

The process of European integration has been a subject of scientific analyses since 1952, since the establishment of the European Coal and Steel Community. Researchers focus on economic, legal, social and political aspects of European integration. Even though the European Union has been a subject of numerous studies for many years, there are still areas of its functioning which have not been analysed. One of such areas are political parties at the European level which from the forum of transnational cooperation between national parties became an element of the decision-making system of the European Union. In order to fill the gap in this field, work was undertaken to study relations between Europarties and political groups in the European Parliament. The main purpose of the implemented project is to verify whether Europarties impact political groups in the European Parliament, simultaneously affecting implementation of the determined direction of European integration. This issue will be studied based on four political parties: the European People's Party, the Party of European Socialists and Democrats, the Alliance of European Conservatives and Reformists, and the Alliance for Direct Democracy in Europe. Qualitative and quantitative empirical studies will be conducted among members of European political groups and among management of political parties at the European level.