



Public Conference

European Fiscal Rules – Time for a Reboot?

Tuesday 14 March 2022

15:00 – 17:00 (GMT)

Buswells Hotel - Dublin

The Foundation for European Progressive Studies ([FEPS](#)) and the Think-tank Action on Social Change ([TASC](#)) are hosting a conference to discuss the possibilities around the ongoing **debate on the transformation of European economic governance**. Particularly, the exchange will focus on **reforming the EU's fiscal framework**. The conference will discuss various aspects of EU fiscal rules, including the adequacy of the fiscal rules in meeting their stated goals, whether fiscal standards would be more appropriate than hard rules, and the ability of the fiscal rules to meet Europe's current and future investment needs.

Agenda

14.50 – 15.00 Registration

15:00 – 15:05 **Opening remarks** by **Shana Cohen**, Director, TASC

15:05 – 16:00 Presentation of the Policy Study: **“EU Fiscal Rules – Time for a Reboot”**

- **Robert Sweeney**, Head of Policy, TASC
- **Rosa Canelli**, Researcher, Università degli Studi del Sannio

Discussants:

- **Marie Sherlock**, Head of Policy and Equality SIPTU & Senator with Irish Labour Party
- **Sebastian Barnes**, chair of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council & Head of Economics Division OECD

Chair: **Niamh Hardiman**, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at University College Dublin

Q&A

16:00 – 17:00 Panel Discussion: **What is the future of EU economic governance?**

- **Neasa Hourigan**, Green Party Finance & Health Spokesperson and Chair of Policy Council
- **Tom McDonnell**, Co-director, Nevin Economic Research Institute
- **Ged Nash**, Member of the Dáil Éireann, Labour Party's spokesperson on Finance, Public Expenditure & Reform and former Minister for Business & Employment (tbc)
- **Barbara Nolan**, Head of Representation of Ireland to the EU (tbc)

Chair: **David Rinaldi**, Director of Studies & Policy, FEPS and Lecturer, Université Libre de Bruxelles – Institute for European Studies