

## ABSTRACTS

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### UNPRECEDENTED PHENOMENON OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON LEGAL FORMS

The European Union has caused a lot of questions and complaints regarding the legal nature of the association, its status in the international arena. There still questions to determine the shape of the European Union.

The European Union has all the hallmarks of an international organization. However, single citizenship, territory, constitution characterize the European Union as a state rather than an international organization. And, in fact, the European Union is in an intermediate position – neither state nor an international organization.

Some authors believe that the process of international associations which take place in the European Community as the creation of supranational bodies, the elimination of customs borders, the introduction of a common currency – indicate the formation of a new confederation.

Thus, the EU – combines features of international (interstate) and state, but formally it is neither one nor the other. In certain areas, decisions are made by independent supranational institutions, and others – are made through negotiation between member states.