Abstract

In December 2017, the European Commission presented a roadmap towards the completion of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU).

Among other initiatives, the roadmap includes

- a legislative proposal for the establishment of a European Monetary Fund,
- proposals for new budgetary instruments to stabilize the Euro Area and support structural reforms in single member states, and
- a communication on a European Finance Minister.

Next to presenting the Commission’s communication, the lunchtime seminar serves to discuss its implications for the future of EMU. In particular, it will be asked whether the Commission’s initiative represents a real ‘game-changer’ or yet another round of ‘muddling through’. Moreover, and with special regard to a European finance minister, the seminar addresses the question to what extent the initiative can be considered promising in functional terms and feasible in political terms.

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