**II International Seminar**

**“New challenges for the security of public finances - the situation before and after the COVID-19 pandemic”**

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The scale and the accelerating pace of changes in the world economy and policy, causing a number of threats to the socio-economic order of the world, states and regions, make the issue of economic security more and more important and take on some new meanings. One of them is the security and sustainability of public finance. The importance and topicality of this issue results primarily from the prevalence and persistence of budget imbalances and a systematic increase in public debt in most contemporary countries. Their size, after the outbreak of the global financial crisis of 2007, began to get out of control of the public authorities. On the other hand, in response to the current economic crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, both the EU and EU Member States have implemented a range of fiscal policy measures. These measures have encompassed mainly an introduction of policy instruments aimed at increasing the capacity of national health systems and providing assistance to citizens and sectors particularly affected by the effects of the pandemic, deteriorating the state of public finances even further.

The goal of the 2nd EUSEC International Seminar is an interdisciplinary debate on the essence of economic security, with a particular emphasis on public finance issues, in the context of the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The main research questions of the Seminar are:

- How will the own resources of the EU budget change in relation to the undertaken assistance measures for the EU Member States and associated countries?

- Are the activities of monitoring and coordinating economic and fiscal policies at the EU level sufficient to ensure the security of public finance of the EU Member States?

- What changes have been made to the fiscal policies of the EU Member States and what kind of consequences will they have for the sustainability of public finance, the economy and society?

- How have the introduced instruments of assistance to society and enterprises affected the transparency of public finance?

- Are the financial support instruments launched by the Member States transparent and accessible to those affected by the pandemic?

- What is the effectiveness of the communication policy regarding the necessary measures to stimulate the economy and recovery from the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic?

- What is the scale of society's involvement in the policy cycle regarding security of public finances?

We are looking forward to your submission. Please send the title and an abstract (max. 200 words) of your presentation by **February 16, 2022** to: aklos1@sgh.waw.pl.

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