

The EU common foreign and security policy

The role of the Commission in the making of CFSP

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The Commission in CFSP

- **The Commission is fully associated with the work carried out in the field of CFSP.(Article 27 TEU)**
- **It has the right of initiative for any question relating to CFSP as both the Presidency and Member States do. It participates in the CFSP decision shaping and making process in all relevant Council bodies, in political dialogue meetings with third countries, mainly in Troika format , and is also associated to demarches and other actions in third countries.**
- **The Commission ensures coherence between external and internal activities supporting CFSP and it is solely responsible for the implementation of the CFSP budget**

CFSP priorities

- Security
- Conflict prevention
- Crisis management

COM contribution

- Coherence: the obligation of efficiency
- Promotion of ownership by dialogue with partners and stakeholders
- Capacity to deliver commitments through a network of Delegations

The role of DG RELEX

- Coordinate inputs of its DGs and contributes daily through the network of **European Correspondents** to the making of CFSP.
- Prepare the meetings of the PSC and Council working groups as well as the CFSP points of the General Affairs Council and the European Council.
- Maintain day-to-day contact on CFSP issues between Brussels, its delegations around the world and with Member States, the Secretariat via secure encrypted communications