

Public Hearing

EU Listing Act: Is the EU Listings Regime fit for purpose?

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SPEAKERS

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Ms Benner-Heinacher is the Chief Managing Director of Deutsche Schutzvereinigung für Wertpapierbesitz e.V. (DSW), the leading shareholder association in Germany with more than 30.000 members, mainly private investors. She is specialised in international Corporate Governance, sustainability, and shareholders' rights. Ms Benner-Heinacher is an attorney who studied in France, Switzerland and the U.S.A. (Master of Law).

Currently, she is president of Better Finance in Brussels, the leading European Organisation for investors' association. Ms Benner-Heinacher is also member of the CFSC Consultative Working Group at ESMA in Paris.

Besides, she is member of the German Stock Exchange Expert Committee, and sits on the consumer panel of the BaFin (German Financial Authority). Ms Benner-Heinacher also holds several board mandates at German stock corporations such as K + S.

Gerrit Fey

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Gerrit Fey is the head of the Capital Markets Department of Deutsches Aktieninstitut, the leading German organisation representing the interests of listed companies and other important capital market actors since 1953.

He focuses on fundamental questions of capital markets relating to the obligations of listed companies as well as the impact of capital market regulation on corporate finance. Mr Fey has, for example, closely followed the last reform of the Market Abuse Regulation (MAR). At present, he is coordinating the work of Deutsches Aktieninstitut on the EU Listing Act and is also co-head of the issuers' committee at Deutsches Aktieninstitut, the central forum of opinion building among German listed companies. In addition, Mr Fey currently serves as Head of the Policy Committee of European Issuers.

He joined Deutsches Aktieninstitut in 2004 and holds doctoral degree in economics from the University of Marburg with a focus on monetary, currency and institutional economics.

Jakub Michalik

Acting Head of the Governance and External Affairs Department at ESMA



Dr. Jakub Michalik joined the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) in 2014 and is responsible for leading ESMA's inter-institutional and international affairs, governance and strategy as well as communication teams. In his current role, Mr. Michalik has been involved in policy coordination on the EU and global levels across all areas of financial markets regulation within ESMA's remit.

From 2011 to 2014, Mr. Michalik served as a parliamentary assistant to MEP Wolf Klinz on the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) of the European Parliament. Prior to joining the European Parliament, he worked extensively on compliance and implementation matters, including both wholesale and retail business areas, in the private sector.

Mr. Michalik earned his PhD in Law from University of Vienna and his Magister in Law from University of Graz. He holds the professional qualification as a solicitor and is an author and a contributor to a number of articles in the area of banking and capital markets regulation.

Alexander Lehmann

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Dr. Alexander Lehmann is a non-resident fellow at Bruegel, the top-rated Brussels think tank, where his work focuses on EU financial sector policies, sustainable finance, and crisis management – issues on which he has advised numerous emerging market central banks, governments and multilateral and EU institutions. He is concurrently head of sustainability programmes at the Frankfurt School of Finance and serves on the Sustainability Standing Committee of ESMA, the EU’s capital markets supervisor.

Until 2016, Alex Lehmann was the Lead Economist of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) where he headed the strategy and economics unit for central Europe. Previously, he was on the staff of the International Monetary Fund, and worked in research and teaching positions at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) and the London School of Economics. He has published widely on financial sector policies in the euro area and emerging markets and holds graduate economics degrees from the London School of Economics and the College of Europe and a D.Phil. from Oxford University.