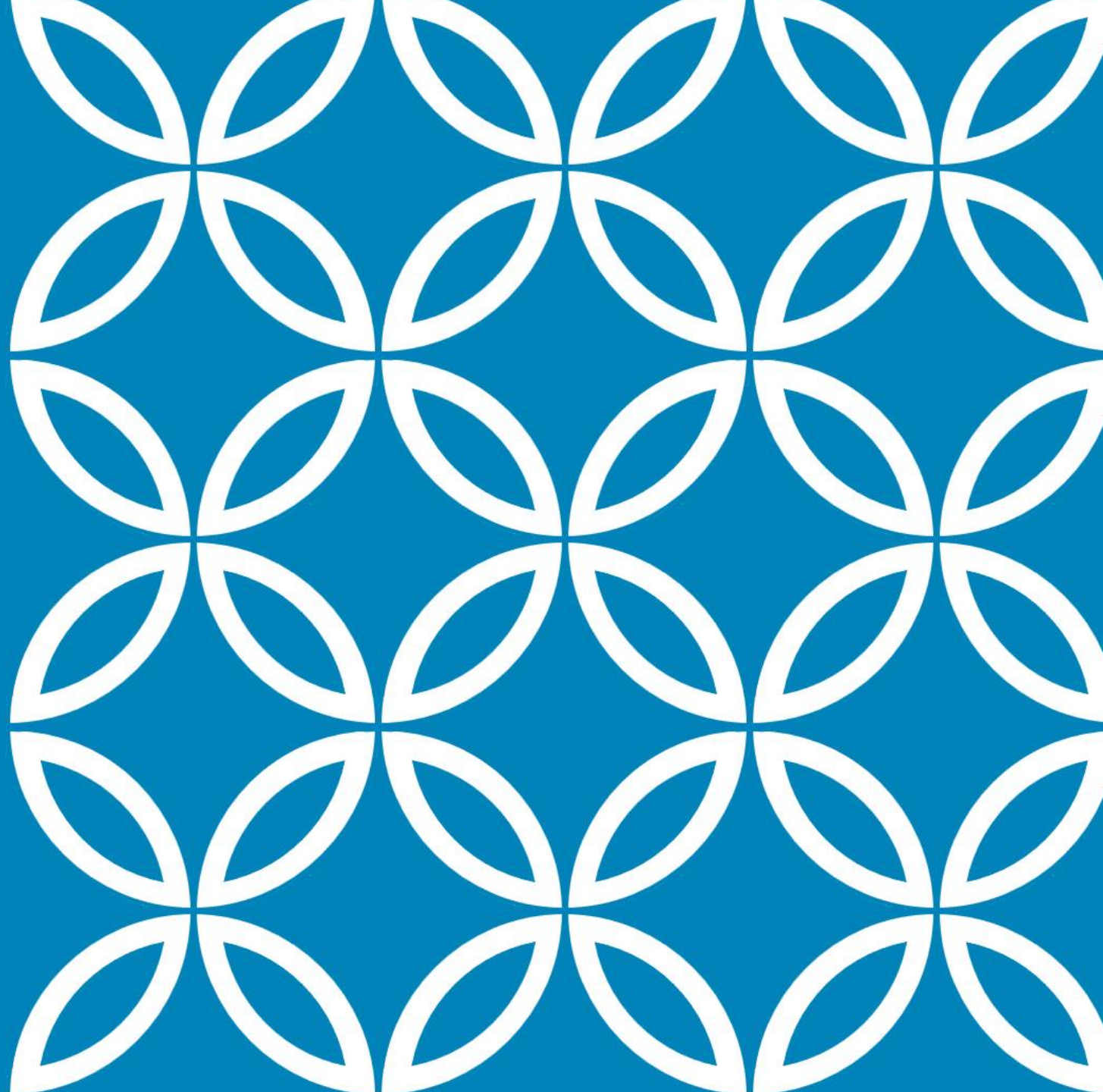


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Activity Report
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EU Enlargement and Integration

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The European Union and Democracy Assistance

EU Economic Integration research area aims to cover results that study the relationship between EU integration and foreign direct investments, the impact of the process on economic growth, domestic change and as more recently trade, migration movements.

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The center aims to promote research on Peace and Violent Being as very new concepts for the Western Balkans region. It aims to offer a deep analysis of the concepts in the European level and to find ways of implementation and implementation of the concepts of Western Balkan studies.

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Peace and Violent Being in the Western Balkans: Peace and Violent Being in Europe

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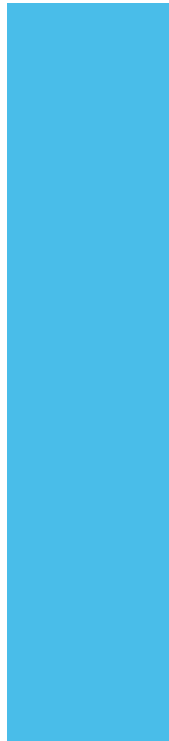
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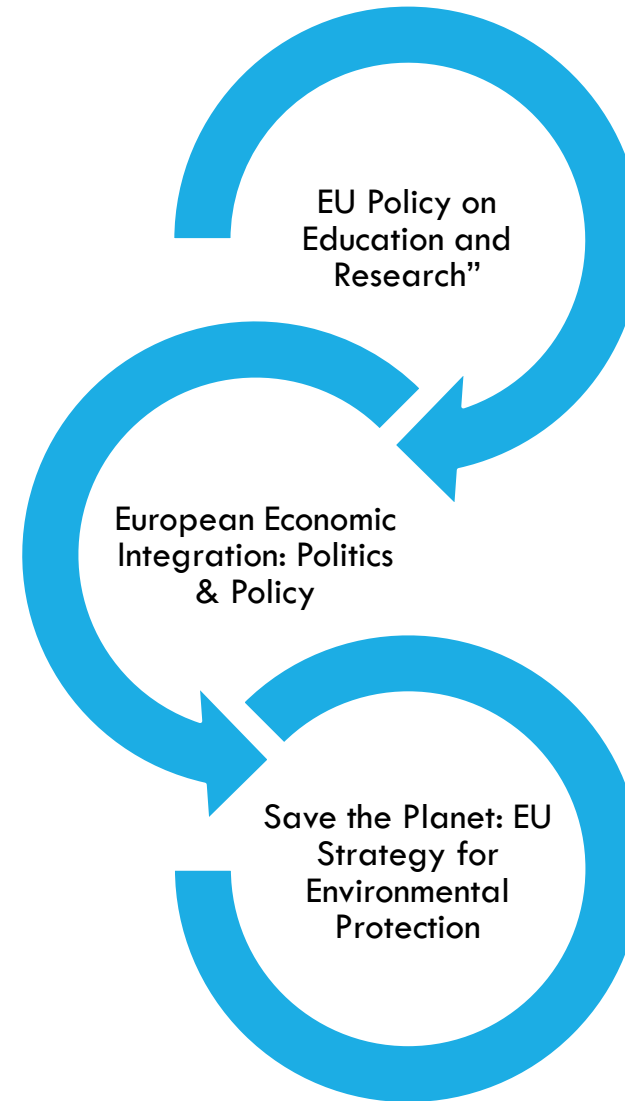
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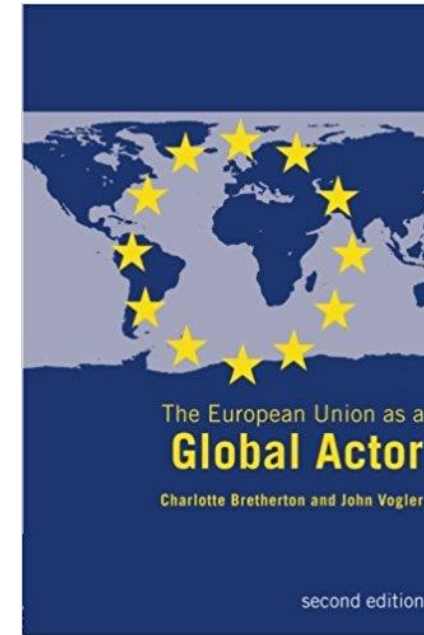
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