

1st Florence Maritime Regulation Conference

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Introduction

The 1st Florence Maritime Regulation Conference aims to discuss regulatory advancements that accelerate the competitiveness and sustainable development of shipping, ports, and related maritime supply chains in the EU and beyond. This is a platform where academics, industry representatives, and policymakers can engage in open and constructive debate on innovative approaches to maritime regulation.

Programme

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9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introduction to the Theme.

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09:15 – 11:00 Plenary Session: Shipping Markets.

- Vertical Integration in the Maritime Sector: Drivers, Regulatory Challenges, and Alternative Governance Mechanisms.

Presenter: **Russell Pittman** | Antitrust Division of the U.S Department of Justice
Discussant: **Juan Montero** | Florence School of Regulation

- Competition regulation in container liner shipping: an impact assessment from 1990 to 2025.

Presenter: **Lander Jacobs** | University of Antwerp
Discussant: **Jason Monios** | Kedge Business School

- Regulatory Governance and Competition in Coastal Shipping.

Presenters: **Maria Lekakou** | University of the Aegean

Discussant: **Christa Sys** | University of Antwerp

Chair : **Thanos Pallis**

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:15 Plenary session: Ports

- Can port regulation fill the gaps in governance or is it an unwelcome ghost at the feast?

Presenter: **Jason Monios** | Kühne Logistics University

Discussant: **Thanos Pallis** | FSR-Transport Area / University of Piraeus

- Reforming Port Concessions in Italy: An Economic and Comparative Assessment of the 2022 Regulatory Framework.

Presenter: **Marco Percoco** | University of Bocconi

Discussant: **Juan Montero** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

- Towards Data-Driven Port Regulation: Conceptualising and measuring port efficiency in Italian port areas.

Presenter: **Giuseppe La Ragione** | University of Naples “Parthenope”

Discussant: **Marco Percoco** | University of Bocconi

Chair: **Jason Monios**

3:15 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 15:45 Maritime Regulation and Sustainability I.

- Justice Sustainability in Maritime Regulation: Building Institutional Frameworks for Environmental Protection and Market Competitiveness.

Presenter: **Nilce O. Castro** | University of Coimbra

Discussant: **Russell Pittman** | Antitrust Division of the U.S Department of Justice

- From Regional Ambition to Global Impact: Pathways for the EU to Lead the Green Transition of Maritime Transport

Presenter: **Caroline Devaux** | Rennes University

Discussant: **Maria Lekakou** | University of the Aegean

- Customs-stifled Digitisation of International Containerised Trade

Presenter: **Benedicte Meille** | European University Institute

Discussant: **Marco Ferreti** | University of Naples “Parthenope”

Chair: **Christa Sys**

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 - 17:00 Maritime Regulation and Sustainability II.

- Hydrogen Harbours: Comparing German and French Regulation of Hydrogen-Based Fuel Bunkering in Ports.

Presenter: **Kelsey Pailman** | University of Groningen

Discussant: **Caroline Devaux** | Rennes University

- Analogy as a tool to ensure the applicability of liability and compensation regimes for sustainable maritime fuels.

Presenter: **Martin Hock** | PtX Lab Lausitz

Discussant: **Kelsey Pailman** | University of Groningen

Chair: Maria Lekakou

16:15 - 17:00 Recap of Discussions and Concluding Remarks.

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