

The Black Sea as Epicentre of the After-Shocks of the EU's Earthquake

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Abstract

The epicentre the EU's referenda earthquake has now been located exactly in the middle of the Black Sea. Can the EU conditionality machine may still prove functional in this moment when the prospects of accession to the EU have move further into the distance ahead? The paper recommends that EU should concentrate on improving the Neighborhood Policy by transforming this in a useful tool, comparable with the pre-accession conditionality instrument. It is also important to develop the Black Sea cooperation by taking into account the Finnish model.

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