

FRS Financial Risk and Stability gGmbH

FRS Financial Risk and Stability Network is an independent civil society organisation based in Berlin focusing on bank regulation, financial stability, institutional frameworks and financial sector reforms in the EU.

FRS is a recognised non-profit limited company, legally named FRS Financial Risk and Stability gGmbH, ruled by German law. It is registered, tax-exempted, and acting in the notion of public interest from a civil society perspective.

FRS contributes to the provision of information, research and views exchange on above issues via its activities and events. It stimulates research, engages in education, advances the policy debate and brings together various stakeholders in public event formats.

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FRS will thereby intensify open discussions on an adequate regulation of the financial sector. It presents a starting point for dialog, research and cooperation, and offers a networking framework for those who are interested in.

Independence, transparency as well as a critical, constructive perspective are core principles of the non-profit organisation. **FRS** is scientific based and essentially policy-oriented. The approach is dialogue- and research-driven, also encouraging science in more vigorously addressing policy issues.

The motto can primarily be described as ‘science to policy’. At its events **FRS** brings together various stakeholders, policy makers and societal groups in critical discussions on topical regulatory, supervisory, institutional framework and financial stability issues.

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FRS Financial Stability Conferences have been organised now since 6 years. We succeeded in filling comprehensive, critical, most topical agendas, and established a most valued platform for serious and necessary public debate on an ongoing basis.

From 2013 to 2018 in all 116 speakers, discussants, moderators actively participated at **FRS** conferences, building a remarkable network of policy makers, regulators, academics, civil society advocates and industry experts. Feedback has been awesome.

Since 2017 **FRS** engages in stimulating research on crucial aspects of conference topics and disseminates policy-oriented research contributions. **FRS** has fostered its research activities in 2018 with the first FSC Research Workshop. The policy focus was enormously appreciated by presenters and participants.

FRS Financial Stability Conferences

- „From Risk Reduction to Risk Sharing: How to align opposing Policy Concepts and shape a balanced financial Architecture in the EU“, 31 Oct. 2018 in Berlin.
- „EU at Crossroads: How to respond to Misalignments in Bank Regulation and achieve a consistent financial Framework“, 18 Oct. 2017 in Berlin.
- „How to fix the Deficiencies in the EU Financial System? Bank-State-Nexus, Business Models and the missing Level Playing Field“, 3 Nov. 2016 in Berlin.
- „How to design the future EU Financial System? Resolution Framework, Crisis Prevention and Capital Markets Union“, 28 Oct. 2015 in Berlin.
- „The Comprehensive Assessment, the New Role of the ECB and Limits of a Common Supervision in the EU“, 30 Oct. 2014 in Berlin.
- „The Single Resolution Mechanism and the Limits of Bank Regulation“, 8 Nov. 2013 in Berlin.

FRS Research Workshop – Intention

- to discuss and deepen relevant aspects of the conference topics,
- encouraging scientists/scholars to address policy making issues,
- providing a very different setting from usual academic sessions,
- presenting an opportunity for interaction with a mixed audience,
- stimulating policy-oriented research integrating options/opinions,
- enhancing communication skills for a non-academic environment,
- offering a frame for interdisciplinary and cross-border networking.

Feedback and suggestions from participants after the Workshop:

- policy orientation, opinion, options for policy actions: extremely good!
- focus on policy implications linking WS to current policy proposals,
- shorter time for presentations, more time for plenary discussions,
- discussant to each presentation also from policy-making, industry...

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The events shall be expanded in the forthcoming years, fostering existing partnerships, creating new ones and providing an impact to the discussions on regulatory reforms at national and EU levels with the aim of improving financial regulation from a society view.

The events shall be accompanied by research and dissemination activities. **FRS** also engages in creating an European scientific research network for financial stability, reforms and regulation issues. Intention is to encourage scholars and researchers across disciplines to work on these issues and take part in critical debates.

FRS is open to and also envisaging institutional cooperations and project collaborations as regards interdisciplinary research, views exchange and events. It has already developed a sound and broad European network of individuals and institutions.

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Main activities in 2018/2019 are:

- organisation of the Financial Stability Conferences
- organisation of relating FSC Research Workshops
- further policy-oriented discussion formats
- initiation of research projects and arrangements
- expanding the experts and research network
- development of cooperations and collaborations
- further organisational build up and bodies set-up

These activities shall be funded by project-related grants, overhead grants and sponsorings, as well as donations and contributions without or in return for offered benefits.

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Thank you

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