



1.3 The Impact of the European Union's Economic and Political Policies Towards Somalia

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ABSTRACT

This study analyzes the impact of the European Union's economic and political policies on Somalia, focusing on their implementation and effects. Through qualitative analysis and documentary review, the research examines EU interventions in supporting transitional governments, constitutional reform, human rights, financial assistance, trade integration, and private sector development. The findings indicate that EU policies have contributed to trade and development, delivered crucial development aid, facilitated agreements like the Fisheries Partnership Agreement, and supported governance, state-building, and migration/security initiatives. The implementation of these policies occurs through political dialogue, financial and technical assistance, and support for security and economic programs. However, major challenges impede effective implementation, including political instability, weak institutional capacity, corruption, limited infrastructure, a dominant informal economy, and trade barriers. The study concludes that while EU policies have positively influenced several sectors, their long-term success requires greater local ownership, enhanced capacity-building, concerted efforts to address corruption and governance issues, promotion of inclusive economic development, and robust support for conflict resolution and peacebuilding, accompanied by improved monitoring and evaluation frameworks.

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