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## List of Abbreviations

ADA	Agenda Dynamics Approach
ADF	Augmented Dickey-Fuller
AFSJ	Area of Freedom, Security and Justice
CCEE	Countries from Central and Eastern Europe
DG	Directorate General
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EU	European Union
Europol	European Police Office
IGC	Intergovernmental Conference
IRF	Impulse Response Function
JHA	Justice and Home Affairs
LM	Lagrange Multiplier
LR	Likelihood Ratio
MFF	Multiannual Financial Framework
OC	Organized crime
OLAF	European Anti-Fraud Office
SEA	Single European Act
SEQ	Structural Equation model
TEU	Treaty of the European Union
TFEU	Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union
TREVI	<i>Terrorism, radicalisme, extrémisme et violence internationale</i>
US	United States
VAR	Vector Autoregression

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