Stellingen

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*Better Regulation in the European Union – Lost in translation or full steam ahead? The transposition of EU transport directives across member states.*

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1. The European Union has a serious transposition problem. Almost 70 percent of all national legal measures transposing the EU transport *aquis* cause problems, either because they are transposed too late, risking the opening of an infringement proceeding, or because they are too early, risking warping effects on the regulatory environment of business and citizens in the EU alike. (dit proefschrift)

2. It appears that serious delays, those longer than six months, are homemade in the capitals of member states. The specific features of European directives, on the other hand, account for short term delays: those of six or less months. (dit proefschrift)

3. Transposition is more than just a legal or administrative process run by civil servants in public administration. Next to legal and bureaucratic practices and procedures it is politics that matter, i.e. transposition is the continuation of ‘who gets what, when, where, and how’ (Lasswell). (dit proefschrift)

4. ‘Implementation should be part of design’ (Pressman and Wildawsky, 1973: 189). (dit proefschrift)

5. There is a relationship between the timing of general elections and transposition performances of member states. Depending on whether an election falls at the beginning or end of the fix transposition period, the national transposition process is either retarded or accelerated. (dit proefschrift)

6. ‘Who is afraid of cumulative data?’ (Gabel, Hix and Schneider, 2002). (dit proefschrift)

7. The 2004 European Commission’s administrative best practices for the transposition of EU legislation do not seem to have solved the European Union’s transposition problem yet, which puts the use of European Commission recommendations and the Lisbon strategy more generally at stake.

8. The European Parliament has a competitive advantage in early stage codecision agreements through informal trialogue negotiations among representatives of the EU institutions.

9. (post-doc)
10. Publish, publish, publish or perish – A paper that is publishable is one that by definition advances knowledge.