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Since the sovereign debt crisis of the euro-area burst in spring 2010 the legal and institutional structure of the Economic and Monetary Union has been seriously reformed. But, regardless of the developments, both the euro-area and the broader European Union is now economically and politically more divided than ever before, while the crisis has morphed into a more chronic form rather than receding durably. The processes have serious ramifications for constitutional interactions between integrating and disintegrating forces triggered by the responses to the euro-area crisis. The interactions, on which this project concentrates, are of fundamental importance both for the countries within the euro-area and those, like Poland, outside of it, as they will fundamentally determine the future of the European Union.

In order to study systemic integration and disintegration in the European Union resulting from institutional responses to the euro-area crisis this project sets three scientific goals:

- 1) To ascertain the extent to which legal and institutional responses to the economic crisis in the euro-area have led to strengthened systemic integration in the euro-area and the European Union more generally.
- 2) To determine disintegrating fallout effects – in the euro-area and in the European Union more generally - of legal and institutional responses to the economic crisis.
- 3) To assess integrating and disintegrating effects of further constitutional reforms as recently advocated (esp. political union, fiscal union) in the euro area, as well as effects in the case of abandoning the reforms.

The goals will be achieved by answering the following research questions:

1. In what respects have legal and institutional responses to the euro-crisis led to more integration within euro-area countries?
2. Have legal and institutional responses to the euro-crisis led to more integration between euro-area countries and countries outside the euro area?
3. What is the nature and origins of disintegrating consequences within the euro-area, engendered by legal and institutional responses to the euro-crisis?
4. What is the nature and origins of the disintegrating consequences between euro-area countries and countries outside the euro area, engendered by legal and institutional responses to the euro-crisis?
5. Based on the experience gained so far, what constitutional consequences could be produced for the European Union by pursuing the recently advocated schemes for further integration in the euro area (e.g. fiscal and political union)?
6. Based on the experience gained so far, what constitutional consequences could be produced for the European Union by abandoning the recently advocated schemes for further integration in the euro area (e.g. fiscal and political union)?