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# The promotion of participatory governance in the EU's external policies: compromised by sectoral economic interests?

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## Notes



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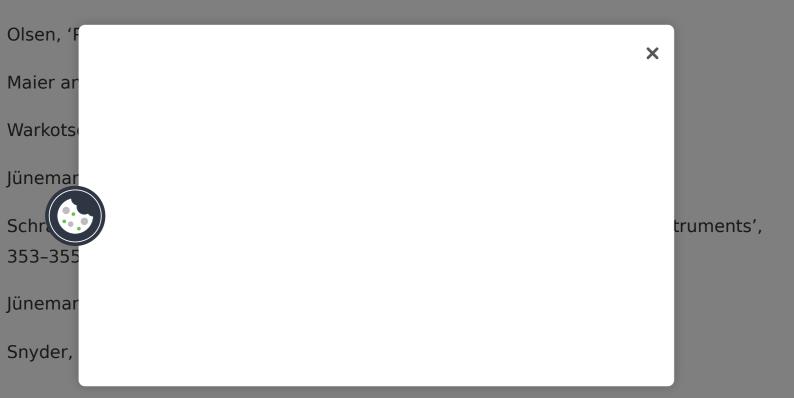
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Schimmelfennig, 'Europeanization beyond Europe', 15.



The dilemma is that democratization processes may (temporarily) lead to instability, the empowerment of radical parties and even civil war. Seen from a role theory perspective, the EU faces an internal role conflict: as a democracy promoter it should prioritize democracy even when it is risky, as a security actor, however, the EU has to take these risks into account. Jünemann, 'Externe Demokratieförderung', 164; see also Powel, 'A clash of Norms'; Andrés Viñas, 'EU's Democracy Promotion Policy'.

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For provisions on participation in environmental policy: Principle 10 of the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (non-binding), UNECE Convention on

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facilitate consultation and the effective participation of muustry, rishworkers,

environmental and other interested organizations in decision-making with respect to the development of laws and policies related to fisheries management, development, international lending and aid.' (6.13); 'Within areas under national jurisdiction, States should seek to identify relevant domestic parties having a legitimate interest in the use and management of fisheries resources and establish arrangements for consulting them to gain their collaboration in achieving responsible fisheries' (7.1.2).

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One interview partner mentioned that the European Commission provides comments under the WTO TBT notification procedure on Ukraine (G/TBT/N/UKR/45). There is also some cooperation in TAIEX workshops (e.g. planned TAIEX workshop AGR 42006 on 'Harmonisation of GMO analysis', which, however, does not deal with public participation). UNECE, 'Report', 3.

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Martin, 'Position Paper'.

European Commission, 'European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument', 11.

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Currently, there are two major types of fisheries agreements. First, there are the agreements based on reciprocal access to the resource (the so-called 'Northern agreements', with the exception of Greenland). Second, there are the agreements where access to the resource is granted in exchange for financial compensation from the EU budget. Such agreements exist mainly with ACP countries but also with Morocco and Greenland ('Southern agreements'). After the 2002 CFP reform, these are called 'Fisheries Partnership Agreements'. A third type of agreement existed with Argentina but remained the only of its kind (Lequesne, The Politics of Fisheries, 137–138). This article focuses on the agreements of the second type.



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