

# Call for papers:

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## First Annual Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructure Industries

organised by: *the Florence School of Regulation (FSR), European University Institute*



### EMERGING REGULATORY CHALLENGES IN THE INFRASTRUCTURES

The main infrastructures – energy, transport, communications – have experienced significant liberalization processes over the past 30 years. Liberalization has generally been accompanied by re-regulation, leading, among others, to the creation of sector-specific regulatory authorities, whose main role it is open up and sustain markets for the benefit of users and customers. This process of simultaneous liberalization and re-regulation has been particularly active in Europe, promoted as it is by the European Commission.

Observers of this process have become increasingly critical about the fact that liberalization has not delivered on its promises, that regulation has failed as well, and that new challenges are emerging in the infrastructures, requiring novel approaches to regulation. The most prominent such challenges pertain to investments, public services and public service obligations, infrastructure systems' coherence, and more generally responsiveness of infrastructure operators to public policy objectives.

These constitute as many challenges for regulation and regulatory bodies. This conference aims at exploring these challenges for regulation and regulators across the infrastructures and in an interdisciplinary manner, combining engineering, economics, law, and political science.

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Interested academics and academically oriented practitioners are invited to submit a 600 to 1000 word proposal (word document) by March 1st 2012 to: [martin.holterman@eui.eu](mailto:martin.holterman@eui.eu). Please indicate in the subject heading "FSR Conference 2012".

#### THE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE STRUCTURED AS FOLLOWS:

- Title of the paper
- Name of the author(s) and full address of the corresponding author (postal, phone, fax and email)
- The aim and methodology of the paper
- Results obtained or expected
- A few keywords

Acceptance (or rejection) will notified by April 1st 2012. Final paper submission will be June 1st 2012. Participants who do not submit their final paper by that date and/or do not register to the Conference will not be allowed to present.

#### PAPER PROPOSALS WILL BE REVIEWED BY:

Prof. Matthias Finger (EPFL & FSR-Transport Area Director)  
Prof. Jean-Michel Glachant (FSR-Energy Area Director) and  
Prof. Pier-Luigi Parcu (FSR-Telecommunications Area Director)

*The Florence School of Regulation is currently exploring the possibility of launching a new journal on the regulation of infrastructures as of Fall 2012 in which outstanding papers will have the opportunity to be published. Alternatively, papers can also be submitted to the Journal Competition and Regulation in Network Industries.*

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

The deadline for applications is:

**15 March 2012**

Applicants will be informed about selection by:

**1 April 2012**

Final Papers should be submitted by:

**1 June 2012**