

The European Union: historical evolution, institutions and relations with member states

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The process of European integration has seen ups and downs, but it is well-established, barring the way to any return to the past. The problem of the democratic deficit and the lack of sovereignty, however, call for a serious reflection on the European institutions, often not very close to the needs of citizens. The role of the Eu-

ropean Parliament then it is too marginal, giving so much power to the no democratically legitimized bodies, as Council of EU. In all this, the limits to military sovereignty imposed by the U.S., make the European Union very vulnerable.

The historical evolution of the EU

The contemporary period in the Eu-

