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## **Discussing the 4th Railway Package: which role for markets in domestic rail passenger transport?**

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# 4th Railway Package

- The Fourth Railway Package was proposed in January 2013
- It comes after the liberalization of freight (2007) and international passenger transport (2010)
- It has not yet reached a consensus



# Past Rail Forums

- .... have already dealt with the 4th Railway Package:
- The 6th Florence Rail Forum had addressed the issue of overcoming barriers to standardisation and interoperability
  - the 8<sup>th</sup> Florence Rail Forum looked at the financing component of the Fourth Railway Package
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Florence Rail Forum now addresses market opening in the national passenger transport by 2019



# Topics

- Opening up the commercial lines, but
  - ability to block foreign holdings if they do not meet certain criteria
  - opening only markets of a certain size
  - public authorities to take on the financial risks beyond the 15 years contracting period
- Public Service Obligations:
  - amendment of Regulation 1370/2007
  - of national regulatory authorities, extending their role and strengthening their power (justify the PSO, transparency)



## Today, we would like to discuss the following questions:

- Where do we stand with the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package?
- Liberalisation of national passenger markets – which way forward for competitive lines and PSO?
- Tendering of PSOs: what are the remaining challenges?
- What role for the regulators?



## Structure and principles of the day

- An introductory presentation by Ms Elisabetta Garofalo, DG MOVE
- 4 sessions
- Short presentations + reaction by academics
- Chatham rules
- Slides, “Observer” available afterwards