



Workshop on

Democratising EU Economic Governance

6th of September 2023

5:00-7:00 pm

Foundation for European Progressive Studies,
Avenue des Arts 46, Brussels

hybrid event, digital participation is possible

Please register using this link:

<https://brussels.fes.de/events/democratising-eu-economic-governance>

Background

After a long period of reflection and negotiation, the European Commission has finally presented its legislative proposals on a reform of EU economic governance in spring 2023. Whatever the outcome, the reform will set the new framework for member states' fiscal policy. It will thus critically shape their room for investments and social spending in crisis-ridden times of rapid transformation.

Considering the influence that EU rules have on shaping member states' fiscal policy, the current framework lacks adequate procedures of democratic accountability and control. The upcoming reform of the EU economic governance framework constitutes a window of opportunity to strengthen democracy in EU economic policy coordination. However, the current legislative proposals would even increase the discretion of the European Commission to influence member states' fiscal policies, without strengthening democratic accountability.

In a recent study commissioned by the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Professor Mark Dawson scrutinizes the democratic deficit in current EU economic policy coordination and makes concrete proposals to strengthen democratic control and accountability. The aim of this workshop is to present and discuss the key results of his study with a renowned circle of experts and policy makers and to find common grounds to reform EU economic governance into a direction that improves democracy rather than weakening it further.

Programme

Welcome

Stefan Körzell

(Executive board member, German Trade Union Confederation)

Cédric Koch

(Policy Advisor, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung)

Input

Mark Dawson

(Professor of European Law and Governance, Hertie School)

Presentation of the study: Democratising Europe's fiscal rules: proposals for reforming the EU's economic governance package

Panel debate with

Mark Dawson

(Professor, Hertie School of Governance)

Joachim Schuster

(MEP, S&D)

Rasmus Andresen

(MEP, Greens/EFA)

Marietta Karamanli

(Member of the French Parliament)

Concluding Remarks

Maria João Rodrigues

*(FEPS president and chair of the Financial and Economic Network (FEN)
at the Party of European Socialists (PES))*

Chairs

Dominika Biegón (DGB) and Cédric Koch (FES)

Drinks & snacks available after the event



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