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The Florence School of Regulation in a Nutshell

The Florence School of Regulation (FSR) is a project within the European University Institute (EUI) focusing on regulatory topics. It works closely with the European Commission and is a growing point of reference for regulatory theory and practice. Activities at FSR cover five Areas:

ENERGY

Directed by Professor
Jean-Michel Glachant

TRANSPORT

Directed by Professor
Matthias Finger

CLIMATE

Directed by Professor
Simone Borghesi

COMMS & MEDIA

Directed by Professor
Pier Luigi Parcu

WATER

Directed by Professor
Stéphane Saussier

FSR's objective is to explore the European dimension of these regulatory topics by ensuring high-level and independent debate and research focusing on economically and socially sound regulation. FSR thus provides a European forum where academics and practitioners can meet and share their views and knowledge. It does this by:

- organising policy events, conferences and seminars which look at key regulatory issues;
- promoting international networking through knowledge and practice exchange;
- producing analytical and empirical research in the field of regulation;
- providing training courses and encouraging knowledge sharing.

FSR has a light governance structure, which ensures the active participation of both its partners and its donors.

The Transport Area of the Florence School of Regulation: Sectors & Activities

The Transport Area of the Florence School of Regulation (FSR Transport) is dedicated to policy dialogue, policy-relevant research, training, and networking in the area of transport regulation in Europe. Policy and networking activities include close analysis of regulatory concepts, practices and policies, the identification and benchmarking of best practices, and fostering an open dialogue with all the relevant stakeholders in the different transport areas. Research and training courses are developed with a pragmatic approach so as to ensure their practical relevance to the various stakeholders.

FSR Transport began its activities in 2010 focusing on railway regulation, under the direction of Professor Matthias Finger. Since then, the Area has gradually enlarged its scope to cover the following areas:



Rail



Air



Maritime

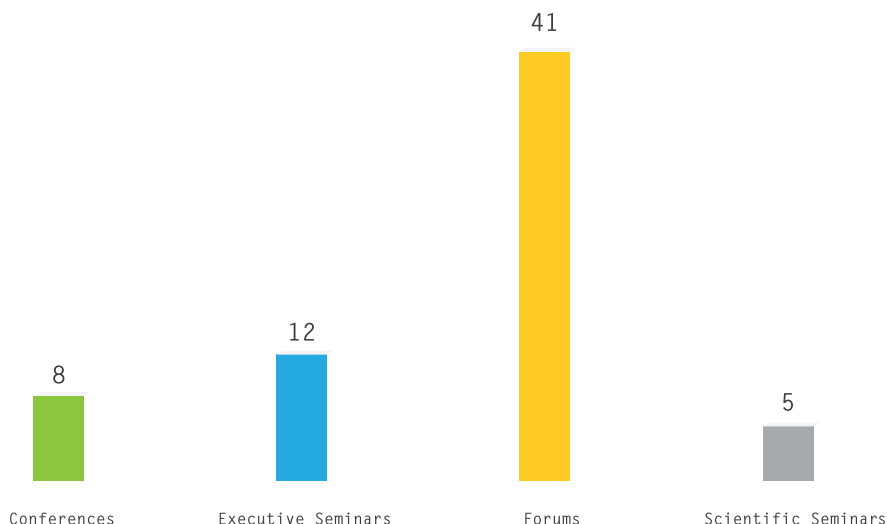


Urban



Intermodal

We constantly work on extending the scope of our activities.



Forums

The core activity of FSR Transport is the organisation of policy Forums, where representatives of the European Commission, regulatory authorities, operators, academics and other relevant stakeholders meet to discuss and shape transport-relevant regulatory policy in Europe.

Since its foundation, FSR Transport organises European Transport Regulation Forums on current issues, and more than 40 such events have taken place to date.


Most recently the following topics were discussed:



*Internalising the
External Costs of
Transport*



*Single European
Sky: the way
forward*




*Green Finance
and Sustainability
– Which Role for
Railways?*

Executive Seminars

FSR Transport organises executive seminars in close collaboration with European Institutions, Agencies and its donors. Whereas the Transport Forums form a series of recurring events, Executive Seminars are tailored events addressing a specific subject.

Most recently the following topics were discussed:



*Air Ticket Distribu-
tion and the Regu-
lation 80/2009 on a
Code of Conduct for
Computerised Reser-
vation Systems*



Road Safety



*European Regu-
lation of Airport
Charges*

Academic Conferences

FSR Transport organises conferences and academic seminars with a focus not only on transport modes but also on infrastructure industries in general.

The Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructures is a yearly event with the involvement of the four areas of the Florence School of Regulation and coordinated by FSR Transport. It aims to take an interdisciplinary look at the most recent developments and future plans for network industries, with a comprehensive look at the transport, energy and communication sectors.

Dating back to 2012, the Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructure Industries, today is an annual event, which has grown and established itself as a point of reference for scholars and stakeholders all over the world. More than 100 individuals have presented their research at one of the academic events in Florence since 2012. The best papers are published in the *Journal Competition and Regulation in Network Industries* (SAGE), whose editor-in-chief is Prof. Matthias Finger.



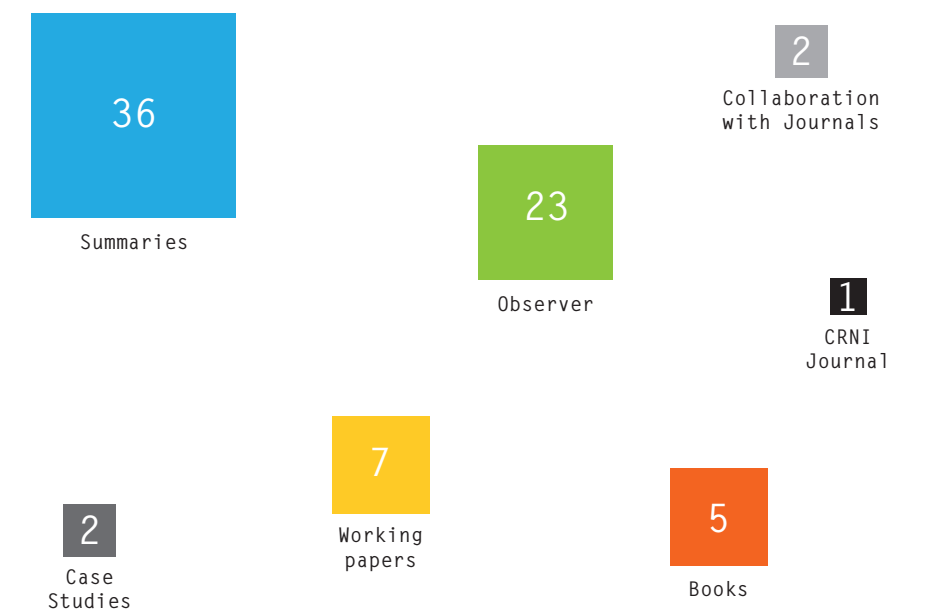
Participants of the 7th Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructures, June 2018

Publications

The research activities are carried out in close cooperation with a partner, typically commissioning an applied research project. So far FSR Transport benefited from two major research projects on railways with SBB and SNCF. In addition, two research projects for the European Parliament were conducted, one on the future of European transport regulation, and one on infrastructure funding challenges in the sharing economy FSR Transport also publishes edited books with renowned publishers.

FSR Transport is actively reporting and analysing the results of the policy events organised in Florence. *The European Transport Regulation Observer* is a policy brief published after each transport Forum to reflect on the most important outcomes of the debates.

FSR Transport co-manages and co-edits two journals: *Network Industries Quarterly* (NIQ), and *Competition and Regulation in Network Industries* (CRNI). Each issue of NIQ provides consistent original analysis, information and opinions on current issues regarding network industries. CRNI addresses the increasingly urgent challenge of governing (and regulating) complex and dynamic socio-technical systems (e.g. energy, transport, water, communications, urban systems) so as to make these systems more efficient, sustainable and resilient.



Focus on Sustainability and Digitalisation

Recently, FSR Transport presented its working paper 'A Programme for the New Network Industries', which identifies the key challenges of digitalisation for traditional network industries and defines a research programme for the new network industries.

What is more, FSR Transport is currently working on a Manifesto for the upcoming five years of EU regulation of transport – with a particular focus on deregulation, digitalisation and decarbonisation, or in short the 3Ds. The manifesto seeks to critically reflect upon the achievements of the Juncker Commission towards a modern, multi-modal, safe and low-carbon transport sector. We also endeavour to establish a realistic outlook onto the challenges that await the next Commission in the various transport modes in terms of regulatory policy in the areas of deregulation, digitalisation and decarbonisation.

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