



Workshop: Governing through Funding in the European Union

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How is funding shaping European integration? That is the central question of the book *Governing through Funding in the EU* (forthcoming, CUP), edited by Lilian Tsourdi and Marijn van der Sluis. In this workshop, authors and commentators will discuss the implications of funding-based governance for the functioning and evolution of the EU.

The Recovery and Resilience Facility demonstrated the transformative potential of EU funding during the pandemic and introduced a new method of advancing European policy objectives. In other domains, too, funding has become increasingly salient. Rule of law conditionality has emerged as a key tool for upholding EU values. In migration policy, financial instruments are central to cooperation with third countries. In climate policy, the EU budget plays a role in mainstreaming environmental objectives. Cohesion and the common agricultural policy have long relied on funding, but recent reforms highlight new challenges.

Governing through Funding in the EU brings together contributions that analyse these developments from legal (constitutional, institutional, and substantive) and public policy perspectives. A first set of chapters examines the foundations and constitutional implications of funding as a mode of governance. A second set focuses on the ways institutional actors, such as the European Council, the European Parliament and the Court of Auditors, steer policy implementation through funding. A final part of the volume explores sector-specific applications of funding-based governance in numerous policy areas: e.g. cohesion, common agricultural policy, environment. During the workshop, a number of the volume contributors will present their chapters, with discussants offering critical reflections.

Agenda

09:15-09:30 Welcome

Deirdre Curtin, European University Institute, Lilian Tsourdi, University of Maastricht and Marijn van der Sluis, University of Maastricht

09:30-11:00 The Foundations of Governance through Funding

Chair and Commentator: Deirdre Curtin, European University Institute

Conceptualising Governing through Funding in the EU

Lilian Tsourdi, University of Maastricht & Marijn van der Sluis, University of Maastricht

Entering the age of performance: new forms of funding, new forms of accountability?

Michele Gigli, European University Institute and Johannes Müller, European University Institute

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Financial Governance through EU Institutions and Bodies

Chair and Commentator, Luisa Marin, University of Insubria

Governing Through Funding: A European Parliament Perspective

Richard Crowe, European Parliament

Filling the enforcement gap? Funding conditionality as a tool of rule of law protection

Antonia Baraggia, University of Milan and Matteo Bonelli, Maastricht University

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-16:00 The Steering Potential of EU Funding in European Integration

Chair and Commentator: Marc Steiert, European University Institute

Enhancing the Performance Orientation of EU Funding Governance: Lessons from the Recovery and Resilience Facility and the Cohesion Policy Funds

Jonathan Zeitlin, University of Amsterdam & European University Institute, David Bokhorst, European University Institute, and Edgars Eihmanis

A new cohesion policy? Inducing compliance through EU funding

Maria Patrin, Hertie School of Governance

Greening through Spending: Climate policy and the EU Budget

Marijn van der Sluis, University of Maastricht



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