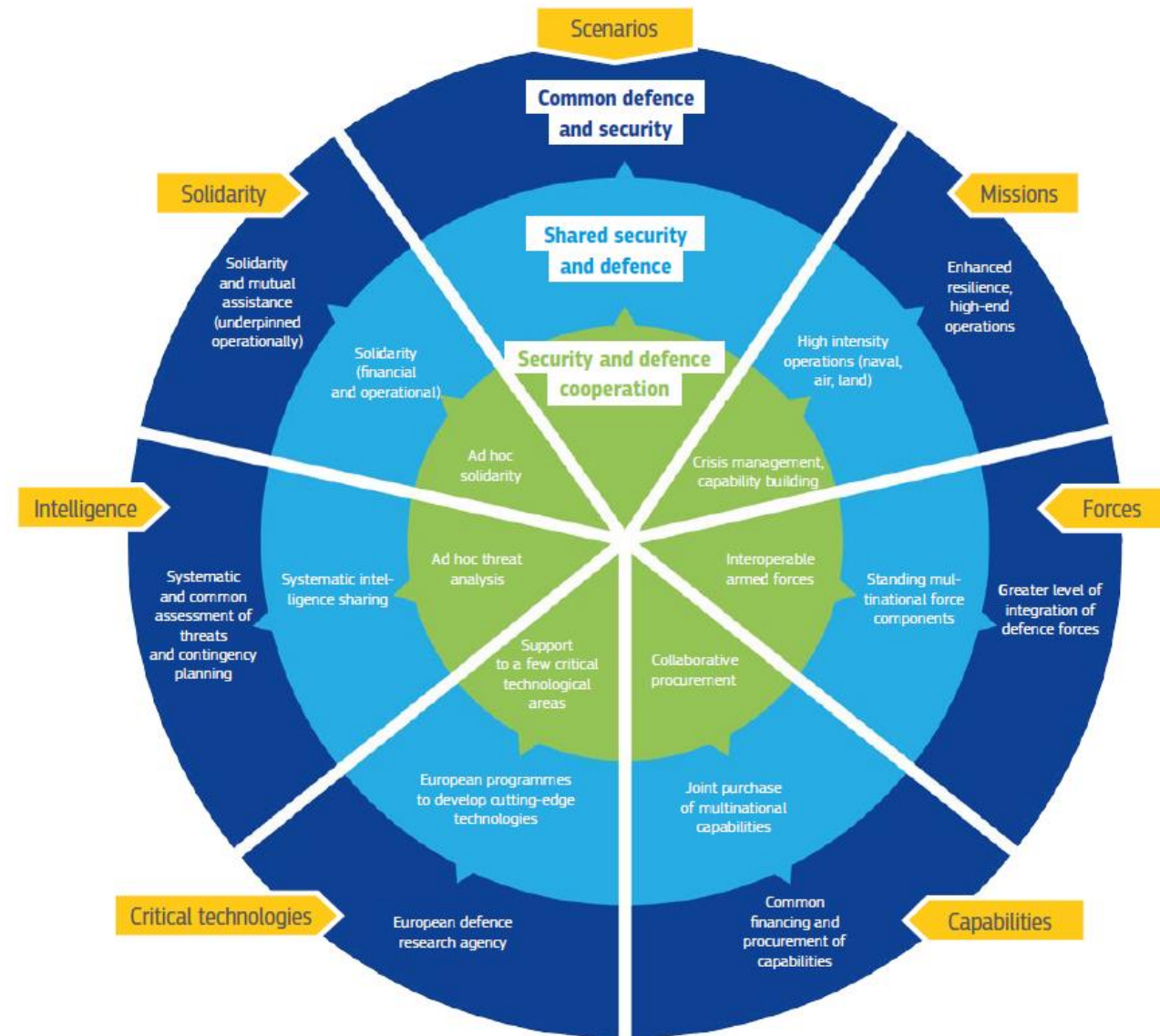


- **Shared** Security and Defence scenario



- **Common** Defence and Security scenario

Figure 6: The Elements of a European security and defence union



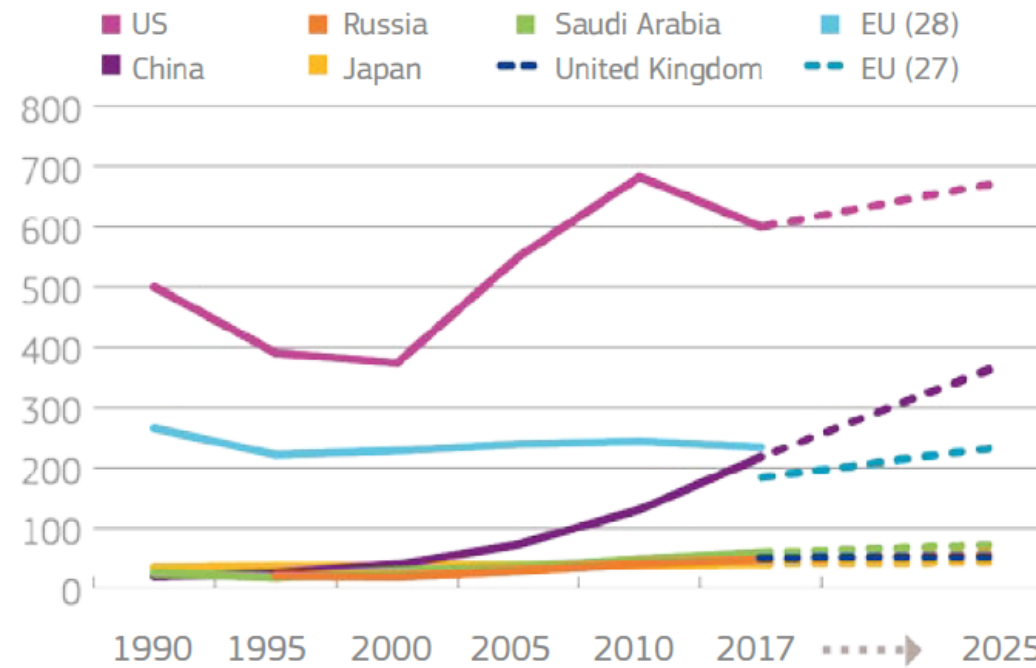
Source: European Political Strategy Centre qtd. in the Reflection Paper on the future of European Defence, European Commission (June 2017)

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

Appendix

Figure 2: European defence spending in comparative perspective



Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (2016 data, in billion euro). Jane's, European Political Strategy Centre qtd. in the Reflection Paper on the future of European Defence, European Commission (June 2017)