

# THE LISBON YEARS



**EEAS**  
**EUHR**  
**EUCO**



- 2008: **Obama** greeted as rock-star @EU. Promised break w/ past based @ **3 pillars**:
  - 1. *Changed relationship with the rising powers (G20 vs G8, Asia pivot)*
  - 2. *Nuclear disarmament (New START Treaty, JCPOA)*
  - 3. *Positive relations w. Muslim world (from promoting HRs -> promoting Dem)*
- **2009: Lisbon Treaty** -> **EUHR** finally 1 number? Phil Gordon tour @ EU
- Changes @ DoS: from bilat to ERA for EU
- A LOST OCCASION for the EU!

# THE OBAMA YEARS: LIGHTS & SHADOWS

- **Leaders:** Merkel (2005), Sarkozy (2007), Berlusconi (2008), Obama (2009), Clinton (2009), Ashton (2009), Kerry (2013), Mogherini (2014)
- Rocky start w/ first SoS' H. Clinton trip to Asia
- Copenhagen Summit failure (2009)
- Madrid and LX summits failures (2010)
- Ongoing conflict in Afghanistan
- Negotiations Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (**TTIP**) (unfinished)
- French airstrike @ **Libya** (March 2011): US supporting role, providing aerial refueling tankers, electronic jamming, refueling, bombing assistance
- Libya example of successful transatlantic cooperation??
- Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (**JCPOA**, 2015)
- Creation of **EEAS**, JCPOA, **Serbia-Kosovo Agreement** (2013, real example of successful transatlantic cooperation)





# TRUMP: “UK was so smart in getting out”

- **Leaders:** Trump (2016), Johnson, Merkel, Macron, Mogherini, Borrell (2019)
- **Blocked** Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)
- **Withdrew from:** WHO, JCPOA , Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty w/ Russia, Paris climate accord
- EU in denial
- **Brexit** referendum (June 2016)
- **EU Global Strategy** @EU F&SP June 2016) -> reinforces the EU's strategic autonomy (?)
- **PESCO** (2017) -> new lost occasion
- EU creates *special purpose vehicle* after end of JCPOA but...
- **BREXIT** (2020)
- COVID (2020)



# Biden: Europe

- Biden's & choreography
- **BREXIT** (2020)
- COVID (2020)
- Withdrawal from AFG w/out consulting EU
- JACPO: nothing changes
- “Finally” the EU is compact against Russia (though it is recently changing)
- EU is less compact on China



## 2010s: From one crises to the other

2011: Arab Spring-> state of democracy worsen in Middle East. EU is useless

2011: Libya War -> Civil war -> illegal immigrants flood into Europe -> EU pays TUR

2011: Belgrade-Pristina dialogue: one of the few diplomatic victories for the EU

2011 IMF bails out Greece, Ireland, and Portugal

2012: Mario Draghi (ECB) -> “whatever it takes” to preserve the euro

2015: European version of quantitative easing

2015: Federica Mogherini -> EUHR/VP

2015: Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) signed – it will be doomed once Trump wins the Presidency

2016: UK Referendum on the EU leads to Brexit

2016: *EU Global Strategy* (EUGS): much ado for nothing?

2016: Trump elected

2017: PESCO (Permanent Structured Cooperation ) & European Defense Industrial Development Program

2018: Trump withdraws from JCPOA

2020: EU rescues and repatriates 600,000 EU citizens stranded around the world due to COVID

2020: “Strategic PESCO Review”: more ado for nothing?

## Yes Minister! Why we joined the EU



[https://youtu.be/L9wP3Wp3KKY?si=DQUb87CdU9-\\_g0Rv](https://youtu.be/L9wP3Wp3KKY?si=DQUb87CdU9-_g0Rv)



## Yes, Minister! Why we are in the EU



Yes Minister - Why We're In The EU

<https://youtu.be/wl87xiW8Y40?si=euXXUmUissYVvnIj>



## EEC/ EU ENLARGEMENT RECAP

### Enlargement rounds

- 1951 & 1957: FR, ITA, GER, BE, NL, LUX
- 1973: UK, DK, IRL
- 1981: GR
- 1986: SP, PT
- 1995: AUS, SW, FIN (NOR problem – again!)
- 2004: Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, and Slovakia
- 2007: Bulgaria and Romania
- 2013: Croatia
- 2020: Brexit

### Candidate countries

- Turkey (since 1999)
- North Macedonia (2005)
- Montenegro (2010)
- Serbia (2012)
- Moldova (2022)
- Ukraine (2022)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (2022)

## Questions to think about:

- The Obama Presidency took off at the same time that the New Lisbon Treaty and the new EUHR started to work: what were the US expectations from the EU? And which were the EU expectations on Obama?
- The JCPO was the best example of Transatlantic Cooperation: what went wrong?
- Compare the Obama Presidency to the Biden Presidency' approach to the EU