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**The Euro Area Debt Crisis and Its
Implications for the Future of the
European Union**

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This presentation highlights the main institutional legal innovations in European Union economic governance in the euro area and critically assesses the consequences of the EU regulatory response to the euro area debt crisis on the governance structures in Economic and Monetary Union. The main argument is that the numerous legal reform measures have resulted in profound changes in the decision-making structure that results in a change in the balance of power among the European institutions, such as the European Commission, the Council and the European Central Bank. Understanding these changes is of vital importance for policy makers and financial market participants outside Europe who deal with the European Union.



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