



Second ACELG Annual Conference on

A New Role for the EU in Economic Governance

Lessons from emerging and existing models

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Background

The second annual ACELG conference is devoted to European law and governance over economic activities. The conference will focus on the (future) role of the European Union in the coordination of Member State economic policies as well as on the regulation and supervision of the financial sector. Following the financial crisis (2007-2009) and the ongoing sovereign debt crisis, the EU is enhancing its role in these areas. There are already some indications on what form the EU's governance model will have; such as network-based peer review mechanisms and a stronger role for EU 'watchdogs' on the basis of the so-called 'six-pack' of legislation to reinforce economic policy coordination and budget oversight within the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU). The EU's enhanced role and the new models of economic governance merit close analysis, not in the least because this development raises important legitimacy questions. The EU has broad and diversified experience in harmonizing and coordinating economic policy areas, in particular on the basis of networks of national and supra-national (public and private) regulators. These networks typically operate within a global context. The European model for "overseeing" and regulating Member States economic policies will therefore have to be compatible with broader, global developments in the areas of financial and economic regulation.

This ACELG conference explores and discusses the possible models for EU law and governance in the areas of economic and financial policies, while reviewing experiences with existing EU governance models in the economic domain.



Setup

The morning sessions will discuss the EU's role in the coordination of national economic policies and in the oversight of financial markets as well as identify challenges to the future governance model. The afternoon session focuses on two existing EU governance models in two distinct fields: competition, where the EU has had a central role from the outset (of the EEC), and food safety, where – similar to the area of financial and economic policies – the Member States originally retained their exclusive competence.

Each session is intended to identify strong and weak points of governance structure in the respective area and make cross-sector comparisons. We aim at drawing lessons from the experiences with these diverging governance models for the architecture of the EU role in the coordination of Member States' economic policies in a broader sense.

Venue



Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences
(KNAW) – Trippenhuis
Tinbergenzaal
Kloveniersburgwal 29
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Registration

Attendance is free of charge. Participants are asked to register in advance using the registration form available on the [conference webpage](#).

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FINAL PROGRAMME

08:45 *Arrival and registration*

09:15 **Introduction**

Prof. Deirdre Curtin, Director of ACELG

09:30 **Lessons from emerging models – the EMU**

Chair: Prof. Deirdre Curtin, ACELG

**Responsive and Responsible European Economic Governance?
Modeling the European Union's Answer to the Euro Area Debt Crisis**

Prof. Fabian Amtenbrink, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Discussants: Benjamin Angel, European Commission DG Economic & Financial Affairs
Prof. René Smits, ACELG

Posters: Chris Koedooder, LL.M., ACELG
Vestert Borger, LL.M., University of Leiden

11.00 *Break*

11.30 **Lessons from emerging models – the financial sector**

Chair: Prof. Pieter Jan Kuijper, ACELG

Financial Market Governance and the European Supervisory Authorities: Lessons since January 2011 - Evolution and Revolution?

Prof. Niamh Moloney, London School of Economics

Discussants: Patrick Pearson, European Commission DG Internal Market
Prof. Adrienne de Moor-van Vugt, University of Amsterdam

Posters: Mee-Hea Park, LL.M., University of Leiden
Mart Kneepkens, LL.M, Utrecht University

13.00 *Lunch*

14.00 **Session III: Lessons from existing models - competition law and food safety**

Chair: Prof. Rein Wesseling, ACELG

Competition law

What's in a Network? Effectiveness and Accountability in EU Competition Law and Governance

Prof. Imelda Maher, University College Dublin

Discussant: Prof. Luís Domingos Silva Morais, University of Lisbon



Food safety

EU Food Safety Governance: Learning from Crises

Prof. Ellen Vos, Maastricht University

Discussant: Prof. Bernd van der Meulen, Wageningen University

Posters: Pieter van Cleynenbreugel, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Jotte Mulder, European University Institute

16.00 *Break*

16.30 **General discussion and concluding remarks** by Prof. Jacques Steenberg
Director General Belgian Competition Authority / Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

17.30 – 18.30 *Reception*

