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Title: Reinvigorating the EU-NATO Partnership

The EU and NATO exist in a symbiotic relationship: they represent the two sides of the coin of European integration, namely economic integration and security cooperation. One would arguably not exist without the other: socio-economic integration requires geopolitical pacification that only the transatlantic link can provide, whereas sufficient European security investment requires economic dynamism that only deep institutional integration can enable. Yet despite much policy rhetoric, practical EU-NATO cooperation has remained limited due to the asymmetry in membership and longstanding policy issues. At the same time, the need for policy complementarity between both organisations in a new era of great power rivalry has markedly increased. Projects could explore these changing circumstances by analysing relevant processes of convergence (such as threat assessments, defence planning processes and defence-industrial consolidation) and/or comparing different instruments of influencing and stabilising the wider European neighbourhood (including countering hybrid interference and geo-economic statecraft).

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