

Upaya Uni Eropa (UE) menyelesaikan konflik Balkan melalui common foreign security policy (CFSP)

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Abstrak

.....Balkan conflict caused by the dissolution of Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1990 which brought about various conflicts both inter-states or internal conflicts among states of former Yugoslavia. As a region which is contiguous directly to European Union (EU), the existing conflicts in Balkan could influence political stability and security that is developed by EU as "an area of freedom, security and justice". The solution effort of Balkan conflicts carried out by EU as one of its ideas materialization to unify Europe in one solid and strong institution European Union.

EU's policy in solving the conflicts in Balkan region mentioned in Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), namely (i) strengthening "security building" as an effort to prevent conflict and enforcing regional stability by facilitating peaceful and constitutional agreements both through diplomacy or sending peace-keeping forces; and (ii) strengthening "institution building" or development economic aids with a view to creating an efficient policy-making in line with EU's standards, with laying agenda of pre-access Balkan region into EU.

It is undeniable that the susceptibility of Balkan region mainly caused by its brittleness of political situation owing to the fall of communism which ended the cold war in 1990 and hardening the existed ethnic conflicts in the region. Dark history of inter-ethnic conflicts brought about by the existing copious ethnicities nationalism led to tragedy of "ethnic cleansing" in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina by Yugoslav ruler. It was depicting how strong the situation and condition with nuance of "ethnopolitics" in Balkan region.

At the outset, EU regarded that the Balkan conflicts as domestic regional problem which may be solved by its own region. However, for the sake of regional stability and security, EU was urged to take part more actively in the solution of Balkan conflict. Through CFSP, EU was demanded to be able to settle Balkan conflicts comprehensively through "security and development" (soft politics) and "defence" (hard politics) policies. Notwithstanding, the solution of various conflicts faced by Balkan states still left problems which any time can come up and become new conflicts that EU will cope with in the future.