

The impact of the Eurozone crisis on the work of the German Bundestag

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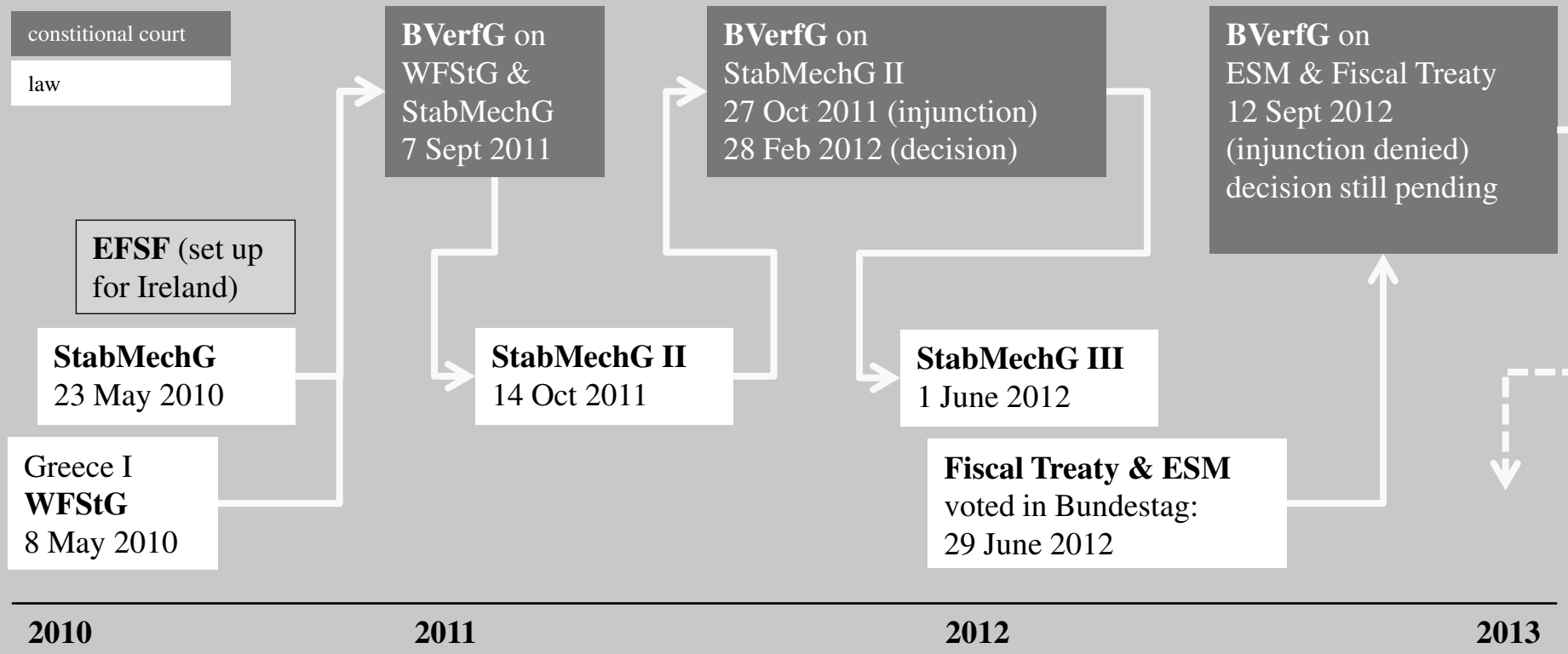


Areas of impact

- (1) impact on legislative work
- (2) impact on organization and agendas of parliamentary bodies
- (3) impact on parliamentary administration



A time of crisis, law-making and court decisions





(1) Impact on legislative work

- ❖ traditionally, Budget Committee not a law-making committee, except for annual budget law
 - began to change with financial market stabilization in 2007
 - since May 2010, new character
- ❖ challenges for MPs (and staff)
 - additional work load (meetings, hearings, etc.), even during budget deliberations
 - multi-level policy-making / treaty negotiation
 - politically explosive
 - high stakes legally and constitutionally

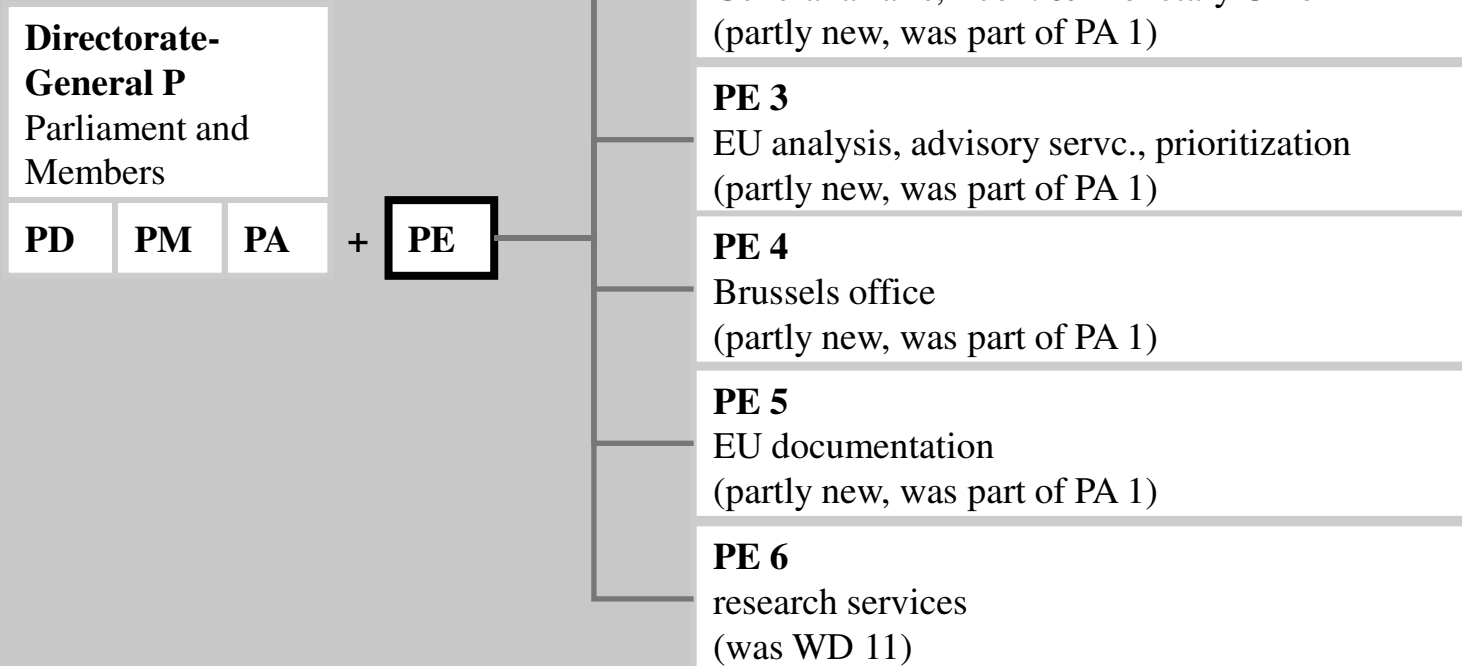
(2) Impact on organization & agendas of parlt. bodies



- ❖ necessities and limits of delegation
 - plenary
 - budget committee
 - special committee
- ❖ new regular agenda items
 - Troika reports
 - Finance minister in person
- ❖ document management
 - all things EU (and more)
 - EuDoX

(3) Impact on parliamentary administration

- ❖ new European affairs directorate since January 1st, 2013





A missed opportunity?

- ❖ Fiscal Treaty and reformed Stability & Growth Pact (Six-Pack, Two-Pack) call for independent monitoring institutions
- ❖ law on the domestic implementation of the Fiscal Treaty
 - adopted solution: independent advisory council for Stability Council
 - alternative proposal: „National Council for Budget and Fiscal Policy“
 - hybrid of fiscal council and budget office
 - public hearing with Barry Anderson and Robert Chote



Thank you for your attention!

