

# THE EUROPEAN UNION AS A SECURITY COMMUNITY: TRENDS AND PROSPECTS

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Arkadiankatu 23, entrance H (inner courtyard), Helsinki

Amid war-torn neighborhood, more antagonistic global milieu and internal security challenges, the EU is aiming to better protect its member states and citizens. In this regard, it has prioritised defence cooperation in the implementation of its global foreign policy and security strategy. The EU has also aimed to secure its external borders and deepen internal security collaboration among member states. Yet national variation over security challenges and priorities prevails, and might continue to hinder the EU's aspiration to emerge as a more powerful security actor. What are the key developments in the EU's security agenda? How do Germany and France view the EU's role in providing security? What lies behind Finland's emphasis on the EU as a security community?

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## Biographies



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**Pernille Rieker** is a Research Professor at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) since 2017. Previously, she was a Senior Researcher at NUPI (2011-17), and Senior Adviser at NordForsk (2009-11). Her research interests are European integration (EU) and European foreign and security policy, including French and the Nordic countries' foreign and security policies. She has also done research on dialogue and conflict resolution more generally. Rieker has published extensively on these issues and she is involved in a number of research projects. She has a doctoral degree from the University of Oslo (2004).



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