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## Geopolitical implications of the Covid19 pandemic



Dear Reader,

The impact of the Covid19 pandemic on international relations has been the object of much speculation among experts, trying to predict what the “day-after” would look like.

While the crisis is far from over, this study by the EUISS looks at the main trends before the pandemic, analyses the spaces opening up for change so far, and takes a foresight look by exploring possible scenarios for the world and the

European Union in 2025. It provides food for thought to the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) in view of its priority setting and initiatives, for the months and years to come.

This is timely, as the European Parliament is actively taking its share in shaping a more autonomous EU Foreign and Security Policy, at a time of geopolitical reconfiguration and great power tussling .

*David McAllister, MEP  
Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs*

### STUDY: Geopolitical implications of the Covid19 pandemic

*Policy Department for External Relations*



In international relations, the Covid crisis is seen either as a game-changer or as an accelerator of trends. Putting it in a time perspective can help us think the day after.

While the Covid19 crisis is far from over, this study requested by the AFET Committee looks at the impact on geopolitics. It assesses the geopolitical trends, lays out the space for action and change created by the disruption, and explores the trends and uncertainties in three possible scenarios for the world and the EU in 2025.

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Workshop - room JAN6Q1

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#### CONT **Open spaces at the EU Institutions versus traditional work spaces**

Workshop / Virtual meeting

29 October 2020 - 09:00-11:00

#### INTA **Data flows, artificial intelligence and international trade**

Workshop

November 2020

#### TRAN **Emerging technologies transforming the transport sector**

Study presentation

10 November 2020 - 13:45-14:45

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### Options for the ECB's Monetary Policy Strategy Review

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies



With suitable modifications of monetary policy strategy, and better use of the authority delegated to it, the ECB could greatly improve its success in fulfilling its mandate. This study, provided by Policy Department A at the request of the committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON), examines the ECB's mandate and the unique challenges it faces. Based on this analysis, it recommends that recent, temporary corrections lead to permanent adjustments to the ECB's monetary policy strategy.



### EU Cohesion Policy in non-urban areas

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies



Rural areas face social, structural and geographical challenges, but possess valuable inherent environmental, cultural and social assets. Non-urban areas cover more than 90% of the EU territory and are home to nearly 30% of the EU population. Cohesion Policy provides a long-term and dependable financial framework for rural areas, while allowing flexibility for Member States and regions to tailor their spending in accordance with their specific characteristics



### The impact of algorithms on online content filtering

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs



The eCommerce Directive has played an important role in the digital economy and online information environment. Now it is being applied in a completely changed context. This study addresses automated filtering of online content. It introduces automated filtering of user-generated materials and presents the filtering technologies deployed to different types of media. It also discusses the main critical issues under the present legal framework and proposals for a future Digital Services Act.



### How EU funds tackle economic divide in the European Union

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs



The study aims to provide data and related analysis on the topic of operating budgetary balance, its failures and limitations and to deliver evidence of the positive outcomes. When assessing the benefits Member States receive from the European

Union budget, they primarily focus on their individual net positions, i.e. the net balance between their national contributions and the transfers received from the EU budget.



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