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Introduction to Global Public Goods and the Role of the EU

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Introduction to Global Public Goods (GPGs)

Public goods: non-rivalry, non-excludability.

GPGs: cross-border benefits, multi-country, multi-generation impact.

Why GPGs Matter Today

COVID-19, war in
Ukraine, climate
change, global
interdependence.



Challenges in Providing GPGs

No global government, free-riding, financing gaps, coordination failures.



Sustainable Development & GPGs

SDGs as a global
GPG framework;
link to
environmental and
social goals.



The EU as a Global Actor (1)

EU as the largest
trade bloc; strong
regulatory
influence;
multilateral
orientation.



The EU as a Global Actor (2)

Climate action,
global health,
digital governance,
peace & security
missions.



EU & New Global Paradigm

Regional
organisations
gaining importance;
need for supra-
territorial
governance.



Key Takeaways

GPGs are essential;
SDGs provide
structure; EU is a
major provider;
cooperation is key.





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