



EP-EUI POLICY ROUNDTABLE: EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS IN EU POLICY-MAKING: CONCEPTS, PRACTICE AND GOVERNANCE

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■ INTRODUCTION

The European Union's popular legitimacy, even more so after the outcome of the UK referendum, depends to a large extent on its effective capacity to successfully deliver good outcomes as a policy-shaper and law-maker. In order to increase both the legitimacy and effectiveness of its action, the European Commission, over the past decade, has continuously stepped up its efforts to integrate stakeholders and concerned citizens in the preparation of new legislation. This practice goes back to its White Paper on European Governance published in July 2001. Concurrently, the European Parliament has, from its side, built up several instruments to scrutinise the Commission's activities, using its own independent sources of evidence and expertise.

Within the preparatory and scrutiny processes of both the Commission and the European Parliament, policy proposals, legislative acts and implementation arrangements are increasingly assessed and evaluated on the basis of factual evidence and statistical data. Such evidence-based monitoring is increasingly recognised as a complex steering mode in itself that resulted from changing governance patterns due to Europeanisation and supranationalisation. In this view, evidence-based policy-making reflects the need to re-structure the interaction of political actors of different institutional origin and political levels and represents an influential policy instrument at the border of the politics and policy dimensions of EU's multilevel legislative process.

The EP-EUI Policy Roundtable takes stock of the recent developments in Parliament's involvement in this sort of evaluation of European governance, including various tools of impact and implementation assessment, scientific evaluation and the policy-oriented use of large data resources. The main purpose of the roundtable is to provide fresh ideas on how to develop a convincing toolbox for setting priorities, including critical assessments of the limits of empirical and data evidence in defining new policies.

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■ PROGRAMME

- 10.15 Welcome Coffee
- 10.45-11.00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Brigid Laffan | Director, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI
- 11.00-13.00 **PANEL 1: PLANNING AND ASSESSING EU POLICIES - PRACTICE AND PRACTICABILITY**
The first panel discusses concrete examples of evidence-based policy-making and legislation within the EU. Starting from policy-related analysis on different topics, it will highlight issues of the use of data to measure compliance and progress; approximation to social reality; aggregation to construct countable and measurable objects; conceptual clarity, theoretical embedment and formal/informal limitations; as well as impact on inner-institutional practice and inter-institutional cooperation. Concrete cases and measurement practice will be discussed.
- Chair:
Wilhelm Lehmann | Visiting European Parliament Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI
- Speakers:
Katia Berti | Head of Sector, Unit 'EMU deepening and macro-economy of the Euro area', Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission
Christine Kormann | Project leader DIGICOM, EUROSTAT
Daniel Schraad-Tischler | Senior Expert, Program Shaping Sustainable Economies, Bertelsmann Foundation
Gaby Umbach | Director, GlobalStat, Global Governance Programme, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 -16.30 **PANEL 2: LEGITIMACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY-MAKING**
The second panel deals with the impact of evidence- and data-based policy-making as a rather recent development in EU politics. It focuses on important normative questions of the support of public authority through evidence-based processes and the legitimacy and accountability of these processes. It will seek to shed light on the democratic quality of these processes and on their influence on democratic legitimacy as well as participation.

Chair:

Etienne Bassot | Director, Members' Research Service, DG European Parliamentary Research Service, European Parliament

Speakers:

Jack Malan | Founding Partner, Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services

Alexandre Stutzmann | Director, Directorate-General for External Policies, European Parliament

Barend van der Meulen | Head of Research, Rathenau Instituut, The Hague, and Professor Evidence for Science Policy at Leiden University

Jean-Claude Worms | Chief Executive, European Science Foundation

16.30-16.45

Coffee Break

16.45 -18.45

PANEL 3: THE 'EVIDENCE TURN' IN EU POLICY PLANNING AND LEGISLATION - PANACEA OR MIRAGE?

The third panel takes stock of data analysis and indicator-based processes, 'evidence-based measuring' and 'measuring as governance instrument' on a much broader scale. It hence turns to 'governance' consequences created by evidence-based policy-making; aspects of policy-learning and learning ahead of crises; questions of political steering and regulation; epistemic community-building, and (expert) knowledge-sharing for policy innovation.

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Ioan Mircea Paşcu | Vice-President of the European Parliament / Professor of International Relations, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest

Speakers:

Paul Cairney | Professor of Politics and Public Policy, Department of History and Politics, University of Stirling

David Coen | Professor of Public Policy, University College London

Miguel Maduro | Professor of Law, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI / former Minister for State and Regional Development & Minister Adjunct to the Prime Minister of Portugal

Anthony Teasdale | Director-General, DG European Parliamentary Research Service, European Parliament

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Renaud Dehousse | President, European University Institute

Ioan Mircea Paşcu | Vice-President of the European Parliament / Professor of International Relations, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest

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