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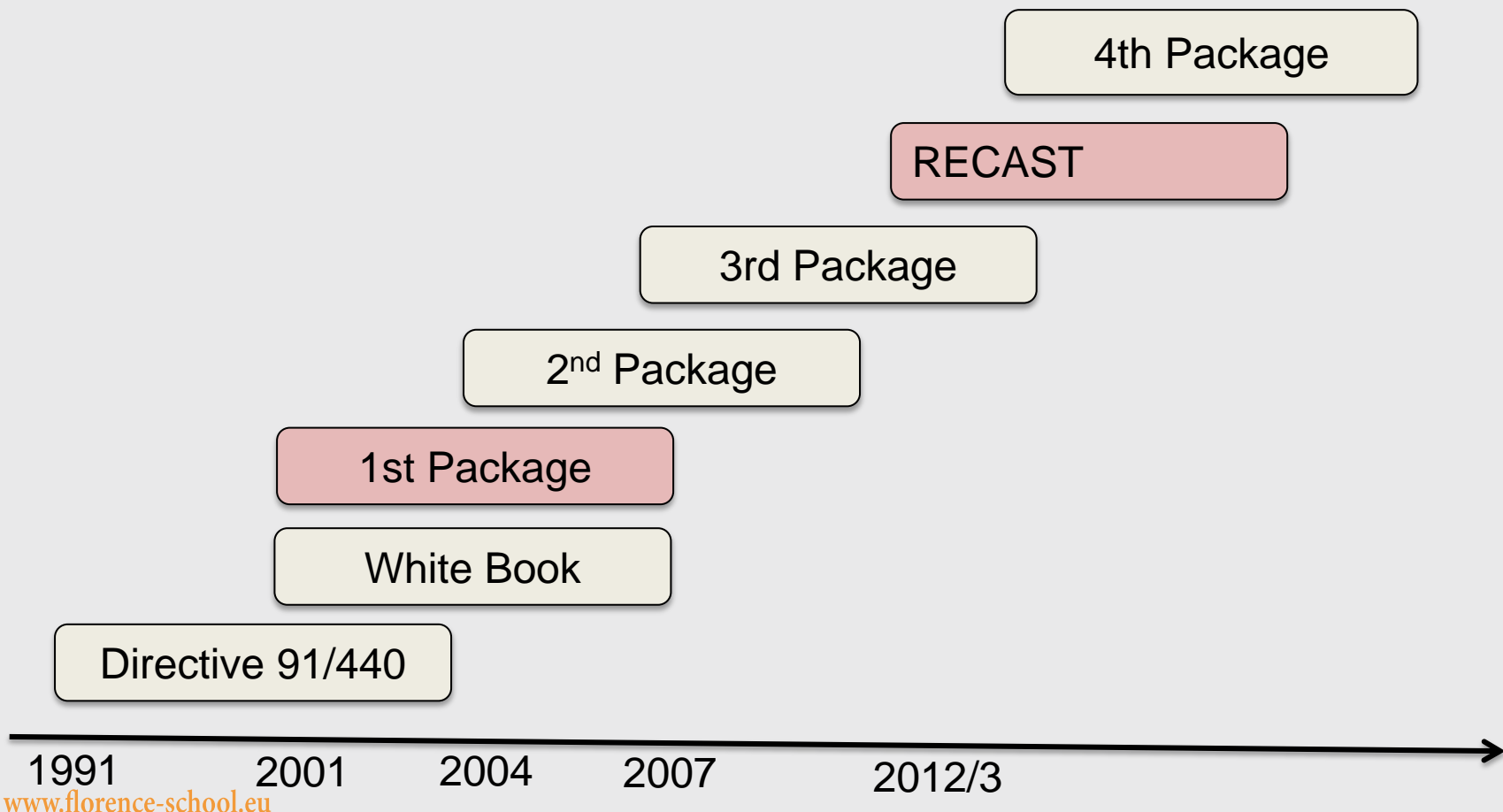
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Current challenges of Rail Regulation in Europe: the European Regulators' View

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History of railway de- and re-regulation





History of the Florence Rail Forums

- **Aims, models, and powers of European Rail Regulators (2010)**
- Governance and performance in railway market (2011)
- Between sector specific and competition regulation (2011)
- 20 years of rail liberalisation in Europe: key lessons and future prospects (2012)
- Further Steps in Railway Liberalization: Market Opening and Tendering (2012)
- Technical pillar of the 4th Railway Package (2013)

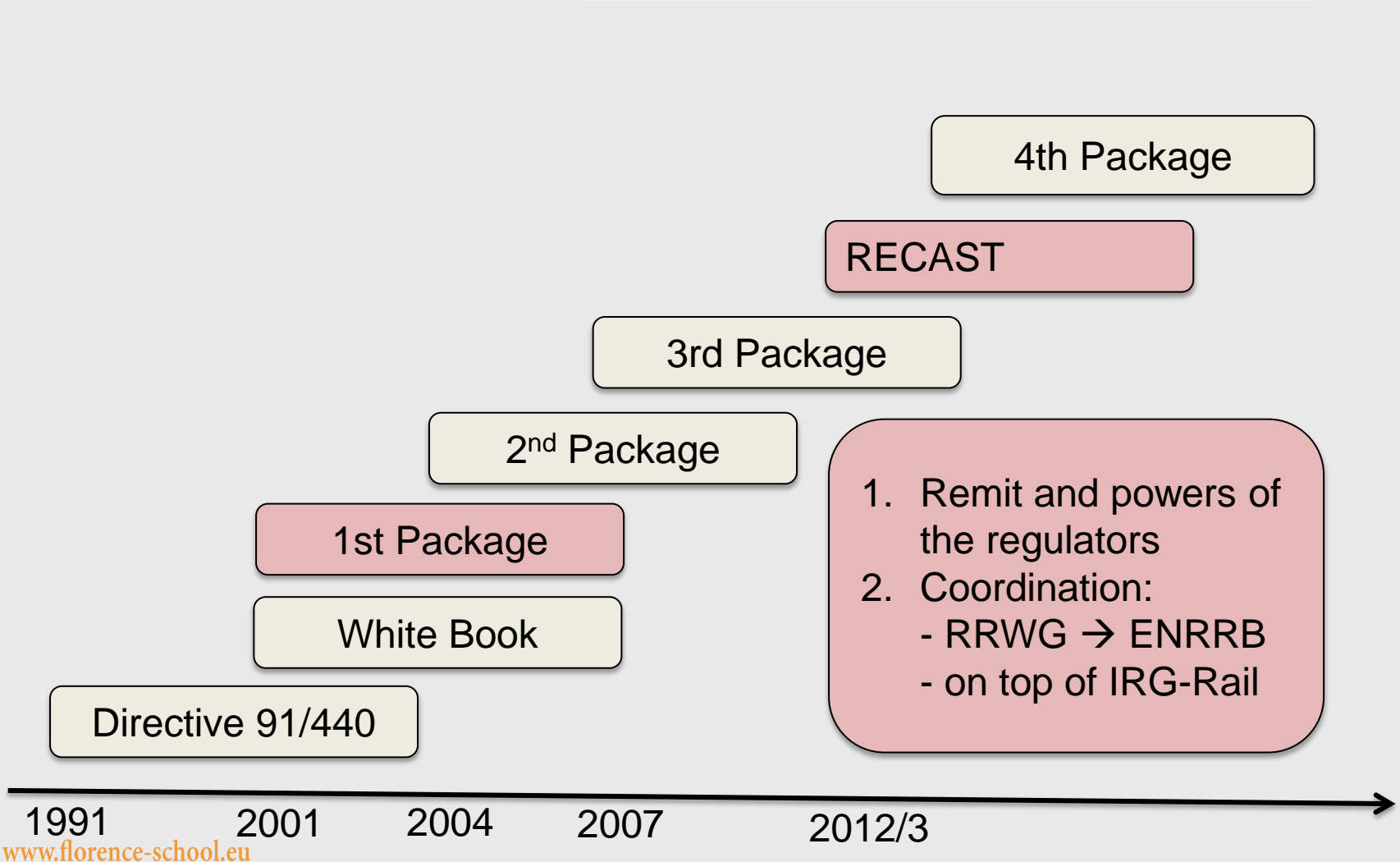


Outcomes of the 1st Florence Rail Forum (2010)

- Big differences in the remit and powers of the different regulators; a certain convergence foreseen in the future
- Independence and powers not yet a given everywhere
- Questions were raised as to the (narrow) focus of regulators, mainly recommending regulators to take a systemic and a longer-term view



3 years later





Today, we would like to discuss the following questions:

- How does the European Commission perceive the differences among the various regulators, their approaches and their «philosophes»? (session 1)
- Do the regulators and the operators perceive any differences in terms the various regulators' approaches and «philosophies»? Is there a «Nordic» / a «Latin» way of regulating rail? Are there others? (session 2 and 3)
- A Single European Railway Area (SERA) → a Single European Railway Authority (S-ERA)? (session 4)



Structure and principles of the day

- An introductory presentation by Mr Keir Fitch and Mr. Thomas Kaufmann
- 2 big sessions
- 1 Concluding session
- Short presentations
- Chatham rules
- Slides, “Observer”, and Report available afterwards