

Impacts of the EU Taxonomy and implications for the EU sustainable transition

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*** Draft Agenda ***

Date: September 29, 2021

Time: 14:00 - 16:00

Location: This is a hybrid meeting:

- For those attending in-person the meeting will take place in the *Cattier Room, University Foundation, Rue d'Egmont 11, Brussels, Belgium.*
- For those attending online the meeting will take place on *Zoom*

ERCST workstream on sustainable finance (SF) aims at bringing together relevant stakeholders on a regular basis to discuss substantive issues. ERCST has the objective to provide well thought input to the SF discussion, benefitting from a multi-stakeholder debate.

This webinar will gather a diverse panel to discuss the challenge of **making the EU Taxonomy work in a transition context, where it will interact with other sustainable finance and environmental policies.**

Meeting Structure:

The meeting will start with a discussion with Robert Litterman, *Chair of the Climate-Related Market Risk Subcommittee of the Market Risk Advisory Committee (U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission)*. It will then continue with a presentation from ERCST, outlining the latest state of play of the EU sustainable finance policy agenda and describing ERCST's main takeaways regarding its survey on the impacts of the EU Taxonomy Regulation on other EU policies and the implications for navigating the transition. Afterwards, there will be a roundtable discussion on this topic with invited panelists, and the various input from the event will feed ERCST future research on the EU sustainable finance policy framework.

Background to the discussion

ERCST is currently conducting a survey on the EU Taxonomy impact on the balance between markets and regulation, focusing on these issues:

- 1) *The EU Taxonomy must take into account the fact that we are in a period of transition for the real economy*
- 2) *The interaction of the EU Taxonomy with:*
 - *other SF policies*
 - *the "Fit for 55" package*

The survey will explore these issues in two different sections.

Section 1) **Navigating the transition:** will explore the usefulness of the *EU Taxonomy as a tool for supporting the transition* as well as assessing *options to extend the Taxonomy*. The aim is exploring the role of transition pathways in designing the transition as well as ways to finance it through financing mechanisms (e.g.: equity investments, green and transition bonds, de-risking instruments, etc.).

Section 2) **EU Taxonomy interaction with other policies.** The aim of this section is assessing the EU Taxonomy's impacts, intersections and possible overlaps with other sustainable finance and environmental policies. The idea is to beef up the current knowledge on this raising issue. The findings are intended to support the prevention of inefficiencies whilst ensuring a proper balance between markets and regulations.

14:00 Welcome and introduction

- A. Marcu, Director of ERCST

14:10 Opening remarks & discussion

- R. Litterman, Climate-Related Market Risk Subcommittee of the Market Risk Advisory Committee (U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission)
 - Discussion with A. Marcu & M. Mehling

14:50 Outline of the state of play of SF agenda & ERCST takeaways on the survey

- O. Imbault, ERCST
- P. Cesaro, ERCST

15:00 Roundtable discussion on EU Taxonomy impacts and implications on the EU sustainable transition

Chair

- O. Imbault, ERCST

Panelists

- D. Blanchet, ESMA
- A. Lehmann, Bruegel
- F. Klinkhammer, VBA
- J. Macura, Cefic

15:55 Concluding remarks