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19th Florence Rail Forum

European Green Deal: What Implications for State Aid in the Rail Sector?

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- Today, we cover rail, air, urban public, intermodal and maritime transport
- Team: Matthias Finger, Juan Montero, Irina Lapenkova, Teodora Serafimova.
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Context of this Forum

- European Green Deal: modal shift to rail
- 2021: the European Year of Rail
- Revision of the State Aid guidelines is on the way. New guidelines should reflect:
 - the policy objectives of the European Green Deal,
 - support a cost-effective transition to climate neutrality by 2050,
 - ensure a level-playing field in the internal market.

Structure, October 22 and 23

October 22, 09.00-13.00

- A. Rail Freight Transport Session I. State aid and investment
- B. Rail Freight Transport Session II. Operating aid

October 23, 09.00-13.00

- C. Rail Passenger Transport Session I. Public service contract and open access rail services
- D. Rail Passenger Transport Session II. Compensation parameters

Structure and principles of the day

- Each session:
 - Four presentations by speakers.
 - Discussion around the table.
- Concluding remarks
- Chatham House rules



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