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The sanctions conundrum: the future of the US-EU-Iran triangle and the repercussions for Pakistan

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Abstract: The withdrawal of the US from the JCPOA and the subsequent sanctions has had far reaching impacts globally. From the shielding mechanisms put in place in the EU to the alterations in the oil trade chain in North East Asia, the reconfiguration of GVCs and investments left a vacuum that has been filled in by new actors. What have been the most recent effects of the Iranian sanctions in the transatlantic relationship? And how does Pakistan navigate these convulse waters? We will discuss the current state of affairs of this issue and the way forward for these countries.

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