

## **THE INFLUENCE OF POLAND'S INTEGRATION INTO THE EUROPEAN UNION ON ITS POLICY TOWARDS UKRAINE**

Poland and Ukraine have a long, complex and eventful history of bilateral relations, and it is the Polish-Ukrainian relations which largely determined the historical development of the two countries. Traditionally, these two neighboring states play key roles in the foreign policy of each other. This article seeks to analyze changes in Poland's foreign policy towards Ukraine, which took place right after the 2004 EU enlargement and were mainly reflected in the following policies: mediating during the Ukraine's political crisis; supporting Kiev's aspiration for the European integration, and, finally, consolidating Ukraine's status of Poland's strategic partner to the east of its borders. It is these aspects of the Polish foreign policy towards Ukraine that are discussed in the article.

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