



Call for papers – FINPA OBSERVATORY SERIES
Public Administration in the Sign of Finance: How the Public Financial Rules Shape the National and EU Administrative Systems

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The EU integration from the public finance perspective: issues and challenges

Over the past decades, financial rules have profoundly shaped the evolution of the European integration process. Far beyond their traditional role of constraining and coordinating fiscal policies, they have progressively become a key instrument in steering the strategic orientation of both European and national public action across a wide range of policy areas, including social, environmental, energy, migration, digital, and security domains.

Today, the study of public financial regulation represents one of the most effective analytical perspectives for understanding the ongoing transformation of the European legal order and the evolving relationship between the European Union and its Member States. This dynamic is particularly evident in the current phase of redefining the EU political and financial priorities, marked by the negotiations on the new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for the period 2028-2034, whose outcome will be decisive in shaping the future trajectory of European integration.

Against this backdrop, particular attention must be devoted to the emerging challenges affecting the sustainability, resilience, and overall stability of the EU financial framework. In this regard, the principle of conditionality and related control mechanisms have become significant instruments through which the European Union seeks both to ensure compliance with its fundamental values and to safeguard the sound management of its financial interests.

Four years after the judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union in the cases *Hungary v Parliament and Council* and *Poland v Parliament and Council* concerning the rule of law conditionality regulation (Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092), scholarly debate provides an opportunity to reflect on the growing role of conditionality and, more broadly, on financial governance mechanisms as instruments shaping the future of European integration.

In this context, the second issue of the **FinPA Observatory Publication Series** will feature a study that examines the evolution of European integration from a public finance perspective, focusing on the contemporary challenges that test the adaptability of the EU financial framework.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the role of conditionality and related financial governance mechanisms as instruments shaping European integration, their implementation in both the legislative and administrative spheres, recent judicial developments, and critical perspectives on their function within the EU public financial framework.

Particularly welcome are contributions where major contemporary challenges and strategic policy priorities — including migration, the environmental and climate transition, digital transformation and AI technology, social rights (such as healthcare, education, and social security), public procurement, competitiveness and the European Union strategic autonomy, as well as security, rearmament, and military expenditure — are approached as analytical lenses for investigating the transformation of EU

public financial regulation, its capacity for adaptation, and their impact on the future of European integration.

The articles shall comply with the requirements of the FinPA Observatory publication Series, as illustrated below.

Deadlines and modalities for participation

Submissions shall be **original** and **innovative**. The text shall range **between 30,000 and 60,000 characters** in length, **including spaces and footnotes**.

Proposals shall be sent to the Editorial Board by **August 31, 2026**, and include:

- the provisional title of the submission;
- an abstract no longer than **2,000 characters** (including spaces);
- a brief biographical note of the author.

The **results of the selection** will be announced by **September 2026**. Authors whose proposals are selected will simultaneously receive editorial guidelines for drafting the final text.

The **final version of the article** shall be submitted by **November 30, 2026**.

All materials shall be submitted via e-mail to the following address:  info@osservatorio-finpa.it

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