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Further Steps in Railway Liberalization: Market Opening and Tendering

Introduction

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Retrospective

- FSR-T sees itself as a contribution to the ongoing debate about the de- and re-regulation, as well as about the governance of the European transport sectors; in this case railways
- So far, we have held four European Rail Transport Regulation Fora:
 - 2010-11-15: Aims, models, and powers of European Rail Regulators
 - 2011-5-23: Governance and performance in railway market
 - 2011-12-5: Railways – between sector specific and competition regulation
 - 2012-3-19: 20 years of rail liberalisation in Europe: key lessons and future prospects

Interesting challenges before us

- The railway sector is living important moments: the European Commission has just released the Recast of the First Railway Package, the first decisions of the European Court of Justice concerning various infringements are about to be released, and we are awaiting the Fourth Railway Package
- European Single Market Act II
- How will railway liberalization evolve? Especially, which form will competition take?
 - will competition be about access as was the original idea of the European Commission? Or
 - will it rather evolve into tendering of various bits and pieces of the railway system?

Today, we would like to discuss the following questions:

- What will competition look like in the short, medium and long run?
- Will there be competition at all?
- If desirable, how can and will it be promoted?
- How can and will it be enforced?
- And what role will regulators play in the short, medium and long run in promoting and enforcing such competition?

Structure and principles of the day

- Introduction by Matthias Ruete, Director General, DG Move
- Two panels of incumbents, big and small
- Panel of new entrants
- Academic panel
- Panel of regulators
- Short presentations; room for discussion
- Chatham rules
- Slides and report available afterwards