Figure 1. Actual differentiations in force, legislative acts, 1958-2012

Note: Upper left panel: number of actually differentiated legislative acts; upper right panel: share of actual differentiations in total legislative acts; lower panel: share of new actual differentiations in new legislative acts
Figure 2. Share of actual differentiations in force, by cohort, 1962-2012

Figure 3. The development of actual differentiations across policy areas, in acts, 1960-2012

Note: The plots show the total number of differentiations that member states had in a given policy area and year, relative to the total number of opportunities, where each legal instrument, in each year, is an opportunity for each member state.
Figure 4. Differentiation across policy domains and member state accession cohorts

Note: The lines show the share of differentiated legal acts out of all EU legal acts in force in a year, for the average member state of a given accession cohort. * Note the adjusted y-axis scale.