

Abstract

This bachelor's thesis examines the aspects of cooperation between the European Union (EU) and Taiwan, a state without international recognition, from 2019 to 2022. The thesis analyzes the tools used by the EU in its relations with Taiwan and explores the international environment in which this relationship developed. By doing so, the thesis seeks to answer its main research question: How did the EU balance its normative values with pragmatic needs in its relations with Taiwan? The research, designed as a case study, includes a qualitative analysis of primary and secondary sources. The findings show that despite the political constraints associated with the One China policy, the EU was able to develop its relations with Taiwan through unofficial diplomatic channels and intensive economic cooperation. Based on the results of the analysis, the thesis presents a list of tools through which the EU can establish cooperation with states that lack international recognition.