EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, A SUCCESSFUL HISTORY

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Abstract

After the Second World War, European integration was only an idea. It was considered only a peace between Germany and France. During the years integration increases the range of countries in this process. On the one hand was the tendency for economic union, while political union on the other hand was taking place. During this process the European countries with their free will and through the delegation of power, formed the basis of a supranational body, as the European Community at the beginning, and later the European Union. Showing the Fundamental values of the European Union constitutes the main aim of this study. The use of a mixed methodology (in this work) such as a descriptive analysis focusing on "European Union as a garant of peace and stability", "Protection and promotion of fundamental rights" "From economic union to political union", "From intergovernmental cooperation to a supranational organization", combined with the right literature books and papers published by scholars that take part in the debate, as well as on European integration-related official reports and documents issued by the EU, accomplish the main aim of this study.

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