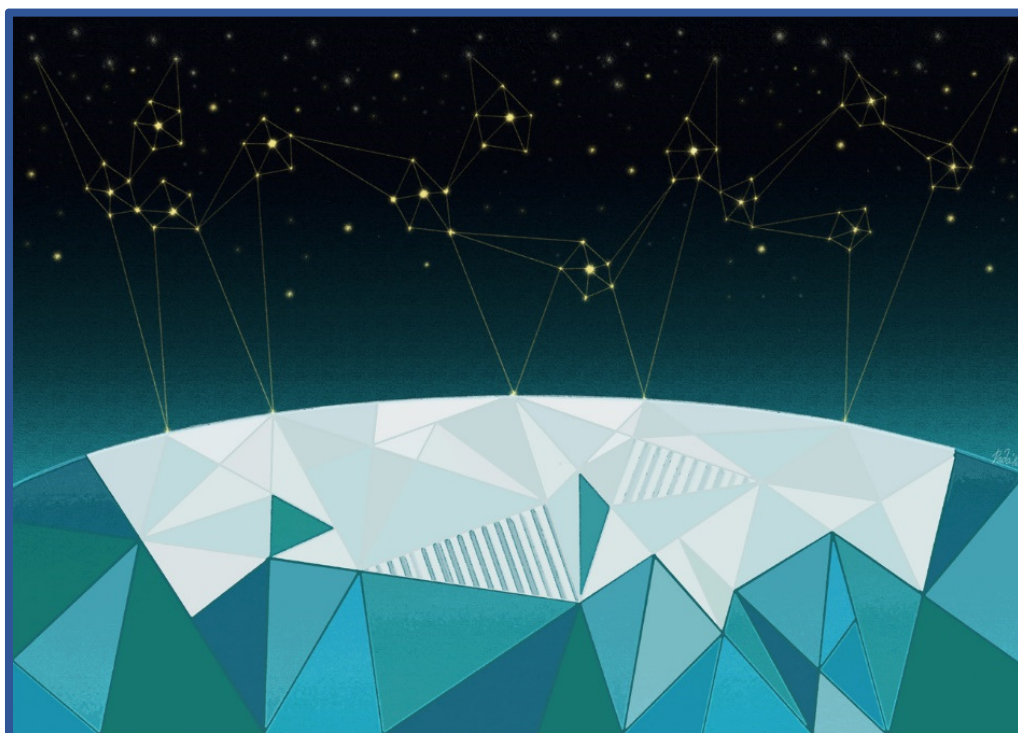


# THE EUROPEAN UNION AND SECURITY: DEFENCE OF COMMON INTERESTS AND SPACES

## CALL FOR PAPERS



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The Complutense University of Madrid (UCM), Spain, cordially invites **submissions of abstracts for papers** to be presented at conference “*The European Union and security: defence of common interests and spaces*”, which is the last activity of a **Jean Monnet Project** by the same name, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

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## **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

The main objective of the project, as a whole, and the conference, in particular, is to promote constructive inter-sectoral dialogue among academic experts, governments and representatives of civil society organizations in relation to the contemporary challenges to the security of states. Undoubtedly, the defence of the European societies’ interests in relation to violations of international security is more than ever a topical issue for research and teaching, but so is the debate on these issues and the associated risks derived from possible national responses to them. Therefore, the project focuses on actions that can be taken at international level, especially within the European Union (EU), in order to identify a broad and inclusive vision of these challenges. It should also be noted that this is an issue addressed previously only from a global international perspective or from the national legal systems and, therefore, the novelty lies in analysing those actions promoted or conducted by the Union and establishing the red lines or the limits that must not be exceeded. Thus, security threats, such as terrorism in its contemporary form, use and competition for common goods (global commons) or cyber-attacks, will be addressed in order to identify and analyse the contribution that the international and European laws can provide.

## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

The conference is scheduled for **the period between 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017** and will take place in the **Complutense University of Madrid** (the exact date and location will be specified later on). Depending on the number of the approved abstracts, the conference **might be organized in two consecutive days**.

## SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of up to **200 words** accompanied by a **short speaker biography** should be submitted in word format by **10<sup>th</sup> October 2017** to: [conde@der.ucm.es](mailto:conde@der.ucm.es) or [yaneva\\_jaki@abv.bg](mailto:yaneva_jaki@abv.bg).

**Submissions are particularly encouraged on the following topics (or other related):**

- EU's role in the contemporary international security, emphasizing on how the role of the Union as an international actor will be changed through recent developments such as Brexit and the Trump administration, among others;
- Holistic approach towards EU security (powers, tools, institutions);
- Interaction between the Union and other relevant actors on international security;
- Classical dimensions of security and defence in general and in the EU context: collective defence, peacekeeping, and defence procurement, etc.;
- Relevant challenges to the EU's security from the perspective of the use of the spaces of common interest: high seas, both polar regions (Arctic and Antarctic), the international seabed area, outer space, international waters, among others;
- New *global commons* and the EU: climate, environment, marine and genetic resources, water, intellectual property, protection of personal data, etc.;
- Terrorism: prevention of radicalization and violent extremism;

- Cyberspace and virtual threats;
- Migration and protection of human rights;
- Soft aspects of security and the EU: human security, energy security; environmental security; food security, etc.;
- Internal security of the EU;
- Security and justice;
- Legal, political and social approaches by the Member States;
- The Global Strategy for the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy and current developments;
- EU actions and legislative instruments on the above mentioned topics that already exist or are currently being negotiated.

**The accepted abstracts will be announced no later than 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

Oral presentations may be in **Spanish or English**, accompanied by a **PowerPoint presentation**, if you wish so. **An opportunity for a collective publication in English is foreseen**; the final decision and possible place of publication shall be communicated in due time.

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