



## ***CALL FOR PAPERS - INFORMATION SHARING AND EUROPEAN AGENCIES : NOVEL FRONTIERS***

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### **■ INTRODUCTION**

Many of Europe's contemporary challenges, from financial regulation and terrorism to migration and food safety, are transnational in character. In order to meet such challenges, Europe's governments weave complex webs of transnational governance, where authorities across jurisdictions assist each other by gathering and sharing information. Indeed, the sharing of information across jurisdictions has long been central in EU governance, as has the dissociation between levels where information is gathered and used. The interplay among public authorities and with private actors has become crucial to ensure efficiency in information gathering and sharing.

The use and exchange of information in the European Union is governed by a patchwork of different and partial regimes. This legal fragmentation as well as the lack of regulation and the informality in the field of security governance hampers transparency and accountability in information exchange between agencies both at the EU level and at the Member State level. Moreover, the impact of advanced technologies raises legal issues in terms of legitimate access and use of information. Indeed, the interoperability of information systems for law enforcement purposes, and the reprocessing of information for other governmental purposes, has a significant impact on data protection and privacy. In the context of the new data protection package, these issues deserve to be integrated into a more comprehensive assessment, taking into account EU constitutional principles.

The purpose of the one-day doctoral and post-doctoral workshop will be to debate the role and constitutional challenges of information-sharing in EU governance. It aims to bring together early career researchers who examine information exchange from a variety of interdisciplinary, empirical, theoretical, doctrinal, and cross-sectoral perspectives. Papers on information sharing looking at the architecture of the Area of Freedom, Security, and Justice as well as financial regulation in connection with data protection reforms are particularly welcome. The workshop will be followed by a one day expert conference and a keynote lecture by the European Ombudsman.

Doctoral and post-doctoral researchers are invited to send an abstract of no more than 400 words on any of these topics. The abstracts should be sent, together with a short bio, to [Janneke.vanCasteren@eui.eu](mailto:Janneke.vanCasteren@eui.eu) by 15 February 2018. Accepted papers will be due for submission by 12 May 2018 and will be considered for a planned special journal issue later in 2018.