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The EU suffers from an implementation deficit. Member states often do not comply with EU policies, which in turn hampers the process of European integration. This book documents the problem of the timely transposition of EU directives. It explores the extent and causes of the transposition deficit for the case of the Netherlands. Using a mixed methods design, it critically assesses the explanatory value of several legal and administrative factors, as well as the goodness of fit and several variables derived from rationalism and constructivism. The main conclusion of this study is that the Netherlands suffers from a structural problem concerning timely transposition. Domestic politics plays an important role in explaining transposition problems. In theorizing these 'politics of compliance', we should not limit our analyses to substantive conflicts but also include the procedural politics surrounding the process of Europeanization.

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