

SUMMARY

Syroid T. L. Legal basis of the European Union security policy: from the origins to the present times. The article investigates the formation and development of the legal regulation of the security within the European Union, particularly, reveals the main provisions of the Single European Act of 1986, Treaty on European Union of 1992, Amsterdam Treaty of 1997, and Nice Treaty of 2001 in this area. Attention is paid to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon, which amends the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community in 2007, which have made significant changes to the political vector of the EU's security policy. In particular, the EU's priorities are the following: Union security; security and defence; the fight against terrorism; cybersecurity; energy security; strategic communications. The provisions of the acts adopted for the development of the Lisbon Treaty, which serve as the legal basis for security, are disclosed, namely: European Agenda on Security 2015 (replacing the previous Internal Security Strategy (2010-2014), Global Strategy for the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy 2016 (sets the priority of security guarantees for citizens and the territory of the European Union), Implementation Plan on Foreign and Security Policy 2016 (adopted by the Council of the European Union), European Defence Action Plan 2016 (adopted by the European Commission) (envisages the creation of European Defence Fund to support investment in joint research and development of defence equipment and technologies).

Current challenges drive the integration of new security priorities, which includes not only the improvement of the legal basis for regulation of the designated area, which is intended to become the basis for Community protection, but also the development of an EU-wide organizational security mechanism.

Considering the importance of the EU cooperation with international organizations, including in the field of security, the provisions of the EU-NATO joint declarations of 2016, 2018 are highlighted, emphasizing such issues as illegal migration, cybersecurity and defence, defence capabilities, etc.. Relevant conclusions and recommendations have been made.

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