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# Federative dynamics in the EU under the influence of EU citizenship rights in times of crisis

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The federative debate has been tied to the history of the EU integration from the start. Even though the EU is a polity in formation, the comparison with the state model has limited usefulness in assessing the evolution of federative dynamics in the EU. In the context of the EU, federalism should not be regarded as a static arrangement, but rather as a process that has been unfolding despite or because of EU integration setbacks. By the same token, EU citizenship is necessarily distinct from national citizenship. Our purpose in this article is to understand the federative dynamics of the EU in relation to the emergence of a "community of rights". We also aim to establish if, and how, the on-going crisis has triggered a change in the EU federative process as a result of the weakening/strengthening of citizenship rights.

### Introduction

Although controversial, the idea of a "federal Europe" is frequently posited as the ultimate goal of the integration process. But even those who advocate a federal end for the EU have different understandings of what this "label" actu-

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