The Geopolitical Crisis and Instability Factors within the Black Sea Region

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Abstract: The issue of the Black Sea region is a vexing topic amongst the scientific community, as it can be qualified as a region of cooperation, but also as a confrontation area for the external and internal forces. Therefore, the list of instability factors in the region has been expanded due to the geopolitical fracture between the Euro Atlantic powers and Russian Federation. This turns the Black Sea region into “a threat to the foundations of the international peace system which was, paradoxically, created here in Yalta in 1945”. As a result, the stability and security in the region have become an immediate concern to the EU. Among the main factors of instability in the Black Sea region we can draw our attention to the issue of the economic projects to diversify gas and energy supplies to Europe; the region’s militarization and the issue of unresolved conflicts and territorial claims; the problem of regional organizations’ low efficacy.

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