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CHALLENGES IN THE REALIZATION OF MACEDONIAN FOREIGN POLICY

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Abstract

North Macedonia's foreign policy goals have not been completely achieved. This is in part due to the complex processes of international establishment of a small state in the Balkans. Unlike the creating of establishment of other countries after the break-up of the former Yugoslavia where military conflicts took place, Macedonia managed to secure its independence in a peaceful way. However continuous challenges from its neighboring Greece and Bulgaria, who are Guided by residual policies from the Balkan Wars (1912-1913) and the division of the former Ottoman province of Macedonia, Athens and Sofia imposed revisionism on Macedonian reality.

Instead of developing mutual cooperation, bilateral relations were burdened with conditioning, threats and imposed political disputes. It negatively affected the domestic political scene, compromising Macedonia's position on the international stage and distancing it from achieving its most important goals, membership in NATO and the European Union. However, Following the conclusion of the Good Neighbor and Friendship Agreement with Bulgaria and the Prespa Agreement with Greece, the country with the new name Republic of North Macedonia became a full member of NATO in 2020 and expects the start of negotiations with the EU regarding its membership. This paper examines the key aspects of efforts spanning almost three-decades in order to achieve the previously mentioned Macedonian foreign policy goals, drawing conclusions about the most important moments of the country's European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

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