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Teaching and Learning Resource:
Defence Single Market

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Discussion questions about current dynamics and challenges in the defence single market

General questions:

1. Does the EU need to develop a European defence single market and if so why?
2. Should the EU develop a European army and a European Defence Union in the long-term? How is this development likely to impact on its narrative as a normative power?
3. What are the implications of the creation of a European defence single market for transatlantic relations and for NATO?

Teaching case study questions:

1. European joint capability development and defence procurement requires a common threat perception at the EU level. What are the major threats the EU should prepare for and how should they be agreed upon among Member States?
2. What international and intra-European factors explain the adoption of the European Defence Fund and PESCO initiatives?
3. To what extent and how have EU institutions (e.g. European Commission, High Representative) managed to increase their role in the area of defence capability development?