

Good Agency Principles – Lessons for Market and Competition Authorities

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In this talk, Ottow will outline five principles that are fundamental to the framework of agency design and actions, namely legality (L), independence (I), transparency (T), effectiveness (E) and responsibility (R). These LITER principles also offer important guidance for those actors responsible for reviewing agencies' actions. This talk will outline these principles and then illustrate them with examples from the Netherlands and the UK. By examining key processes against the LITER principles, this talk therefore contributes to wider 'how to regulate agencies' debates.

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