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EU CRISIS APPROACH TOWARDS UKRAINE IN 2014–2022

Анотація. У дослідженні здійснено спробу дослідити процес трансформації Європейського Союзу, розпочатий з 2014 по 2022 рр., відповідно до відкритої агресії Росії проти України. Далі вивчається, як держави ЄС, як окремі утворення, впливали на зміни політики безпеки ЄС. Результат дослідження полягає у тому, щоб продемонструвати посилення ролі ЄС як регіональної організації з майбутньою більш комплексною та твердішою політикою щодо безпеки та оборони. Аналіз нещодавнього процесу врегулювання криз в ЄС повинен вивити нове «обличчя» ЄС.

Ключові слова: Грузія, Україна, членство в ЄС, агресія Росії.

Abstract. The study will try to investigate the transformation process of European Union started from 2014 to 2022 in accordance with the Russian open aggression against Ukraine. It further studies how EU states as a separate entities and as the whole had an impact on the changes of EU security policy. The possible outcome is to show the increased role of EU as a regional organization with future more comprehensive and firmer policies in the terms of security and defense. Analyzing the recent EU crises management process should reveal the new “face” of EU.

Keywords: Georgia, Ukraine, EU Membership, Russia's aggression.

The purpose of the research is to understand how the EU crises approach has changed during the Russian military aggression in Ukraine in 2022 compared to 2014 military conflict. The questions the paper will attempt to answer are how the EU has transformed its security policy in accordance with the latest crises, how it differs from their security policy in 2014 during the Crimea annexation and how did the EU member states feel the war on their national level and whether they tried to bring their national sensitivities to be addressed on EU level [1, 4, 6].

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Within the research methodology several data collection techniques were used. The research has analyzed latest articles, papers, and works on the topic, including examining EU official reports and documents. Furthermore, interviews with experts from the International Relations field gave some deeper insight as well as understanding of the topic from the different perspectives [11, 12].

The paper is divided within the several sections. The first section of the work overviews the ongoing military confrontation in Ukraine, second section examines EU crises management during the war, third section highlights current transformations of EU security policy, the following part studies whether these changes in EU changes perspectives for Ukraine to join the alliance, fifth part makes an comparison of EU crises approach in 2014 and 2022 and the last section concludes the paper. The paper covers period from 2014 to 2022, however, resources published about the recent crises is limited due to its recentness, there are not academically valid papers which could discuss the issue in depths. Since the theme was not studied before it gives more academic importance to this article for the future usage among researchers, scholars, students and any interested person.

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