

# 16th Florence Air Forum

## Navigating Towards the Decarbonisation of European Aviation

24 Sep 2021 @ 09:00 – 13:10 CET  
Hybrid Event (Florence & Zoom)



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- As of 1994, a 5<sup>th</sup> Faculty was added: the Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies
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# Florence School of Regulation

- A project within the Robert Schuman Centre of the European University Institute (EUI) focusing on regulatory policies, and working closely with the European Commission
- Founded in 2004 by three European regulators in the energy sector
- Enlarged in 2009 to Telecommunications and Media
- 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
- Team: Matthias Finger, Juan Montero, Irina Lapenkova, Teodora Serafimova

# Context of this Forum

- European Green Deal (2019):
  - Transforming Europe into the world's first climate neutral continent by 2050
  - Reducing total EU emissions by 55% by 2030 from 1990 levels
  - Delivering a 90% reduction in total transport emissions by 2050 from 1990 levels
- Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy (2020):
  - Action plan of concrete milestones and policy actions in 10 dedicated flagship areas
  - *“Greening must be the new license for the transport sector to grow”*
- Fit for 55 Package (2021):
  - ReFuelEU Aviation Initiative
  - Revision of EU ETS Directive
  - Revision of Energy Taxation Directive
  - Enabling EU policy framework (carbon pricing and R&I) for low- and zero-emission fuels
  - ...

# Structure and Principles of the Day

- Introduction: Filip Cornelis, Aviation Director, DG MOVE, European Commission
- 3 thematic sessions, each kick-started with 3 short input presentations and followed by an open discussion involving **all** participants
- 37 participants in total representing policy makers, airlines, airports, manufacturers, air traffic control, civil society and academics, among others
- Concluding remarks: Juan Montero, Professor at EUI and UNED (Madrid), and Filip Cornelis, Aviation Director, DG MOVE, European Commission
- A video recording of the meeting only for **internal** purposes to produce an “Observer” (summarising policy brief)
- Please make sure to display your **name** correctly to facilitate the moderation
- **Chatham House rules**

# The Sessions

- A. How aligned are the EU Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy, the Aviation Roundtable Report, Destination 2050 Report and (upcoming revised) ACARE Flightpath 2050 in terms of aviation decarbonisation? Where are the interconnections and possible gaps?
- B. What EU policy framework support is needed for the two major avenues, i.e., Sustainable Aviation Fuels and “zero emission” aircraft?
- C. How to extend the EU framework and approach to the global level? How to drive ICAO towards decarbonisation?

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