

Basic Rules for the Governance of the Standing Group

ECPR - Standing Group Regulatory Governance

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Introduction: current structure of the SGRG

Seven years after its creation and certification by ECPR (2005), the Standing Group on Regulation & Governance (SGRG) remains an open structure, with participation from a variety of academic disciplines and the world of regulation, including members of civil society organizations and officers from governments and international organizations.

The SGRG established already in 2005 a Steering Committee (SC) to guide its activities, on the basis of voluntary membership. Since its beginning as a Standing Group (SG), there have been no regular annual meetings, but exchanges have taken place via email. The SC met during the biannual conference, and was open also to all interested people attending the conference. The SC meeting in Dublin nominated Claudio Radaelli as a chairperson (or co-chair) and also Jacint Jordana as the Treasurer. Both were elected for a period of two years at the 2010 SGRG conference.

At the current stage of the SGRG, it does not make sense to establish a detailed set of rules or by-laws for its governance. However, in order to provide stability and continuity to the group, it can be convenient to incrementally establish few new rules for the governance of the Standing Group, in particular about how the Steering Committee, the Chair and the Treasurer should be nominated and how they should operate.

Rules for the Governance of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance

SC membership and operation

- a The chair facilitates an SC meeting at least once a year.
- b The current SC appoints a nomination committee to search new members for the SC (at least three members) three months before the election of the new chair.
- c The nomination committee proposes new candidates to serve on the SC, to be approved with simple majority rule at the business meeting during the biannual conference.
- d Suggestions and comments from the business meeting will be considered for the next round of nominations.

- e Membership term for SC is four years.
- f Membership is limited to two terms.
- g Membership of the SC is replaced on the basis of one fourth of the SC members each two years.
- h The SC includes ex-officio members: the Treasurer (who may or may not be already part of the SC), the past chair, and others agreed by the SC.
- i The SC can co-opt new members without election at the business meeting, for particular reasons, e.g. the local organizer of the biannual conference.

SG Chair and Treasurer

- a The nomination committee prepares a list of candidates and proposes one or more names to the SC and the current chair. The proposal is considered and eventually approved at the SC meeting during the biannual conference by simple majority.
- b The term for the chairperson is two years.
- c The chairperson can be reelected once.
- d The chair can be split between two individuals.
- e The term for the treasurer is two years.
- f The treasurer can be reelected.

Amendment of the rules

- a These rules can be amended by simple majority at an SC meeting.

