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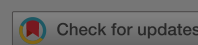
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ABSTRACT

This contribution analyses the relevance of neofunctionalist theory and the various spillover mechanisms for explaining the management of the crisis and the drive towards a more integrated economic area.

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Notes

1 In his second edition of *The Uniting of Europe*, Haas ([1968](#)) pointed out that élites are more likely to follow economic advantages pragmatically rather than developing a deeper concern for European integration, thus no longer banking on their longer-term integrative support.

2 This indicated that the various types of spillover are closely interlinked and cannot be clearly separated from each other (Niemann [2006](#): 50–1).

3 While Haas emphasized the role of the High Authority/ Commission, later on neofunctionalism was often interpreted as viewing the role of supranational institutions, more generally, as an integrative dynamic.

4 Functional spillover logic within EMU is also evident in legal EU texts, such as the ‘fiscal compact’ (European Council [2012b](#): 7).

5 That is, European Council President van Rompuy, Commission President Barroso, Eurogroup President Juncker and ECB President Draghi.

6 The second part of the article is based on the work of the authors.

7 In this article, the authors use the term ‘spillover’ to refer to the largest and best-known type of spillover.

8 Compare Haas ([1968](#), [1970](#), [1973](#), [1979](#), [1980](#), [1982](#), [1983](#), [1984](#), [1985](#), [1986](#), [1987](#), [1988](#), [1989](#), [1990](#), [1991](#), [1992](#), [1993](#), [1994](#), [1995](#), [1996](#), [1997](#), [1998](#), [1999](#), [2000](#), [2001](#), [2002](#), [2003](#), [2004](#), [2005](#), [2006](#), [2007](#), [2008](#), [2009](#), [2010a](#), [2010b](#)) and Haas and Wijkman ([1963](#)).

9 To include the term ‘spillover’ in the title was contested, as it is a term that has been used in a very broad sense. The assumption that was dropped, however, during the first revisions of the theory in the late 1960s (cf.

12 For example, a number of elements identified in the Four Presidents' Report (Van Rompuy [2012](#)) have yet to be dealt with, suggesting that the updated EMU architecture still entails potentially significant functional dissonances.

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