Budget Supervision by the European Union
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Workshop Report

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Since European legislators have chosen to elaborate European requirements in subsequent packages of legislation that supplement previous packages, rather than substitute previous treaties and directives by new ones, the body of legislation concerning national budgets and the procedures for supervision and sanctioning have become fairly complicated. This workshop provided national budget officials with all information, background knowledge and skills that are needed to assess national laws, regulations and standards in the light of European legislation and to participate in European supervisory procedures and peer review meetings.

**Topics covered:**
- EU legislation concerning national budget and national budget procedures;
- EU supervision and enforcement procedures concerning national budgets and national budget procedures;
- EU budgetary peer review procedures.

**Lecturers:**
- Dirk-Jan Kraan, Public Financial Management Advisor for South East Europe of the IMF
- Christian Kastrop, Deputy Director General Economics and Strategy, Director Public Finance, Macroeconomics and Research Department, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany
- Jonathan van der Heijden, coordinating policy advisor at the Ministry of Finance, the Netherlands
- Stephanie Riso, Head of Unit, Fiscal Policy and Surveillance, Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission
- Jan Donders, Ministry of Finance, the Netherlands
- Valentina Kostyleva, Consultant in Public Governance

**Participants:**
There were 15 participants from Bulgaria, Croatia, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey.
Evaluation:

**Overall satisfaction with the course**

No. of all responses: 12, Average mark: 4.83

**The workshop addressed issues that are important to my work**

No. of all responses: 12, Average mark: 4.33

**Selected Participants’ Comments:**

- Excellent faculty and up to date and relevant topic.
- I will use the knowledge in the process of preparing my national convergence programme for period 2014-2017.
- It was the first CEF seminar that I attended and it was perfect. Keep the spirits going!