

COCOT CONVERSATION

TRUST AS A CONSTITUTIONAL PRECONDITION FOR GOOD REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT IN EUROPE

RENFORCE COCOT BUILDING BLOCK

The need to guarantee peace and security, to develop a sustainable and social – digital - market economy, to strengthen the position of Europe in the global arena, to secure technological innovation and public finances and to uphold the rule of law and protection of fundamental rights and core values in all these and other domains, are issues that have become ever more important these days at state level, in Europe and beyond. This requires ‘good’ or ‘smart’ regulation and enforcement, in the light of both the realization of their policy goals and the protection of people’s well-being, core values and public goods and interests.

In this CoCoT Conversation, we will zoom in on (institutional) trust as a precondition for ensuring both good regulation and enforcement. Trust is crucial in - shaping - all relationships; without there being trust (in-)between the EU institutions and the Member States and actors in the international arena, in-between the Member States and on the part of their citizens vis-à-vis relevant public authorities and private actors, regulation and enforcement will be lacking both in effectiveness and legitimacy.

The Conversation starts with a presentation of some key findings on the relevance and meaning of trust that ensues from earlier RENFORCE output including a CoCoT working paper, which will be distributed a week before the seminar takes place. The Conversation will then continue with presentations and commentaries that focus on trust in relation to specific policy fields as well as from a judicial and political science perspective. Speakers will focus specifically on the following elements:

- How/Why is trust key for securing good regulation/enforcement in their field of research? How does it relate to the notions of effectiveness and legitimacy?
- How is/can trust (be) conceptualised in their field and based on what sources?
- To what EU/(inter)national legal principles does it connect or in what legal principles does the concept of trust translate?
- How has trust been researched in these fields, based on what methodology?
- What are the biggest challenges or hurdles that need addressing to secure trust and therewith a solid basis for good regulation and enforcement?

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PROGRAMME

14.15 – 14.30 WELCOME, COFFEE/TEA

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14.30 – 14.40 INTRODUCTION

Sebastian Meyer and Linda Senden

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14.40-15.15 PRESENTATIONS

Trust in trade practices and the digital society

Bram Duivenvoorde, Utrecht University

Trust and technical standardization in the internal market

Olia Kanevskaia, Utrecht University

Trust in technology/AI/the case of self-driving vehicles

Roeland de Bruin, Utrecht University

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BREAK 15.15 - 15.30

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15.30 – 16.15 PRESENTATIONS

Trust and competition law

Malgorzata Kozak, Utrecht University

Trust in the cross-border recovery of tax claims

Paul van der Smitte , Utrecht University

Trust in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice and beyond

Sacha Prechal, Court of Justice of the European Union

Comments

Koen Verhoest and Esther van Zimmeren,
Antwerp University, GOVTRUST

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16.15 – 16.45 DISCUSSION

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17.00 DRINKS

