

Abstract

The project delves into the multifaceted dimensions of Korea-EU security cooperation, seeking to enhance collaboration and strategic alignment. It explores South Korea's expanding role as a global defense actor, with focus on its deepening defense diplomacy with the EU. It identifies Poland as a crucial player in facilitating a broader Korea-EU security partnership owing to South Korea's recent major defense deals with Poland and its growing military cooperation which can be a springboard for broader EU engagement. The project delves into three key areas: unveiling multifaceted security cooperation, policy recommendations for stronger ties, and investigating European domestic politics to understand challenges in South Korea's defense exports to the EU. It aims to unravel the future trajectory of transcontinental security architecture by analyzing the nexus between South Korea, Europe, and transatlantic security frameworks like NATO. Through comprehensive analysis, it aims to formulate policy recommendations to strengthen Korea-EU security ties, contributing to peace and stability in the region and evaluates the implications of a potential EU-ROK transcontinental security partnership. By fostering a deeper understanding of the strategic drivers behind their actions, the project seeks to contribute to the discourse on global security and international cooperation in defense-oriented domains.