

Thank you for your attention!



Civilian powers like multilevel multilateral cooperation: the role of regional cooperation

- multidimensional (trade, economic cooperation, identity needs, political cooperation..) **regional dimension**: part of the fragmentation or part of the solution towards a multilevel governance?

What do we mean by multidimensional regional dimension?

1. More regional cooperation in the 21st than in the 20th century (conflict prevention, trade, econ and political cooperation; channelling needs of identity)
2. Alternative ways to regional cooperation (Asian-, Lat. Amer. way etc)
3. Impact on the traditional notion of multilateral global governance
4. Porous region (P.Katzenstein 2005) rather than protectionist regions (R.Gilpin 2004)

EU as an actor: how to improve external efficiency?

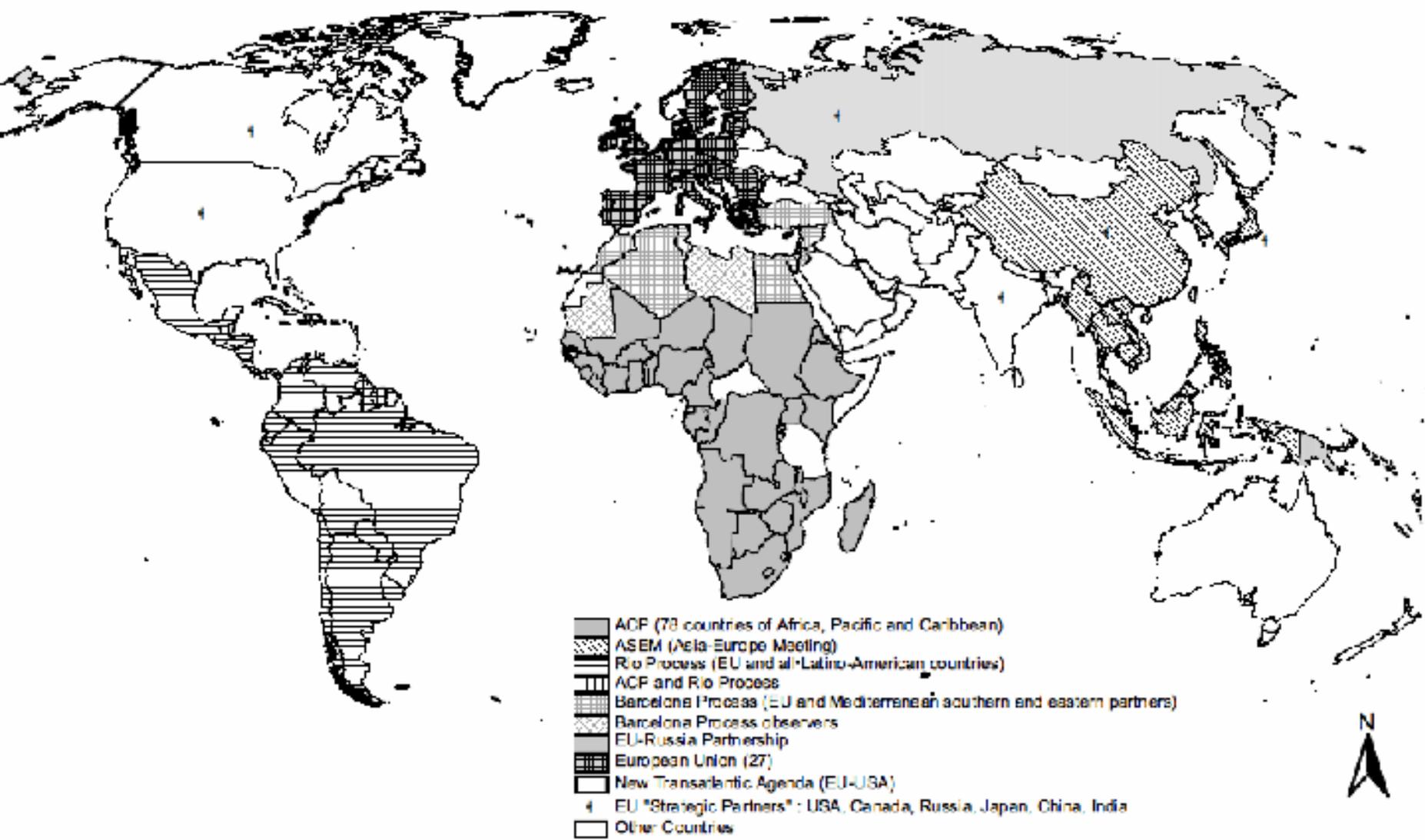
1. Improving coherence between the « multilateralist discourse » and the European states overrepresentation within international organizations : example of the IMF reform
2. Improving coherence between internal and external policies (E.Council declaration of Dec 2007, Commission communication of 6.2006)
3. Combining bilateral and multilateral relations within a new global strategy of external relations (replacing the Solana paper of 2003): EU Council declaration (14.9.2010)
4. Making a better use of strategic partnership based on common values towards a new multilateralism

REGIONALISM AND INTERREGIONALISM

Interregional relations (ASEM, Rio Process, Barcellona process, ACP) and strategic partnerships

- Inter-regional relations within the post-Cold War global governance have been considered as a kind of EU's « identity-marker » (Region to region)
- However, its interplay with the various actors within the current heterogeneous international system, makes the EU affected by divergent influences, differently perceived by EU national actors and common institutions
 - interregional multidimensional associations
 - **Bilateral strategic partnership with big states : USA, Japan, Russia , Canada and also , more recently, with China (2003), India (2004), Brazil (2007).**
 - **Bilateral trade agreements**

MAP 2 EUROPEAN UNION: MAIN INTERREGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS



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