

Invitation to the
3rd European Rail Transport Regulation Forum
Railways – between sector specific and competition regulation

Organized by
the Florence School of Regulation (FSR), RSCAS, EUI
and
the Chair of Management of Network Industries (MIR), EPFL

San Domenico di Fiesole (Florence, Italy), Monday, 5 December 2011

We would like to invite you to join us at the third European Rail Transport Regulation Forum (ERailTRF). The forum is being organized by the Transport Area of the Florence School of Regulation (FSR) in collaboration with the Chair of Management of Network Industries of EPFL.

Following previous discussion events on rail transport, we are now inviting you to debate scope and frontier of sector specific and competition regulation in railways. The discussion will be kicked-off with the following points:

- **Is there any room for competition regulation in the railway sector?**
- **What should fall into competition regulation? What into sector specific regulation?**
- **What problems can arise from the unclear delimitation between competition regulation and sector specific regulation?**
- **What are the advantages and disadvantages of competition and of sector specific regulation respectively? Advantages and disadvantages for whom?**
- **How do competition and sector specific regulation relate to the overall performance of a national railway system?**

Keeping to one of FSR's guiding principles, namely stakeholder involvement, this Forum will feature presentations from the representatives of the European Commission, Ministries, regulators, operators, international associations of stakeholders and academics. The day will be opened, closed, and moderated by Matthias Finger with the aim of fostering open discussion and exchange among all participants.

We look forward to seeing you in Fiesole for an engaging, enjoyable, and fruitful workshop.

The organizers,

Prof Matthias Finger, FSR Transport Area and Chair MIR, EPFL
Dr Andrea Rosa, FSR Transport Area

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Format

- Duration:** 1 day, with welcoming dinner on the previous evening.
- Audience:** Multi-stakeholder – **on invitation only** - with representatives from regulators, operators, international associations of stakeholders, the European Commission and academics.
- Format:** Roundtable (max. 45 people).
- Sponsoring institutions:** Florence School of Regulation (EUI),
Chair of Management of Network Industries (EPFL).
- Location:** Florence School of Regulation, San Domenico di Fiesole, near Florence, Italy.
- Language:** English.
- Output:** An analytical synthesis will be made available to the participants afterwards. Presentations are made available on the FSR website after explicit permission by the authors.
- Confidentiality:** The Chatham House rule applies: “When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speakers, nor that of any other participant, must be revealed.”
Names of speakers and titles of presentations are, nonetheless, included in the program.

Practical information

Confirming your participation, finding accommodation and reaching the workshop venue

To confirm your attendance of the European Rail Transport Regulation Forum please **write to FSR.Transport@EUI.eu** .

Upon confirmation to FSR.Transport@EUI.eu you will be contacted by the FSR Conference Unit who will provide you with a form to confirm your participation to the welcoming dinner (on 4 December at 20.30), and with a choice of hotels in Florence. **Please reply as soon as possible otherwise they will not be able to assist you with reserving your accommodation.** Please note that the participation form lists the only hotels from which **shuttles buses** will be available on the morning of the workshop to **take attendees to the event venue**. At the end of the workshop shuttle buses will be again available to take participants to railway stations and to the airport of Florence.

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Programme (being finalized and still subject to changes)

Morning session 8.30 – 12.50

Until 8.30	<i>Welcome coffee</i>
8.30-8.45	Welcome by the EUI and the RSCAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefano Bartolini, Professor, Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI
8.45-9.05	Introduction to the forum: Railways – between sector specific and competition regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthias Finger, Professor, Director of FSR-T and of the Chair of Management of Network Industries, EPFL
9.05-9.30	Academic contribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wouter Devroe, Professor, Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (BE)
9.30-9.55	A view from the Commission: DG MOVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Kaufmann, Principal Administrator, DG MOVE
9.55-10.20	A view from the Commission: DG COMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabienne Ilzkovitz, Director, DG COMP/F, Markets and cases V: Transport, Post and other Services (invited)
10.20-10.45	A comparison with the energy and telecommunication sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giorgio Monti, Professor, Department of Law, European University Institute
10.45-11.05	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.05-11.30	A view from a Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Dobler, Head of Department, Competition and Structural Policy, Federal Ministry for Economics and Technology (DE)
11.30-12.50	Views from the operators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Christie, Senior Economist, CER (Int) • Ana Malheiro, Manager of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, EIM (Int) • Erik Staebe, Head of Regulatory Law, Deutsche Bahn AG (DE)
12.50-13.50	<i>Lunch break</i>

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Afternoon session 13:50 – 17:20

13.50-15.10	Views from the operators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philipp Nagl, Head of Corporate Development, ÖBB Personenverkehr AG (AT) • Andreas Nolte, CEO, Traswaggon SpA (IT), and Vice-President, ASSOFERR (IT) • Markus Kern, SBB-CFF-FFS (CH)
15.10-15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30-16.50	Views from the regulators and competition authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karsten Otte, Director, Head of the Railway Regulation Department, BNetzA (DE) • Jochen Meulman, Senior Jurist, Directorate for the Regulation of Energy and Transport, NMa (NL) • Göran Karreskog, Head of Department, Konkurrensverket (SE)
16.50-17.20	Closing discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Matthias Finger, FSR-T and EPFL

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Recent and forthcoming events

Mode/Market	Title	Date
Rail	1 st ERailTRF (European Rail Transport Regulation Forum)	9 April 2010
Air	1 st EAirTRF (European Air Transport Regulation Forum)	15 October 2010
Rail	1 st Florence Workshop on Rail Transport Regulation focused on “Aims, Models and Powers of Rail Regulators”	15 November 2010
Rail	2 nd ERailTRF (European Rail Transport Regulation Forum) “Performance and Governance in Railway Markets”	23 May 2011
Rail/Air	1 st GTRegS (Graduate Transport Regulation Seminar)	24-25 May 2011
Air	2 nd EAirTRF (European Air Transport Regulation Forum) “Gate to Gate Air Transport Network Management”	24 June 2011
Urban	1 st EUrbanTRF (European Urban Transport Regulation Forum) “Role, Function and Status of Transport Authorities”	14 October 2011
Rail	3rd ERailTRF (European Rail Transport Regulation Forum) “Railways - between sector specific and competition regulation”	5 December 2011
Rail	4 th ERailTRF (European Rail Transport Regulation Forum)	19 March 2012
Air	3 rd EAirTRF (European Air Transport Regulation Forum)	23 April 2012
Urban	2 nd EUrbanTRF (European Urban Transport Regulation Forum)	21 May 2012

Presentations from past events are available on the FSR-T website in the “Policy events” section