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The common foreign policy in the Western Balkans?

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Not long ago, the Balkans for Europe was the most unstable region in the environment. After the fall of the communist bloc in Eastern Europe, ethnic rivalries in Yugoslavia turned the region into the bloodiest battlefield in Europe. Since then, much has changed. Slovenia and Croatia have become full members of the European Union and all other countries seeking the same, but they are constantly oprećene external and internal problems that often overcome more important, common interests. What are the expectations of the European Union, where the region will be in ten years and that the EU will help in the process of accession? Although only at the beginning of work and a lot of work is ahead of them, the Western Balkan countries have already made significant progress on a common focus. All countries have the same goals: first of membership in the European Union (EU) and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). Is it just an opportunity for the EU to strengthen these goals and help build structure around them?

Also, regional relations have significantly improved. With the exception of Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and their mutual visa regime, as well as Serbia and Kosovo's status, there are no real obstacles to advancing cooperation in the area of foreign policy. While the EU continues to each candidate individually assist in the process, we believe that there is an obvious opportunity for all countries together, to help them to define a common foreign policy priorities and the creation of a single framework for the same. Such a step, not only can bring the necessary stability in the region, but also pave the way for more complex challenges that this country will meet in the next decade.

In this short review, we propose a series of practical examples that make this a realistic proposition and underlying assumption is that the EU recognizes this as a unique opportunity for the positioning of the region, unique and complete. We would like to draw attention to the practical ideas, leaving aside the omnipresent ideological constraints. Foreign policy is a powerful tool that can be used by everyone, and what is more important, is that it is not necessary for new institutions or a common visual identity, but simply common interests, and even they do not have to be identical.

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