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When Rule of Law is at risk

What can/should the EU do?

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INTRODUCTION

The EU is a community of values: “Respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights” are at the heart of European integration (Article 2 TEU). However, once a country becomes an EU member state, compliance with the EU values is not monitored or evaluated, thus the so called "Copenhagen dilema". The European Semester features country specific recommendations regarding the economy. Why not country specific recommendations regarding the rule of law, justice, and fundamental rights? How do we expand on Commissioner Reding´s Justice Scoreboard? Should we have an Article 2 alarm agenda? Are sanctions the right way to go? Can you put a price to values? How can you cooperate if there is no mutual trust? Apart from the mechanism provided for in article 7 TEU, what parallel or alternative multileveled structure can we envision for monitoring and reporting on fundamental rights implementation in the EU?

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

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Format:

15:00-16:30 State of play/ diagnosis of problem

Chairperson: **Ulrike Lunacek**
Initial contributions of 7 minutes from European Commission, Council, **Martin Gramatikov**, **Kim Lane Scheppele**
1st round of questions and answers ****Coffee break****

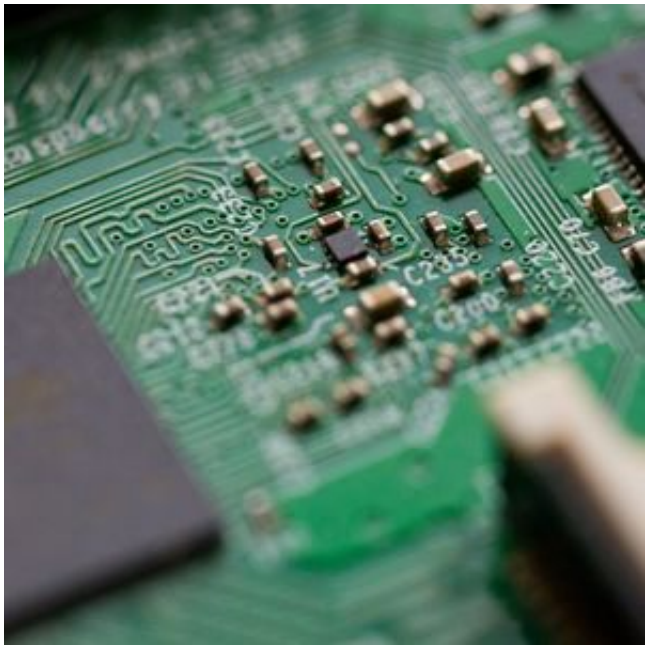
16:50-18:30 Propositions, solutions, reaching expert consensus on conclusions

Chairperson: **Jan Philipp Albrecht**
Contributions of 7 minutes from **Jan Werner Muller**, **Tamara Ehs**, OSI, Amnesty International, Social Platform
2nd round of questions and answers Conclusions: **Rui Tavares**

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