The European Council of 28 June 2016 welcomed the Global Strategy for the European Union’s foreign and security policy and invited the High Representative Federica Mogherini, the Commission and the Council to take the work forward. The new Strategy ‘Shared vision, common action: a stronger Europe’ focuses on a number of key priority areas, including strengthening global governance, support for regional architectures, building state and societal resilience, and adapting the EU’s response to conflict and crises. In order to ensure an effective and efficient implementation of these priorities, the Strategy calls for a more ‘joined-up’ approach to employing EU resources and instruments both internally and externally. As the EU enters a new stage in its relations with the rest of the world, what are the key challenges ahead and what role can the European Parliament play?

Resilience in the EU’s foreign and security policy
Briefing by Patryk Pawlak, June 2016
Resilience has gradually emerged as an answer to the growing complexity of the international security environment. As a relatively new addition to EU jargon, the aim of building societal resilience still needs to be translated into tangible, practicable measures. This briefing offers some ideas on how this can be done and on the challenges linked to this process.

The EU security environment: Challenges and shifts
Infographics by Christian Dietrich, Patryk Pawlak, and Evarts Anosovs, June 2016
Over the past few years, the world’s commitment to peace, and its capacity to deal with evolving security challenges, have been put to the test. With a few maps and figures, this note makes the case for an urgent need for adaptation in the EU’s foreign and security policy.

Building resilience in the EU’s east: Transition as challenge
At a Glance by Philippe Perchoc, May 2016
The EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood is struggling with territorial conflicts and an unsteady transition to stable, independent democracies. This note addresses some of the key issues identified by the Global Strategy: bringing peace in open (Ukraine) and frozen (Georgia, Moldova, Azerbaijan) conflicts, but also the need to support economic growth and civil society and to fight against corruption.

Building resilience with the EU’s southern neighbourhood
At a Glance by Joana Apap and Eric Pichon, June 2016
Most of the EU’s neighbourhood is marked by instability and fragility, in most cases due to internal conflict and/or terrorism. The unprecedented human displacement across the region complicates matters further. This note looks into the EU’s recent efforts to build societal resilience in the region.

Interdépendance entre sécurité et développement: l’approche de l’UE
Briefing by Marta Latek, May 2016 [Document currently available in French only]
The interconnection between security and development is increasingly at the centre of the political agenda. Despite the complexity of this relationship, it is clear that education, health, support to civil society and the strengthening of the security forces are likely to be the most promising areas for action aimed at breaking the vicious circle between insecurity and under-development.

A Global Strategy on foreign and security policy for the EU
Briefing by Patryk Pawlak, April 2016
The reflection about the EU’s future Global Strategy was launched at the June 2015 European Council. The process coordinated by High Representative Mogherini has provided a space for a debate about the future of EU foreign policy. This note offers an overview of the steps taken and the positions adopted by the European Parliament since the beginning of the term.
Further reading

**Migration and asylum [Interactive infographics]**
*Infographics by Anita Orav, May 2016*
Ahead of the reform of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), this animated infographic takes stock of the current situation and recent developments, providing statistical data on the migratory flows as well as an overview of the CEAS, the core asylum procedures and EU funding tools.

**Common Foreign and Security Policy [How the EU budget is spent]**
*Briefing by Alina Dobreva and Carmen-Cristina Cirlig, March 2016*
The gap between the EU’s stated objectives and the resources it commits to achieving them has always been a point of contention. This note presents the current state of play and discusses the policy debates that might impact on future spending in this policy area.

**The European Council and crisis management**
*In-Depth Analysis by Suzana Elena Anghel, Ralf Drachenberg and Stanislas de Finance, February 2016*
This publication examines the role played by the European Council in managing recent crises and concludes that, even though no uniform approach has developed at European Council level for managing crises, there have been some similarities in response.

**Implementation of the Lisbon Treaty provisions on the Common Security and Defence Policy**
*European Council Briefing by Suzana Elena Anghel and Izabela Cristina Bacian, February 2016*
The Lisbon Treaty introduced several mechanisms allowing more flexibility in the CSDP. With the exception of the mutual assistance clause, which was invoked in November 2015, the other mechanisms (i.e., PESCO or Article 44 arrangements) have yet to be implemented.

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