

Objectives

The first goal of the conference will be to discuss the state of the art of the research on the Europeanization of the legal order. This includes a stock taking of existing research and research initiatives that are under way, and the discussion of methodological issues involved in these studies.

In a dynamic perspective the question is whether the share of EU-induced regulations remains constant relative to the overall legislation produced in a country or whether the proportion of such EU-induced increases over time. An answer to this question would considerably add to our understanding of the *process* towards an "ever closer Union".

The conference will address causes of difficulties and delays in the implementation process. In a general sense we can distinguish genuine administrative problems and the lack of political will to implement directives. While, eventually, implementation cannot be avoided, individual actors can gain politically from delaying the process and watering-down the content of directives. This question will specifically be addressed in the opening session of the conference which consists of a round table between academics and practitioners.

The ultimate goal of the conference is to enhance our understanding of the process of transposition of EU directives and more generally European integration through making laws at the European Union level.

Organisation Committee

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Partnership

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Europeanization through the Transposition and Implementation of EU Directives

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Chambre des Députés du Luxembourg
Luxembourg-Ville



Friday 24 June, PM: Chambre des députés

4.30 Welcome word by
Lucien Weiler, Speaker of the Chambre des députés
Patrick Dumont (Université du Luxembourg)

4.45 General Introduction to the Conference by
Wolfgang C. Müller (Universität Mannheim)

5.00 **Implementation Deficits: What do we know?**
Ellen Mastenbroek (Universiteit Leiden)

5.30 **Hare or turtle? Member states
catching up with the transposition of EU Directives**
Bernard Steunenbergh (Universiteit Leiden)

6.00 Round table on "**Europeanization through implementation and the
role of national parliaments: Two types of deficit?**"
With practitioners

Ben Fayot (Chairman of the Foreign Affairs and EU Affairs Committee of the
Chambre des députés; former member of the European Convention)

Lydie Polfer (Member of the European Parliament; former Vice Prime
Minister)

Jacques Santer (Former President of the European Commission; former
Prime Minister) *To be confirmed*

Nicolas Schmit (Minister delegate for Foreign Affairs and
Immigration) *To be confirmed*

Claude Turmes (Member of the European Parliament; Vice President of the
Green group in the European Parliament)

Saturday 25 June, AM: Chambre des députés

Panel 1: Europeanizing the Legal Order

9.00-10.00: Paper presentations

Jørgen Grønnegaard Christensen
(Aarhus Universitet)
The case of Denmark

Mark Bovens and Kutsal Yesilkagit (Utrecht School of Governance)
The case of the Netherlands

Marcelo Jenny (Universität Mannheim)
The case of Austria

10.00-11.00: General discussion introduced
by Marco Giuliani (Università di Milano)

Saturday 25 June, AM (cont.)

11.30-12.30: **Problems and Pitfalls of Comparative Analysis**
Thomas König (Deutschen Hochschule für Verwaltungswissenschaften Speyer)

Comments by Lieven De Winter (Université catholique de Louvain)

Saturday 25 June, PM: Chambre des députés

Panel 2: Europeanizing Law-Making

14.00 – 16.00: Paper presentations

René Torenvlied et al. (Universiteit Utrecht)

**Member States' Policy Preferences and the Elaboration and
Transposition of EU Directives**

Matti Wiberg (University of Turku)
The case of Finland

Patrick Dumont, Philippe Poirier and Danielle Bossaert*
(Université du Luxembourg and Ministry of Civil Service*)
The case of Luxembourg

Muiris MacCarthaigh and Nicholas Rees
(Institute of Public Administration Dublin and University of Limerick)
The case of Ireland

General discussion introduced by

Torbjörn Bergman (University of Umea)
Rudy B. Andeweg (Universiteit Leiden)

Panel 3: Problems in Building a European Legal Order

16.30 – 18.00: Round Table of academics on "**What we do not (yet) know
but need to know and why it may matter**"

Wolfgang C. Müller (Universität Mannheim)
Danica Fink-Haffner (University of Ljubljana)
Kalliopi Spanou (University of Athens)
Herwig C.H. Hofmann (Université du Luxembourg)