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Global Responsibility Requires the End of Small-state Particularism

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The question of whether Europe should develop its own defence capabilities has acquired a new urgency. America, formerly a protective power, is drifting away. Failing states and civil wars in Europe's neighbourhood, cyber-attacks, Russia, jihadists – these are only a few of the growing threats to peace and freedom. In the face of that, both NATO Europe and EU Europe are hampered by a kind of small-state particularism.

We urgently need military integration, as well as islands of functional cooperation. Examples for those we have: Such islands have gradually been amalgamating – and even been forming a mainland. But at national level, resistance remains stubborn, even in Germany and France. How can the visionary project of a European army be realised?



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