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Abstract

From the early 1990s a process of externalisation of the Area of Freedom Security and Justice (AFSJ) has been steadily developing, defined as the recognition of the international dimension of this policy and its insertion of this policy among the variables that influence the structure of the political and security relationships of the Union with non-EU states. Moreover the externalisation of the AFSJ is proceeding along two different pathways. The first consists in setting and implementing a specific agenda for the AFSJ's external action. The second strategy consists in using Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) institutional tools to reach objectives that lie within the competence of the AFSJ policy. The lesson will focus on the analysis of the above mentioned strategies and on the empirical analysis of the process of externalisation of AFSJ in the Mediterranean Countries. The relevance of AFSJ on the relation between EU and the Mediterranean Countries will be analysed from two different perspectives: the EU domestic security perspective and the EU foreign policy perspective