Within the Editorial Board of "European Union Foreign Affairs Journal" there shall be an open research project, with not yet defined life span, on the subject (preliminary wording): "European Micro States - What has to be changed if they want to access the European Union".

Outside of the EU there are in Europe countries like <u>Andorra, San Marino,</u> <u>Monaco, Liechtenstein and the Vatican (who however plays a different role</u> <u>than the others), as well as the Faroe Islands</u> (which have the biggest population of all of those, with approx. 45.000 people). While all of these countries are at present not likely to join the EU, in each of them (except the Vatican, which should be excluded from doing so) there were voices in favour of an EU accession. If this case became true, what has to be changed in the EU Treaties, in secondary law and in certain policies of the EU, and perhaps also in these countries, if one or several of these Micro States would want to join the European Union?

EUFAJ wants also to test an open procedure of research and connected research, in the sense that everyone can take part in this project, and it is not bound to any further project leadership. Universities, students. professors, their assistants, think tanks, NGOs, public administrations etc. We will look also later for an external financing, if possible respectively necessary.

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