



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE (FLORENCE), 16TH JUNE 2017

6th Florence Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructures.

Regulatory challenges for smart cities

CALL FOR PAPERS

The de- and re-regulation of the different network industries is an ongoing process at national and global level. As this process unfolds, ever new phenomena emerge, which call for a constant reassessment of the content and objectives of regulation.

The question becomes even more challenging when looking at **recent infrastructure development at the local level**. Phenomena including (and not limited to) the demographic changes, the rapidly evolving consequences of climate change and the evolution of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have significantly challenged the traditionally stable landscape of urban infrastructure services provision. Providing traditional and new services in an innovative way is a growing trend among public authorities, traditional providers as well as new private *prosumers* and platforms for sharing economy. Both small and large agglomerations are seeking to become the so-called “smart cities”. However, together with great opportunities, disruptive innovations also give rise to new **regulatory challenges especially** on infrastructure financing and management of the future “**smart cities**”.

This 6th *Florence Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructures* aims at taking stock of the major challenges infrastructure regulation is currently facing at the local level.

Papers will be presented in different parallel sessions dedicated to the following infrastructure sectors:

- **Communications and media**
- **Energy and Climate**
- **Transport**
- **Water distribution**
- **Wastewater and waste management**

We encourage contributions that link technology and institutions in **more than one infrastructure sector**. Contributions utilizing **multidisciplinary as well as interdisciplinary approaches** to regulation are welcome. Papers **linking academia and practice**, as well as policy research papers are particularly encouraged.

The conference is intended for **academics** such as PhD students, PostDocs and Assistant/associate/full Professors as well as **academically minded practitioners**.

Conference structure

The format of the Florence Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructures is unique:

- Each presenter has 45', which includes 20' of presentation, 10' of qualified feedback and 15' of discussion with the audience (there are only 2 papers per session, guaranteeing high quality discussions);
- Feedback will be given by senior professors associated with the Florence School of Regulation, who are specifically knowledgeable about the topic at hand;
- Papers that will be retained for publication will receive additional feedback beyond the Conference;
- Poster section will be organised.

Timeline

- Submission of the abstract by **15th January 2017** (word format download the [guidelines](#)) using the [online form](#). For any issue regarding the submission, please contact Ms Nadia Bert at FSR.Transport@eui.eu;
- Notification of acceptance by **12th February 2017**;
- submission of the full paper by **26th May 2017**; participants who fail to comply with this deadline will be automatically removed from the programme.
- Social event on 15th June 2017; conference on **16th June 2017 in Florence (Italy)**.

Conference fee

- 100 EUR - A limited number of partial fee waivers for PhD students are available. Please contact Ms Nadia Bert at FSR.Transport@eui.eu for further information.

Guidelines for the abstract

- 600-1000 words
- Title of the paper & keywords
- Name of the author(s) and full address of the corresponding author
- The aim and methodology of the paper
- Results obtained or expected

Publication opportunities

- Papers will qualify for being published in the *Journal Competition and Regulation in Network Industries* ([name may change by then](#)), which will be published by Sage as of 2017.
- A summary of the 4-5 best papers will have the chance to be published in the dedicated issue of the [Network Industries Quarterly](#) (Issue 19, Vol 3, September 2017).

Organizing Committee

- Prof **Matthias Finger** (EUI, Part-time professor and Director of the Transport Area of the FSR. EPFL, Professor and Director of the Chair of Management of Network Industries)
- Prof **Jean-Michel Glachant** (EUI, Robert Schuman Chair, Director of the FSR, Director of the Energy & Climate Area of the FSR, Holder of the Loyola de Palacio Chair)
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- Prof **Pier Luigi Parcu** (EUI, Part-time professor, Director of the Communications and Media Area of the FSR, ENTrANCE, and CMPF)
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