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The Governance of Rail Freight Corridors

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- A project within the Robert Schuman Centre of the European University Institute (EUI) focusing on regulatory policies, and working closely with the European Commission
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- FSR-Transport began its activities in 2010 focusing originally on railway regulatory policy
- Today, we cover rail, air, urban public, intermodal and maritime transport
- Funded by donations from transport operators
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Context of this Forum

- In its **European Green Deal** communication, the European Commission reaffirms its commitment to shifting a substantial part of the **75% of inland freight** carried today by road onto **rail** and inland waterways. This, in turn, will require **measures to manage better, and to increase the capacity of railways**, which the Commission is set to propose by 2021.
- The Commission is currently in the process of **finalising its evaluation on the implementation of Regulation (EU) 913/2010**, and a Staff Working Document on the results is expected by December 2020.
- The 20th Florence Rail Forum, will focus on the broad question of “**capacity**” (quality and quantity) of RFC, along three main issues:
 - **governance**
 - **digitalization**
 - **financing**

Structure and principles of the day

- Introduction by the Commission:
Maurizio Castelletti, Head of Unit Single European Rail Area, DG MOVE, European Commission
3 thematic sessions, each kick-started with short input presentations and followed by an open discussion including *all* participants
- 40 participants in total representing railway undertakings, technology companies, owners and operators of terminals, national regulatory and governmental bodies, academics
- Concluding remarks
- An Observer (summarising policy brief) to follow
- **Chatham House rules**

The sessions

- A. Governance:** is there a need for a supranational entity to improve the performance of RFCs (network manager)? Which functions such a network manager should assume?
- B. Digitalisation:** what role can digitalisation (network-wide information sharing and processing) play in the management and operation of RFCs?
- C. Financing:** how to finance the development of RFCs, in particular infrastructure services? What investments are necessary? How much the industry is ready to support these investments? Do we need more public investments?

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