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ADRIÁN ARNÁIZ, Antonio

Spain and the internal market

Abstract: The present article analyses the relationship between the Spanish legal system and the process of European construction, exclusively with regard to the legal concept of the EU internal market. Such analysis reveals the correct and fruitful regulatory interaction between the general process of adaptation to the new EU reality, through the Treaty of Accession of Spain to the European community, and the process of incorporation of legal provisions to implement the internal market established under the Single European Act of 1 July 1987 (Article 8A of the EEC Treaty).

Key words: Treaty of Accession of Spain to the EEC, Single European Act, internal market, economic freedom of movement, Treaty on European Union.

JEL classification: O5, O57, P23.

ÁLVAREZ SUÁREZ, Marisa and MADRAZO GARCÍA DE LOMANA, Rodrigo

The consolidation of the internal services market. An irrenounceable challenge for the European Union's economy

Abstract: The tertiary sector is currently the driver of Europe's economy. However, its productivity is relatively low and intra-EU trade in services is underdeveloped. This situation reflects, among other factors, the persistence of obstacles in the internal market. In recent decades the European Union has pursued different lines of action aimed at fostering the improvement of regulation and efficient operation of the internal services market. There is still scope for further progress in this direction through different integration avenues. The swiftest and most effective route involves greater harmonisation and the development of the so-called country of origin principle with regard to establishment.

Keywords: free provision of services, single market, regulation, professional qualifications.

JEL Classification: F15, L51, L80, L84

BERGES LOBERA, Ángel and ONTIVEROS BAEZA, Emilio

From the Banking Union to the Capital Markets Union

Abstract: The aim of this article is to analyse the objectives —and the progress made so far— of the Capital Markets Union (CMU) in Europe, and identify the differences and complementarities with the Banking Union (BU). Although the specific objective of the CMU was to «reduce the reliance on the banking sector in Europe», there undoubtedly exist major complementarities between the financing provided by banks and that obtained through the capital markets, the latter being particularly suitable for companies with a strong innovative culture and high growth potential.

Key words: capital markets union, banking union, company financing, green finance, corporate structure.

JEL classification: D24, E58, L10.

CARRASCOSA MORALES, Antonio

The operation of the new European bank resolution framework

Abstract: The present article discusses the basic elements of the new bank resolution framework. It starts by defining the notion of a bank becoming unviable and the need for deciding whether such a bank should undergo resolution or liquidation. In principle, it should be possible for banking entities to be liquidated, unless resolution is required for reasons of public interest. This is followed by a discussion of some of the basic elements of a resolution process: the valuation of the bank, and the resolution instruments and strategies. One of the main resolution instruments is internal recapitalisation, or bail-in; hence, a section in this work is devoted to the requirement for banks to hold minimum eligible liabilities (MREL) to facilitate such a bail-in. The work ends by reviewing the Single Resolution Fund (SRF), together with a key issue in the performance of an effective resolution: the supply of liquidity in resolution.

Key words: central banks, bank supervision, macroeconomics.

JEL classification: E44, E58, G28.

CUBERO, Julián; DOMÉNECH, Rafael; JIMÉNEZ Miguel and SICILIA, Jorge

The economic effects of the Single Market

Abstract: The present article assesses the process of economic integration in Europe within the context of globalisation in recent decades and analyses the economic effects of the Single Market by constructing counterfactuals. The results show that no relevant positive differential impact is to be found on the growth in per capita income, productivity, and employment in member countries, which were particularly affected by the euro crisis of 2011. In light of these results, the present work analyses the importance of completing the Single Market and advancing in the architecture of the EMU and in the European Union construction process in a new environment dominated by the ongoing digital revolution. The interaction between national best policies and the institutional improvement of the EMU is crucial in order to promote the positive impacts of the Single Market.

Key words: Single Market, globalisation, economic growth, European project.

JEL classification: F01, F15, O52.

FABRA PORTELA, Natalia

The Energy Union: an instrument for furthering Europe's energy transition

Abstract: Within the context of the European Union's climate and energy goals, the present article discusses the pillars of the Energy Union: greater weight of renewable energies, a central role for energy efficiency, integration of energy markets through the development of interconnection links, a more active role for consumers, and redesigning the electricity markets to allow greater penetration of renewables in the overall electricity generation mix. The work concludes with some final considerations regarding the state of development of the Energy Union and its main weaknesses, which suggest which should be the future regulatory priorities.

Key words: energy policy, market integration, renewable energies, energy union.

JEL classification: F15, Q41, Q48.

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MIER ALBERT, Pedro

The European Digital Single Market: an opportunity for our digital industry?

Abstract: The present article describes, from an overall perspective, the strategy for a European Digital Single Market presented by the European Commission in May 2015, aimed at ensuring the free movement of goods, people, services and capital, taking advantage of the opportunities offered by digital technologies. The work goes on to discuss some key aspects for attaining an effective Digital Single Market that would allow Europe to regain its leadership, especially as regards the data economy, cybersecurity, the role of platforms, e-Administration, and digital infrastructures, competencies and jobs. It concludes with a reflection on the opportunities for the Spanish digital industry opened up by the digital single market.

Key words: digital strategy, economic growth, innovation.

JEL classification: D51, F01, O31.

MOLINAS, César

From Vespasian to Macron. A long-term view on the legitimacy of the internal market

Abstract: The aim of the present article is to place the current European single market in a long-term perspective that will aid better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of this singular experiment. I will focus in particular on the question of legitimacy. To do so, I will use elements of historical, economic and political analysis. To give a foretaste of the conclusions, we shall say that the survival and proper operation of an internal market like the European Union's are crucially dependent on its legitimisation by the *demos*, based on a solid feeling of belonging among the population. This is currently the great challenge for Europe.

Key words: European market, historical perspective, belonging, economic analysis.

JEL classification: E66, G14, N01, O19.

RUTKOWSKI, Aleksander

The realised and unrealised benefits of the EU Single Market: current views

Abstract: The article presents current views from the Commission staff and independent analysts on the types and the magnitude of the economic benefits provided by the EU Single Market as well as channels through which they materialise. The article first looks both at the already obtained and yet-to-be reaped gains, from the macroeconomic, sectoral and firm perspective. The article concludes that whilst gains have already materialised, significant benefits are still to be reaped, especially with more national reform effort.

Key words: economic integration, institutional arrangements, economic growth.

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