



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE (FLORENCE), 16-17 NOVEMBER 2018

Florence Conference on the Regulation of Railways

CALL FOR PAPERS

Introduction

Across the world, railways are poised to face new challenges, as all transport modes are transformed by technological innovations, liberalization, competition with other modes of transport and most recently by digitalization. Consequently, the **railway industry** is required to **increase efficiency** while ensuring security and safety, as it has **to address multimodality**, such as buses, as well as compete with **new transport modes** such as car-sharing. **Regulation of the railway industry and its various dimensions**, not the least competition, is central factor in the process of its transformation and will ultimately decide whether railways will or will not increase their modal share.

We are looking for original papers covering the various aspects of **railway regulation** and **focusing** either **on a country** or a **region**, or on more **transversal issues** such as **competition, tendering, high-speed services, intermodality, digital mobility/railway platforms** and others more.

Contributions utilizing **multidisciplinary**, as well as **interdisciplinary** approaches to regulation, are very welcome. Papers, **linking academia and practice**, as well as **policy research papers**, are particularly encouraged.

The conference is intended for **academics** such as PhD students, PostDocs and assistant/associate/full Professors, as well as academically minded practitioners. The best papers will be eligible for **publication** in the *Railway Regulation Handbook*, to be published by Edward Elgar in 2019.

The Conference is organized by the **Transport Area of the Florence School of Regulation** of the **European University Institute** (Florence) and **UNED University** (Madrid), and it will take place in Florence (Italy).

Conference structure

The format of the *Florence Conference on the Regulation of Railways* will be the following:

- Each presenter has 45', which includes 25' of presentation, 10' of qualified feedback by experts and 10' of discussion with the audience.

Timeline

- Submission of the abstract by ~~22 June 2018~~ **NEW deadline is 31 August 2018** (word format download the [guidelines](#)) using the [online form](#). For any issue regarding the submission, please contact Ms Irina Lapenkova at FSR.Transport@eui.eu;
- Notification of acceptance by ~~15 July 2018~~ **1 October 2018**;
- Submission of the full paper by **4 November 2018**; participants who fail to submit a full paper by this deadline will be automatically removed from the programme;
- Conference on **16-17 November 2018** in **Florence (Italy)**.

Guidelines for the abstract

- 600-1000 words
- Title of the paper & keywords
- Name of the author(s) and full address of the corresponding author
- The aim and methodology of the paper
- Results obtained or expected

Publication opportunities

- Papers will be considered for a **book on railway regulation** to be published in 2019 by **Edward Elgar Publishing** under the coordination of **Prof. Finger** and **Prof. Montero**.
- Papers could also qualify for the Journal [Competition and Regulation in Network Industries](#), which is published by Sage

Organizing Committee

- Prof **Juan Montero** (EUI, Part-time professor of the Transport Area of the FSR, Professor of Administrative Law and Regulation in UNED University (Madrid).
- Prof **Matthias Finger** (EUI, Part-time professor and Director of the Transport Area of the FSR. EPFL, Professor and Director of the Chair of Management of Network Industries).
- Prof **Chris Nash** (Research Professor ITS, University of Leeds, Scientific Advisor FSR).
- **Patricia Pérennes** (Transport advisor for the French Regions).