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The Transport Area of the Florence School of Regulation (FSR Transport) at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of the European University Institute is dedicated to policy dialogue, policy-relevant research, training, and networking in the area of transport regulation in Europe. It is concerned with the regulation of all the transport modes and transport markets, including the relationships between them.

## POLICY EVENTS

The core activity is the organisation of policy events, where representatives of the European Commission, regulatory authorities, operators, other stakeholders, as well as academics in the field, meet to discuss and shape regulatory policy in the European transport sector. Since 2010 more than 35 events have taken place.

In 2017 FSR Transport addressed - among several other topics - Electric Vehicles Charging, the Single European Sky Performance Scheme, the role for railway undertakings in the mobility of the future, competition in passenger railways in Europe, regulatory challenges for smart cities and EU regulation of airport charges.

## POLICY BRIEFS

The *European Transport Regulation Observer* series started in 2013 is the main output on the results of the policy dialogues. Each Observer is open source and available on the FSR Transport webpage and in the EU bookshop. It highlights the main outcomes of the Florence Transport Forums from the perspective of applied research.

Read all Policy Briefs on [cadmus.eui.eu](http://cadmus.eui.eu)

## ACADEMIC EVENTS

FSR Transport coordinates the 'Annual Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructures', which brings together all research areas of the Florence School of Regulation to discuss current challenges in the regulation of the infrastructure industries.

This event offers an annual opportunity to contribute to regulatory policies in the European network industries to young researchers – advanced PhD students, PostDocs and Assistant Professors – along with academically minded practitioners.



Matthias Finger, Director of FSR Transport, with Commissioner for Mobility and Transport Violeta Bulc signing the EUI Guest Book, June 2016.

### Timeline

9 April 2010	First research workshop of the FSR Transport initiative: Rail Regulation in Europe
Spring 2013	Publication of the first 'European Transport Regulation Observer'
Fall 2013	Publication of 'Regulating Transport in Europe', the first FSR Transport book
Spring 2015	10 <sup>th</sup> edition of the Florence Rail Forum
Spring 2015	First annual Executive Symposium with European Commissioner for Mobility and Transport Violeta Bulc
Winter 2016	Contribution to the research report for the European Parliament 'The world is changing. Transport, too.'
Summer 2017	Publication of the 'Research for TRAN Committee: Infrastructure Funding Challenges in the Sharing Economy'

FSR Transport works with a global network of academics covering all topics in the context of transport and mobility. The 2017 Annual Conference was dedicated to Smart Cities and was followed by the first Board Meeting of the new Journal 'Competition and Regulation in Network Industries'.

# RESEARCH PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS

FSR Transport collaborates with the Chair MIR (Management of Network Industry, EPFL) in the publication of the 'Network Industries Quarterly' (NIQ) and the Innovative Governance of Large Urban Systems (IGLUS) Quarterly. The NIQ aims to cover research findings regarding the most compelling challenges deriving from liberalisation that affected network industries in the recent past, to monitor emerging trends, and to analyse the strategic implications of these changes in terms of regulation, risk management, governance and innovation in all, but also across, the different regulated sectors. The IGLUS Quarterly aims to facilitate knowledge and experience sharing among scholars and practitioners who are interested in the improvement of urban systems performance in terms of service efficiency, sustainability and resilience.

In 2017 FSR Transport completed a research report for the European Parliament entitled "Infrastructure Funding Challenges in the Sharing Economy". The study, which was requested by the European Parliament's TRAN committee, addressed the challenges emerging from disruptive business models in transport and their long term implications for the financing of infrastructures.

Read the report on [cadmus.eui.eu](http://cadmus.eui.eu) and [europarl.europa.eu](http://europarl.europa.eu)

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