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# TRANSPARENCY, CIVIL SOCIETY AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW THE APPROACH OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

**Monday 24 October 2022 10:30 - 17:00 CET Time**

Sala Feste, Palazzo Malvezzi, Via Zamboni 22, Bologna

## PROGRAM

h. 10.30 - 13:00

**Welcome Greetings: Federico Casolari, Depute Head of the Department of Legal Studies**  
Università di Bologna

**Daniele Senzani, Director of Second Cycle Degree in Legal Studies**  
Università di Bologna

**Introduction: Elisa Baroncini, Coordinator of the Re-Globe Jean Monnet Module and Co-Chair of SIDI DIEcon**  
Università di Bologna

### **Session One: The Multilateral Scenario**

*Chair: Mauro Gatti (Università di Bologna)*

#### **Transparency in Treaty-Making**

Maria Laura Marceddu (European University Institute)

#### **Transparency as a Tool for Private Interests' Protection in Economic Dispute Settlement Systems**

Gianpaolo Maria Ruotolo (Università di Foggia)

#### **The SPS/TBT Transparency Framework: ePing as a Stakeholders Support in the Evolving Regulatory Landscape**

Serra Ayrat (WTO Secretariat)

#### **Transparency in Trade Agreements: The Discipline on Subsidies and SOEs**

Luca Rubini (Università di Torino)

h.13:00-Lunch

h.14h30-17h

### **Session Two: The EU Approach**

*Chair: Gian Maria Farnelli (Università di Bologna)*

#### **The Approach of the European Commission on Transparency in the EU Trade Policy**

Ignacio Garcia Bercero (European Commission)

#### **The Increasing Role of Civil Society and Transparency in Investment Treaty Negotiations**

Kilian Wagner (University of Vienna)

#### **Civil Society and Transparency in EUFTAs Dispute Settlement Mechanisms**

Marina Trunk Fedorova (University of Kiel)

#### **Enforcing EUFTAs and Sustainability Issues through Civil Society: from TBR to SEP**

Elisa Baroncini (Università di Bologna)

## Concluding Remarks





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## PRESENTATION

Transparency and participatory mechanisms are prerequisites of the Rule of Law in a free and democratic society. In International Economic Law (IEL), providing for mechanisms that enables stakeholders and civil society to be fully informed and take part in the negotiations, in the drafting and in the execution of International Trade and Investment Agreements - that ultimately will affect their standards of living - are paramount. After all, without transparency, there is no accountability, and without accountability, good governance cannot be achieved.

By 2015 the concern with transparency and participatory mechanisms to safeguard the International Rule of Law has been formally recognized by the United Nations setting it out among the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030. In Goal 16, it is expressly mentioned the commitment to develop effective, accountable, and transparent institutions and ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory, and representative decision-making with the aim to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.

The event on "Transparency, Civil Society and International Economic Law - The Approach of the European Union" is devoted to present and analyze the state of the art of participatory mechanisms within international negotiations, institutions, and fora. Presentations will focus on the WTO system, the arbitration investment mechanisms pursuant to the ICSID and UNCITRAL rules, the role of civil society in the new generation of free trade agreements, transparency in multilateral and regional dispute settlement mechanisms, constantly considering the approach of the European Union. In fact, the EU, in its 2021 trade policy review, has reaffirmed its firm commitment to promote and pursue reform processes in International Economic Law as a necessary element to implement the SDGs of the 2030 Agenda, strengthening its status of major international actor for the respect and promotion of the principle of transparency and the involvement of civil society when shaping, implementing and enforcing IEL tools.

The event is organized within the activities of the Jean Monnet Module Re-Globe (Reforming the Global Economic Governance: The EU for SDGs in International Economic Law) together with DIEcon, the Interest Group on International Economic Law of the Italian Society of International Law (SIDI) and supported by the Department of Legal Studies of the University of Bologna. The event is also an academic activity of the 2nd Cycle Degree in Legal Studies at the University of Bologna (1 credit Seminar).



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