



# Can the CSDP exist without the UK?



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# Outline

## CSDP cannot thrive without the UK :

- The weight of the UK in European security and defense
- The apparent weaknesses of the CSDP

## CSDP can exist without the UK :

- A possible partnership despite the loss of a member?
- What if other CSDP members could replace it ?



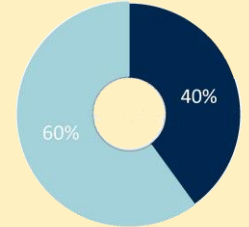
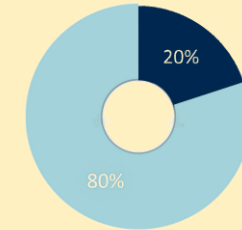
# What is CSDP

- The Common Security and Defense Policy
- Initiated by France & the UK on December 1998, Saint-Malo Declaration
- Main missions : Peacekeeping, conflict prevention, strengthening international security
- 36 missions : Half are ongoing, 6 are military ones



# The weight of the UK in European security and defense

- The UK : 20% of Europe's armed forces and 40% of its industrial and military research base



- Have Nuclear Weapons 
- Spend 2% of its GDP in Public Defense 
- CSDP: a reduced action without British military support 
- The military-industrial sector impacted and competed 

# The apparent weaknesses of the CSDP

- CSDP is not a European army (doesn't have an armed force)



- Loss of a main and historical member

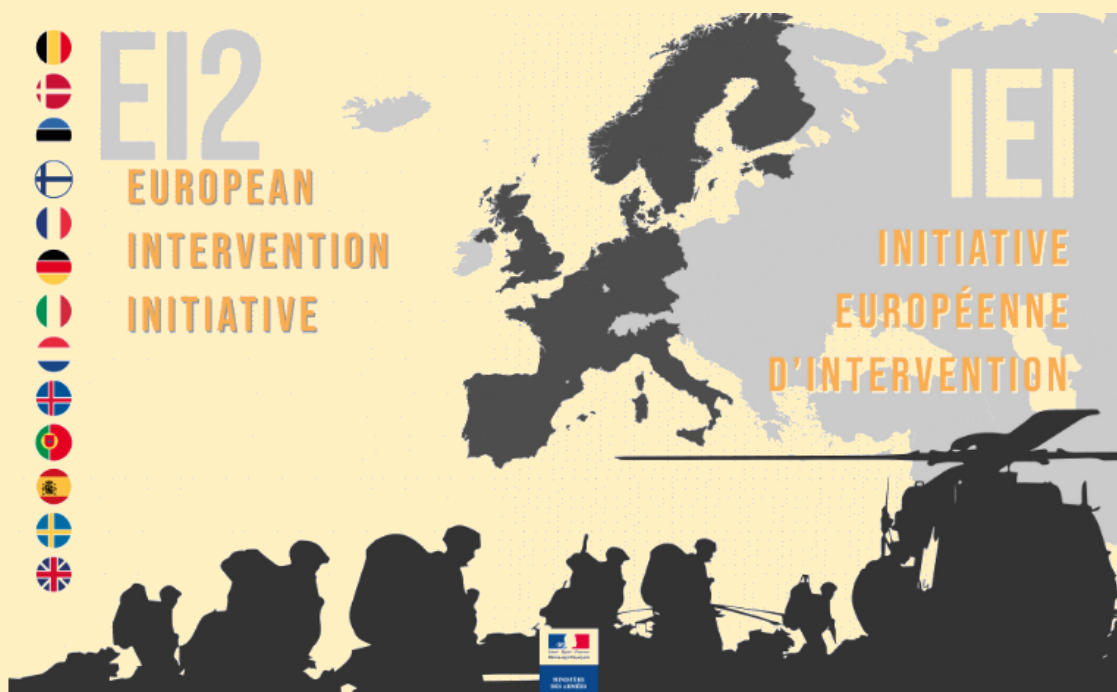


- The need for strategic autonomy due to growing threats



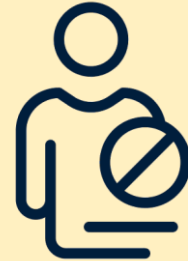
# A possible partnership despite the loss of a member?

- Possible cooperation in the interest of Europeans but also in British's one
- Indirect cooperation through the EI2 (2010 Lancaster House Agreement)
- A possible EI2 attached to the CSDP



# What if other CSDP members could replace it ?

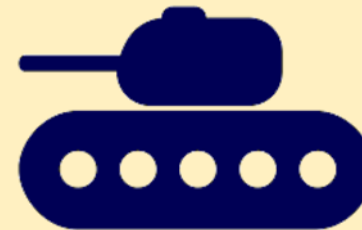
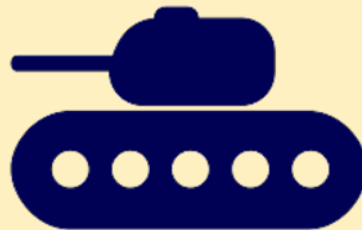
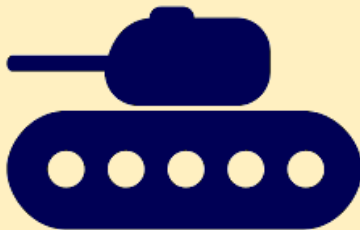
- British participation in the CSDP should be put into perspective (small numbers, opposition to some proposals)



- A Franco-German partnership to compensate for the loss of the UK (To keep Europe strong and make it more equal)



- The 2016 Berlin White Paper : the hope of a European defense



# Conclusion

- The loss of a major and historic player in the CSDP
- Growing threats and an uncertain future
- The CSDP can count on the indirect help of the United Kingdom
- A new collaboration within the CSDP to thrive and continue to act







**Do you believe in a CSDP with a Franco-German duo at its head ?**



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