



The Normative Dimension of EU Communication

Final Conference of the Jean Monnet Chair
*Verba volant, sed imperant? The Legal Challenges of EU
Communication*

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09:00

Introductory remarks

Giovanni De Cristofaro | Professor of Civil Law at the University of Ferrara,
Coordinator of the Ph.D. Programme in EU Law and National Legal Orders

Jacopo Alberti | Associate Professor of EU Law at the University of Ferrara,
Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Chair

09:15 – 11:00

The Normative Dimensions of EU Communication: the Institutional Practice

Chaired by Judge Massimo Condinanzi, Court of Justice of the EU

Michal Bobek | Czech Supreme Administrative Court and former Advocate General
at the Court of Justice of the EU

Judging by a Press Release: New Ways of (EU) Judicial Communication

Sarah Jane Hlásková Murphy | Senior Lead Legal Counsel at the European Central
Bank

**Communication as an Instrument of the European Central Bank: Legal
Considerations and New Challenges**

Eadaoin Ni Chaoimh | Legal Service of the European Parliament

**Communicative Practices and the European Parliament: Sound and Fury
Signifying Something?**

Paolo Stancanelli | Director at the Legal Service of the European Commission

**The European Commission's 'Space to Think': Communication, Disclosure and
the Boundary Between Internal Deliberation and Regulatory Action in the
Digital World**

Questions and comments from the audience



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Coffee break

11:15 – 13:00

The Normative Dimensions of EU Communication: Sectoral Analysis

Chaired by Judge Massimo Condinanzi, Court of Justice of the EU

Graham Butler | Full Professor of Law at Linnaeus University

EU International Agreements as Communicative Actions

Christoph Simon Thun Hohenstein Welsperg | Research collaborator at the University of Trento

Communicating EU Criminal Law

Lorenzo Corda | PhD Candidate at the University of Rome Tor Vergata

EU Restrictive Measures, Official Statements and the Normativity of Prospective Listings

Napoleon Xanthoulis | Assistant Professor at the University of Southampton

Beyond the Communication/Action Dichotomy: ECB Monetary Policy Communications, Legal Effects and Justiciability

Questions and comments from the audience

Lunch

14:15 – 16:00

Eleanor Spaventa | Full Professor of EU Law, Bocconi University

Shaping Migration Policies Through Communication?

Matteo Bonelli | Associate Professor of EU Law at Maastricht University

Restoring EU Values: the Relevance of Communication



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Ștefan Bogrea | University Assistant at the University of Bucharest

The Commission's Communicative Regulation of Freedom of Expression in the Electoral Context Under the DSA

Paulina Gričenė | PhD Candidate at Vilnius University

From Communication to Normativity: How Institutional Discourse Shapes EU Competition Law

Questions and comments from the audience

The Conference is under accreditation at the Ferrara Bar Association the purposes of the Continuing Legal Education Programme. Lawyers wishing to attend are kindly requested to register by email at jmchair.eulaw@unife.it.

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