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What budget, resources, fiscal and borrowing powers for the EU?

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This International Conference is organised within the Jean Monnet Network “MoreEU: More EU to overcome the crisis” - composed by the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna in Italy, CEU-San Pablo University in Spain, Warsaw University in Poland, Nova Universidad de Lisboa in Portugal and Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute in France - in cooperation with the University of Florence.

The Conference aims at establishing a dialogue between academics, experts, stake-holders and policy-makers. It will be opened by a session of invited speakers chosen among renowned experts.

It will be followed by one session or several parallel sessions, that will host paper-givers selected through this call for papers.

It will be concluded by a round table involving stake-holders and policy-makers. The round table will be introduced by a Network representative, who will sum up the main ideas and proposals discussed in the previous sessions of the Conference.

Call for papers

The crisis started in 2008 has proved the unsustainability of a European monetary-only union. The December 2012 Four Presidents’ Report put forwards the aim of establishing also a banking, fiscal, economic and political unions. While progress has been made on the banking union, all other still need to be defined. The European Commission Blueprint explicitly mentions the need for a European fiscal and borrowing capacity – which only the first European Coal and Steel Community was endowed with, but was never provided to the EEC-EC-EU. The Five Presidents June 2015 Report tries to set the reform process back in motion. In the meantime the economic crisis is putting the very European social cohesion at risk and giving rise to nationalist tendencies.

In this context Papers should address at least one of the following issues.

1. Within a multi-level polity as the EU, and according to the subsidiarity principle, what amount of budget the EU shall have, and to produce which European public goods?
2. How should the EU budget be financed? What forms of European own resources can best provide the necessary revenue in economic and political terms?

3. What kind of fiscal and borrowing capacity should the EU have? Is it possible or useful to attribute to the Eurozone specific powers on this field, thus allowing for the creation of a specific Eurozone budget, or a special Eurozone fund within the EU budget? To produce what specific Eurozone public goods?

Organizers welcome contributions approaching these issue from various disciplinary perspectives – such as political science, economics, law, sociology, history – or an inter-disciplinary one, focusing on the EU and/or in a comparative perspectives.

Abstracts of max 500 words should be sent by 30th of September to the project officer, Dr. Tommaso Visone: t.visone@sssup.it

Selected papers will be communicated by the 15th of October. The deadline for the submission of the final papers is the 5th of November.

The selected papers will be published in a monographic issue of an academic journal, currently being selected.