



EU Accession and Economic Freedom: Do EU market reforms and policies foster economic freedom?

Online, Zoom, 25 November 2020

19:00-20:30 (EET, UCT+2)

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Centre for Liberal Studies – Markos Dragoumis is pleased to invite you on Wednesday, November 25 2020, from 19:00 to 20:30, to a panel discussion, organized by ELF, titled “EU Accession and Economic Freedom: Do EU market reforms and policies foster economic freedom?” The event will be online, via Zoom.

The access to European Union and the status of EU membership require significant reforms in order for a country to align with the Union's overall institutional framework and values. However, the recent financial and sovereign debt crises have called into question the European Union's commitment to economic freedom. This political debate must be informed by facts, and the current book provides empirical evidence of a link between the EU accession process and the aim of promoting economic freedom.

Some key questions that are to be discussed are: Is the accession to the European Union a reforming period linked to more economic freedom? Which of the current EU policies foster economic freedom? Do we identify EU economic policies with a detrimental effect to economic freedom? Is regional divergence an obstacle to the overall integration policy and economic freedom?

EVENT SCHEDULE

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19:00 Opening remarks

Alexander Skouras, President of KEFiM – Markos Dragoumis

19:05 Does accession process to European Union lead to more economic freedom? Empirical evidence on the EU enlargement between 2000 and 2017

Emmanuel Schizas, Lead Researcher and author, member of KEFiM's academic board, Lead in Regulation and RegTech at the Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance (CCAF)

19:20 EU Membership and economic freedom: some evidence from a founding state

Angela De Martiis, Author, research fellow, Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione Luigi Einaudi.



19:30 Discussion: if and how the EU accession process increases economic freedom, and what is the reform's effect to the overall economic integration and convergence policy.

Svenja Hahn, MEP Renew Europe, ELF's First Vice President (tbc)

Fred McMahon, Walker Chair of Economic Freedom Research, Fraser Institute.

George Pagoulatos, Professor of European Politics and Economy at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), Director General of the Athens-based Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) and on the Governing Board of the Brussels-based European Policy Centre (EPC).

Miranda Xafa, CEO of E.F. Consulting Ltd, senior scholar at the Center for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), former member of the board of the IMF and member of KEFiM's academic board.

Emmanuel Schizas, Lead Researcher and author, member of KEFiM's academic board, Lead in Regulation and RegTech at the Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance (CCAF).

Angela De Martiis, Author, research fellow, Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione Luigi Einaudi.

Giorgio Vernoni, Author, member of the Study Committee, Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione Luigi Einaudi.

Moderator: Antoaneta Assenova, LYMEC President, member of Youth MRF (tbc)

20:40 END OF THE EVENT

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