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

FSC Research Workshop 2019
29 October 2019 – Berlin | 9:30 – 16:00 h
The venue will be communicated closer to the event

The Financial Stability Conference (FSC) on 28 October in Berlin is followed by a research workshop on 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 submit research ideas/sketches (proposals) and draft policy contributions on research questions related to the conference topics and aspects thereof.

Step I: extended proposal deadline for research ideas/sketches: 28 June 2019
via email: 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 implicite 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 Friday, 28 June to: 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 by 8 July about acceptances and the further procedure.

Some 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 contribution, the findings and relevance to a different, broader audience, eschewing the focus on models and equations, but bringing up lines of thoughts, conclusions and policy options and/or recommendations to a wider public. Thus, the workshop is also intended as an innovative format to bring researchers closer to policy issues. 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. There are no detailed specifications as regards format as well: editing subject, and reasoning in a clear and logical way, and leaving the unnecessary and redundant aside. 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.

Questions to be directed to: 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
FRS Financial Risk and Stability Network

FRS Financial Risk and Stability gGmbH is a non-profit organisation based in Berlin focusing on bank regulation, financial stability and financial sector reforms in the EU. FRS stimulates research, advances the policy debate and brings together various stakeholders, academia and the public in open debate formats. The motto can be described as ‘Science to Policy’.