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on

"The European External Action Service (EEAS) and Member States Diplomacies: The Limits of Vertical Coordination"

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Abstract:

The EEAS is at the centre of a coordination function of the EU foreign policy. The notion of coordination is a central purpose of organizations which have given to a huge body of academic literature. In the case of the EEAS, coordination consists in assuming through various methods close to the ones described by Okhuysen and Bechky a bureaucratic function in a public organization that has to conciliate its objective to deliver an efficient and legitimate foreign policy with a strong degree of diversity. Diversity has mainly two dimensions: a horizontal one (there are several supranational institutions responsible for the delivering of the EU foreign policy as the Commission, the European Parliament, the European Council) and a vertical one (there are 28 Member States responsible for the delivering of the EU foreign policy). The EEAS is just in the middle of the two axes and has to do its best to conciliate the positions of the multiple actors. In concrete terms, it means that the EEAS will distinguish in its bureaucratic process horizontal coordination (mainly done in Brussels) from vertical coordination (done in Brussels but also a lot in the Delegations)

This contribution will concentrate on the vertical dimension of the coordination between the EEAS and Member States diplomacies. Based on 30 interviews done between 2011 and 2013, it will try to capture it through three issues: the staff, the share of resources, and the procedures.