Abstract
In recent decades the structure of financial markets has changed from a bank-based to a market-based financial system in which systemic risks arise in the capital markets. Financial regulation and crisis management have not kept pace with these changes. This seminar will highlight the current proposals within the European Parliament on EU financial regulation and how they address the risks posed to global financial markets and exchanges.

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