



Promoting smart and
inclusive growth

The EU interacting with International Organisations

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EU and IO's; different long term evolution

▪ *EU integration*

- Continuous widening and deepening
- Trend towards consistency, but complexity remains
- Long term over-arching objectives

▪ *World integration*

- Specific solutions to emerging world problems
- Patchwork of organisations; many inadequacies

▪ *Implications*

- Growing need for EU to act in IO's
- While coping with wide diversity



EU in IO's; building up of frictions

■ *EU viewpoint*

- Combined EU action in IO's more effective
- Treaties designate EU as international actor

■ *IO's viewpoint*

- EU is not a state, so not eligible for membership
- Lack of support for change both ext. and int. to EU

■ *Implications*

- Increasing tensions between EU and many IO's
- Need to optimize effect of inadequate institutions



EU- IO cooperation

Smart growth: the OECD

OECD

- Wide ranging mission; limited areal coverage
- Main governance method: coordination (some reg.)

EU position in OECD:

- Considerable overlap in membership and mission
- EU not formal member but much cooperation in practice

Effectiveness in reaching innovation policy objectives

- Downloading: Lisbon strategy recipes
- Uploading: smart specialisation



EU - IO cooperation

Inclusive growth: the ILO

- ***ILO***
 - World coverage; specific mission
 - Main governance instrument: regulation
- ***EU position***
 - EU excluded as member; special status not awarded
 - So EU had to make complicated arrangements
- ***Effectiveness in reaching objectives***
 - Avoid conflict; ILO impact within EU
 - Decent work; EU financial support to ILO programmes



Conclusions

- ***Major Challenge***

- Coping with societal problems under inadequate global institutional arrangements

- ***Main Finding***

- EU has made best of it but much need to be improved

- ***Suggestion***

- The OECD is an under-researched institution
- The EU OECD relation has been studied even less
- So more attention of academics needed and warranted



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