

## Conference

# 4th Florence Rail Regulation Conference

**7 July 2025**

Theatre - Badia Fiesolana, Via dei Roccettini 9 - San Domenico di Fiesole (Fiesole, Florence)

Scientific organiser:

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## Introduction

The 4th Florence Rail Regulation Conference aims to discuss advancements for accelerating the growth of the railways in the EU. This conference is a space where academics, selected industry representatives, and policymakers can debate freely on fresh approaches to rail regulation. The scope of the conference will be to find practical solutions through rigorous academic dialogue and constructive debate.

## Programme

*All sessions are taking place in Sala Teatro*

9:00 – 9:10

### **Introduction**

**Juan Montero** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

**Matthias Finger** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

09:10 – 10:30

### **Session I. Open Access Competition**

Chair: **Matthias Finger** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

*Round table Open Access in Europe*

**Paolo Beria** | Politecnico di Milano

**Juan Montero** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

**Zdeněk Tomeš** | Masaryk University

*Determinants of rail price variability in Europe under competition*

Presenter: **Tommaso Battilocchi** | Politecnico di Milano

Discussant: **Russell Pittman** | Antitrust Division of the U.S Department of Justice

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30

### **Session II**

Chair: **Matthias Finger** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

*Cooperation, competition, coopetition in cross-border rail services: which model will prevail?*

Presenters: **Laurent Guihéry**, **Lorenzo Freire-Stella** | CY Cergy Paris University

Discussant: **Andrea Giuricin** | University Milan Bicocca

*Open for Access? A comparative assessment of frameworks used to evaluate open access passenger rail services*

Presenters: **Wiktór Woszczek, Enrico Russo** | Oxera Consulting

Discussant: **Juan Montero** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

*Railway performance: lessons from efficiency analyses*

Presenter: **Torben Holvad** | ERA

Discussant: **Javier Asensio** | Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

12:30 - 13:45 Lunch break

### 13:45 – 15:45 **Session III**

Chair: **Juan Montero** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

*Rolling Stock Management and Railway Efficiency: Evidence from a Line-Level Analysis of Regional Rail Services in France*

Presenter: **Nicolas Fabre** | Université de Lyon

Discussant: **Aurore Laget-Annamayer** | Florence School of Regulation, Paris Dauphine-PSL University

*Regulating the fair access to rolling stock: current situation in the Single European Railway Area (SERA)*

Presenter: **Guillem Ochoa** | Antitrust Lawyer – Railway Regulatory Affairs specialist

Discussant: **Juan Montero** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

*Night trains in Europe – sustainable alternative or niche market?*

Presenter: **Zdeněk Tomeš** | Masaryk University

Discussant: **Matthias Finger** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

*Challenges and Opportunities in Regulating Small Underloaded Rail Networks*

Presenter: **Justina Hudenko** | LatRailNet

Discussant: **Zdeněk Tomeš** | Masaryk University

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

### 16:15 - 17:45 **Session IV**

Chair: **Juan Montero** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

*Two Roads Diverged: Two Alternate Strategies for Protecting Captive Freight Shippers in the “Americas” Model of Freight Rail Restructuring*

Presenter: **Russell Pittman** | Antitrust Division of the U.S Department of Justice

Discussant: **Bertil Hysten** | Florence School of Regulation- Transport Area, EUI

*Developing models for Africa’s freight railway system regulation*

Presenter: **Bernard Aritua** | The World Bank

Discussant: **Matthias Finger** | Florence School of Regulation – Transport Area, EUI

*Including the evaluation of social impacts in the appraisal of transportation investments*

Presenter: **Mario Tartaglia** | Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane S.p.A.

Discussant: **Paolo Beria** | Politecnico di Milano

18:00 Cocktail in Lower Loggia