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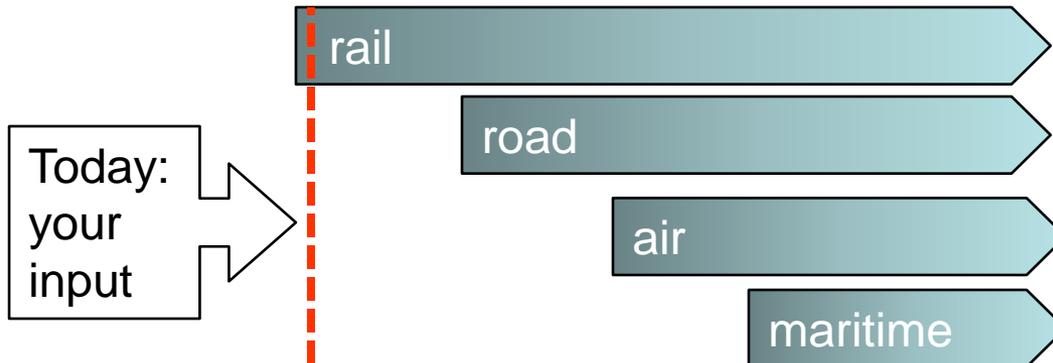
European Railway Regulation Forum

What are we trying to achieve with FSR-Transport?

- Setting the stage
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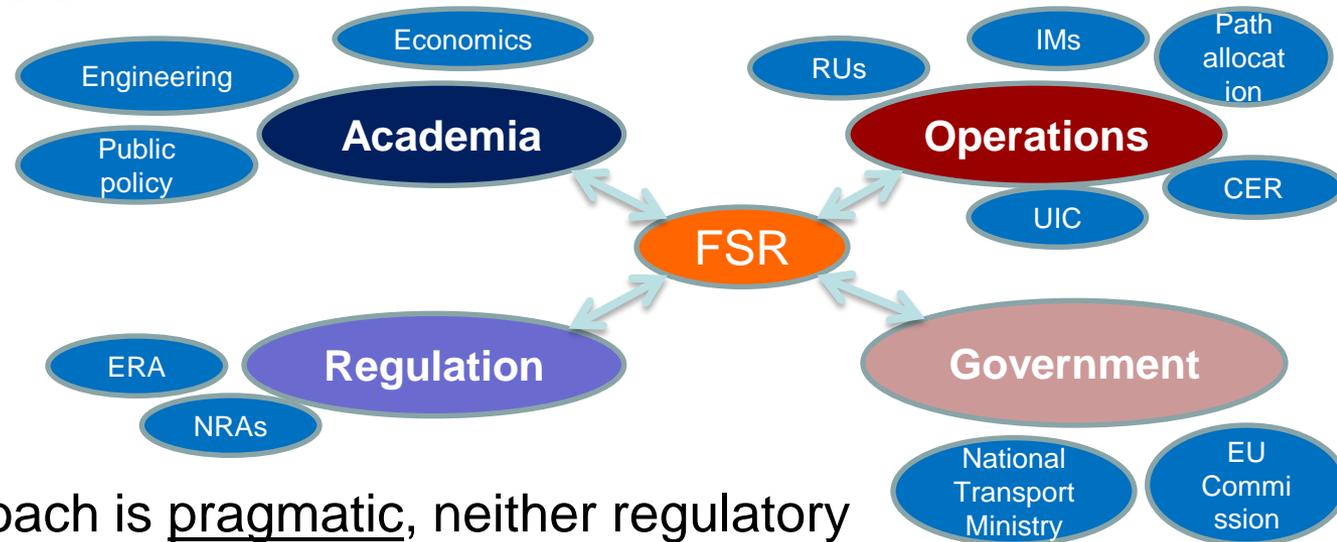
Setting the stage

- This is the beginning of the FSR transport initiative alongside the energy and communications/media initiatives
- Initial groundwork and fundraising with Dr. Marc Laperrouza; Dr. Andrea Rosa to start on July 1st 2010
- We want to develop research, executive training, and networking in the broad area of transport regulation in Europe (starting with rail, then road, air, maritime)



Setting the stage II

- We want to be relevant for the stakeholder and, together with the stakeholders, produce regulatory policy, carry out work that feeds directly into debate, policy, practice
- We aim to provide a forum for the different stakeholders



- Our approach is pragmatic, neither regulatory fundamentalism, nor neo-liberal public choice regulation

Building on FSR-Energy model

- Activities promoting ...
 - discussion of regulatory concepts, practices and policies
 - dissemination of best practices
 - knowledge of European regulation experiences
 - understanding of new challenges and requirements
 - diffusion of a common regulatory language and culture
- Basic and advanced training:
 - residential/e-learning to develop regulatory experts
 - summer school for PhD students (also relevant for careers with stakeholders)
 - advanced training for specialists
- Networking
- Research:
 - a forum for PhD students
 - papers, visiting fellows, internships
 - think tank with regular involvement of stakeholders

FSR-Transport: Mission

- Build a knowledge base on key themes of transport regulation and policy
- Create a European pool of experts on transport regulation and policy
- Influence the debate on transport regulation and policy in Europe



Becoming a point of reference for
regulatory theory and practice in
Europe
(starting with railways)

FSR-Transport: Activities

Activity	Objective	Audience
Regulatory <u>roundtable</u>	State-of-the-art analysis of regulatory and policy issues	Academia
Policy catalyst <u>workshops</u>	Conduct informal discussion on regulatory and policy issues	Multi-stakeholder
Annual <u>conference</u> on regulatory issues in transport	Disseminate research results / collect feedback from practitioners	Multi-stakeholder
<u>Fellowship</u> program	Conduct research and favor exchange between academics and practitioners	Academia + regulator
Commissioned <u>policy briefs</u>	Instigate debate on regulatory and policy issues	Academia/Stakeholders
Working <u>papers</u> series	Present radical ideas	Academia
<u>Training</u>	Offer practitioners customized and cutting-edge training	Multi-stakeholder
<u>Summer school</u>	Foster the creation of a community of young scholars	Academia

European Railway Regulatory Forum (ERRF)

- Multi-stakeholder discussion
- Neutral platform (theory and practice)
- Future-oriented research agenda
(e.g., innovation and regulation, risks and regulation)



Today's workshop to lay the foundations for an annual European Railway Regulatory Forum (ERRF)

Structure of the workshop

- 09:00 – 09:30 What are we trying to achieve at FSR-T? (MF)
- 09:30 – 10:15 The challenge of regulation (Adrienne Héritier, EUI)
- 10:15 – 10:45 The challenge of research on regulation (MF)
- 10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 – 11:45 Presentation of research topics (Marco Ponti, Poli Milano)
- 11:45 – 12:30 Rail Research for Europe (Thomas Kaufmann, EC)
- 12:30 – 13:45 Lunch
- 13:45 – 15:30 Input from the field (15')
 - Railway undertaking (Christoph Lerche, DB)
 - Infrastructure manager (Michael Robson, EIM)
 - Regulator (John Thomas, ORR)
 - Supplier (Jérémy Pélérin, UNIFE)
 - Government (Fabio Croccolo, Italian Ministry of Transport)
 - Operating under EU Directives (Markus Kern, SBB)
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 – 17:30 Open discussion on research needs and agenda
- 17:30 – End of workshop

The challenge of research on regulation

- The challenge of relevance
- The challenge of scope
- The challenge access

Relevance

- Existence of a wide body of piecemeal literature
 - find niche
 - comprehensive approach (e.g., technology and institutions)
- Existence of numerous stakeholders with varied (conflicting) interests and perspectives
 - propose workable and sustainable solutions
- Academic research not always close enough to practitioners (theory-practice gap)
 - ensure relevance
- New ideas entering the sector; new unprecedented challenges (e.g., coopetition)
 - testing ground of ideas (what models of regulation for such developments?)

Scope

- Different states (member-states) of the infrastructures
→ how to be inclusive
- Multiple levels of governance
→ define the relevant unit(s) of analysis
- Multiple ways of looking at regulation (e.g., policy, regulator, regulatory economics, models)
→ define a comprehensive and relevant approach
- Continuously and rapidly evolving sector (e.g., intermodality, convergence, infrastructure planning)
→ ensure timeliness and adaptability of research on regulation and policy
→ new modes of regulation (flexible regulation?)

Access

- High technicality of the sector
→ not to be trapped in details, while taking into account the technological nature of the sector
- Increasingly fragmentation of sector
→ ensure access to all relevant actors and stakeholders
- Increasing competition in the sector
→ respect of perspectives
- New institutions emerging
→ identify who is relevant
→ develop good processes of participation
- Public service versus market
→ no “pensée unique”