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EUROJUSITALIA CALL FOR PAPERS

After Luxembourg: national follow-up to EU court rulings and the effectiveness of EU law

Eurojusitalia invites scholars to submit papers focusing on the role of national follow-up to decisions of the Court of Justice and the General Court of the European Union within the EU legal system. The aim of this call is to examine the phase following an EU ruling – a phase often less explored than preliminary ruling proceedings, direct actions or the ruling itself, yet crucial to understanding the actual impact of EU law on national legal systems.

National follow-up represents, in fact, the stage at which the capacity of EU law to produce effects within domestic legal systems is concretely tested: through the activities of ordinary courts, supreme and constitutional courts, public administrations, legislatures and, more generally, the institutional actors responsible for giving effect to the guidance provided by the EU Courts.

This *call* therefore seeks to highlight national *follow-up* not merely as the conclusion of preliminary ruling proceedings, but as an essential stage in the process of European legal integration. A decision of the Court of Justice or the General Court does not, in fact, mark the end of the process of applying EU law. In most cases, it requires subsequent action within national legal systems in order to implement, adapt to, interpret, enforce or otherwise give effect to the ruling.

From this perspective, national follow-up provides an opportunity to observe in practice the operation of fundamental principles of EU law, such as primacy, direct effect, effectiveness (*effet utile*), effective judicial protection, sincere cooperation, the principles of equivalence and effectiveness, as well as State liability for breaches of EU law.

Contributions may focus on specific cases or offer cross-cutting analyses, including analyses based on material gathered from the *Eurojusitalia* database, with particular attention to the national follow-up to judgments of the Court of Justice and the General Court originating from proceedings before Italian courts or otherwise concerning the Italian legal system.

Contributions focusing on the following areas will be particularly welcome:

- national follow-up to preliminary rulings and the role of the referring court in resolving the main proceedings;
- the relationship between preliminary rulings, ordinary courts, supreme courts and the Constitutional Court;
- national follow-up concerning effective judicial protection and Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;
- the role of national legislatures and administrations in implementing rulings of the Court of Justice;
- domestic follow-up to judgments delivered in infringement proceedings and coordination between the State, regions and local authorities;
- State liability and domestic recourse mechanisms for breaches of EU law;
- forms of adaptation, resistance, selective application or failure to enforce decisions;
- the role of national follow-up in fostering judicial dialogue and ensuring that the effects of EU rulings extend beyond the individual case;
- the impact of national follow-up in the fields of asylum and immigration, the internal market, competition, public procurement, the environment, energy, social rights and European citizenship.

Contributions may take the form of commentaries on individual decisions, case notes or systematic essays. They should highlight not only the content of the ruling of the Court of Justice, but also the manner in which it has been implemented, applied or, where applicable, disregarded within the national legal system.

The call thus seeks to promote reflection on the “aftermath” of a decision of the Court of Justice (or the General Court): the stage at which EU law, through the actions of national actors, is translated into concrete effects, contributing to the transformation of domestic legal systems and to the overall strength of the EU legal order.

Eligibility criteria

This call for papers is open to PhD students, researchers and early-career scholars specialising in European Union law who have not reached the age of 35 by 30 September 2026 and who do not hold a tenured professorial position.

To participate, applicants should submit an abstract of no more than 1,800 characters, including spaces, accompanied by a brief bibliographical note, by 30 September 2026 to eurojusitalia@eurojus.it, with the subject line “Call for papers”.

Abstracts must clearly state the aim of the paper, the methodology to be used and the expected conclusions.

The proposals received will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria: relevance to the themes set out above, quality of writing, depth of critical analysis and methodological rigour.

The results of the selection process will be communicated to applicants by email by 30 October 2026.

Selected authors must submit a draft version of their paper, in Italian, English or French and not exceeding 12,000 words, by 30 November 2026.

The selected contributions will be published in a Class A journal or collected and published in an edited volume.