

**Das Institut für europäische Integrationsforschung  
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lädt ein:**

## **VIENNA LECTURE ON THE EUROPEAN UNION**

by Radoslav Zubek (Oxford University)

### **Transposition of EU Directives in New Member States: Can Departmental Oversight Improve Performance?**

The extent to which member states transpose EU directives in a timely fashion is often argued to be strongly associated with the general effectiveness of national bureaucracies. But what kind of institutional solutions ensure better performance? This paper examines the patterns and effects of departmental oversight across 28 ministries in Estonia, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia. In mapping the strength of oversight, it relies on around 90 structured interviews regarding the rules-in-use on transposition planning, legal review and monitoring of deadlines. The analysis of the impact of departmental oversight is based on an original dataset of over 300 directives with transposition deadlines between January 2005 and December 2008.

Followed by the presentation of an innovative EIF database on research findings regarding EU policy implementation, by Dimiter Toshkov (Leiden University)

Moderated by:

Gerda Falkner (Director of EIF; Professor, University of Vienna)

**Date: 27 October 2010, 17:00**

**Place: Sitzungssaal der ÖAW, Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Wien**

To be followed by a wine & cheese reception

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