

Foreword

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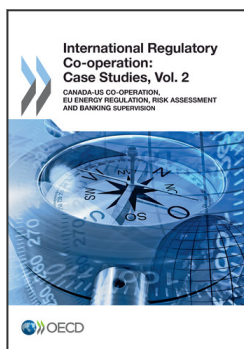
- The Canada-U.S. Regulatory Cooperation Council;
- European Union energy regulation;
- The Global Risk Assessment Dialogue; and
- Prudential regulation of banks.

These case studies have sought to capture the main characteristics of selected IRC experiences and follow a common structure to ensure comparability of approach.

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