

# FSC RESEARCH WORKSHOP

## Call for Policy Contributions

Call for scientific policy contributions to the Financial Stability Conference 2019 for presentation and discussion at the following Research Workshop

### FSC Research Workshop 2019

29 Oct. 2019 – Berlin | 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | [workshop@frsn.de](mailto:workshop@frsn.de)

The venue will be communicated closer to the event

Policy-oriented research workshop relating to Financial Stability Conference 2019: “EU between Regress and Progress: How to cope with National Banking Policies, Single Market Deficiencies and the unsolved Sharing Issue – Political dynamics and their repercussions on regulatory and institutional settings”

The Financial Stability Conference, 28 October in Berlin, is followed by a research workshop, 29 October, to discuss and deepen relevant aspects of the conference topics. Scientists and scholars – including early stage and PhD researchers – in the disciplines of economics, law, finance, banking and political economy as well as researchers from public authorities, central banks, institutions and civil organisations are invited to signal their interest and draft policy contributions on research questions related to the conference topics and aspects thereof.

**Step I: proposal deadline for research ideas/sketches: 12 June 2019**

**Step II: submission deadline for drafted policy contributions: 12 September 2019**

via email: [workshop@frsn.de](mailto:workshop@frsn.de)

### Step I

Proposals for research ideas/sketches could address various aspects of the following conference discussion topics:

- National banking policies and the new EU political landscape: stuck between reform ambitions and disintegration tendencies
- Between wishful thinking and feasibility: how to remove obstacles to true competition and a common beneficial single market
- Making resolution work: how to deal with legal loopholes, institutional implementation challenges and impediments to practice
- Risk sharing in the EU: how to ensure common grounds on adequate instruments, institutional frameworks and appropriate procedures

**Proposals may relate to a broad bundle of terms and notions as regards the conference topics, and we are also open to unconventional ideas. We welcome in particular research proposals on following subjects:**

State interferences and the protection of national banking systems, state aide and implicate guarantees to banks, regulatory ring-fencing and the use of national discretions and rulings, fragmentation and an uneven level playing field, impediments to competition, barriers to harmonisation and integration, new industrial policies and calls for national/EU champions, discretion and accountability of regulatory agencies, interactions of legal fragmentation with other elements of institutional incompleteness, risk sharing instruments versus mutualisation via backdoor, SRF, backstops and crisis management tools, legal constraints in resolution and national insolvency laws, public backstops, their anchoring and legitimations, rules versus discretion in complex resolution processes with interventions, dichotomy between financial stability concerns and resolution choices, EDIS, ESM, regulatory loopholes in BRRD, etc.

→ **Research ideas/sketches to be emailed by Wednesday 12 June to: [workshop@frsn.de](mailto:workshop@frsn.de)**

We do not expect written or even finalised contributions by this deadline, but a sketch with a clear research subject of max. 1.500 words. All proposed research ideas and sketches will be reviewed and considered for drafting contributions, presentation at the workshop, discussion and publication. They will be reviewed by FRS with the assistance of experienced scientists.

→ **We will inform all proposers on 21 June about acceptances and the further procedure.**

## **Step II**

We ask to work out accepted research sketches and to draft the policy contributions during the summer. The policy contributions should be short and policy-oriented, and they do not have to follow any given specific scientific methodology or approach. More important are policy-relevance, comprehensibility as well as a clear and plausible structure. Emphasis lies on conclusions, practical relevance of results, ideally policy recommendations and input to both the scientific as well as the policy debate. Derivations of empirical results and model explaining should not be the focus, we rather recommend to eschew models and equations and to focus on the outcomes and policy implications. The policy contributions have to be finalised and send to the organiser by 12 September to give time for review by discussants.

→ **Policy contributions to be emailed by Thursday 12 September to: [workshop@frsn.de](mailto:workshop@frsn.de)**

## **Some relevant information on the purpose of the workshop and about the task**

The task is to bring a contribution to the ground, means to make it understandable and draft it in a nontechnical wording. Insofar, it is a communication task as well, to write and present a policy paper, the findings and relevance to a different, broader audience, eschewing models and equations, but bringing up lines of thoughts, arguments, conclusions and policy options and/or recommendations to a wider public. In this, the workshop is intended as an innovative experiment to bring researchers closer to policy. To sum up, the contributions should be brief and written in a nontechnical language, aimed at a broad audience interested in policy issues, presented and published to elicit comment and further debate.

As regards subjects and research questions of policy contributions there are no specifications or preferences from the organisers. Any specific aspect relating to the discussion topics can be accepted. We do not see problems with potential thematic overlappings. In the contrary, it might be fruitful to have contributions on quite similar aspects for an enriching discussion.

There are no detailed specifications as regards format as well: just to edit subject, reasoning and rationale in a clear and logical way, be precise and leave the unnecessary and redundant aside. Length: better short than lengthy; 5 pages would be best and appropriate, and we ask to not exceed the max. of 10 pages. As for the presentation slides we ask to limit the number to be shown to not more than 6 slides.

For each presenter there shall be a discussant, and we ask accepted presenters to be open to act as well as a discussant to another policy contribution. Also discussants should be brief in their criticisms to give adequate time for the plenary discussions with the audience where in our view shall be a focus on. Our intention and emphasis is that all participants are learning from the workshop and gain new insights.

Inquiries and information requests to be directed to: [workshop@frsn.de](mailto:workshop@frsn.de)

**The research workshop takes place in Berlin, the venue will be communicated closer to the date. The organiser may reimburse travel expenses for presenters and discussants.**

The organiser  
**Financial Risk and Stability Network**

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