Competition and Regulation in Network Industries: a new Journal by Sage

Commencing in 2017 SAGE is delighted to be the new publisher of Competition and Regulation in Network Industries.

We are building on the 16-year tradition and strength of the existing Intersentia Journal *Competition and Regulation in Network Industries*, yet strive to evolve it into an even higher quality journal, addressing the increasingly urgent challenge of governing (including regulating) complex and dynamic socio-technical systems (e.g., energy, transport, water, communication, urban systems), especially in light of pervasive digitalization.

Network industries are caught between technological developments, evolving competition and regulation. At the same time significant innovations – especially in the field of ICTs – offer new opportunities for infrastructure operations and governance. Exploring this combined technological and institutional dynamics between competition and regulation provides a fascinating field of research that challenges academics, managers and policy-makers alike.

The new Journal *Competition and Regulation in Network Industries* is resolutely interdisciplinary in nature, favoring articles that combine economic, legal, policy and engineering approaches and seek to link theory with practical relevance. It is a double-blind peer-reviewed journal that offers leading specialists opportunities to provide an in-depth and forward-looking view on the evolving network industries.

**Publication process:**

The Journal welcomes submissions and engages in a collaborative discussion with the authors so as to produce the highest possible quality articles. Each article is double-blind peer reviewed. After acceptance, articles are published online on a rolling basis. 4 paper issues are published each year, containing each 4 to 6 articles.

The Journal holds an annual conference at the European University Institute in June each year. Papers presented there are offered a fast-track review process.

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About the Study

The study analyses the disruption created by shared mobility in the funding of transport infrastructure. While recognizing the benefits of shared mobility in terms of reduction of private car use, the study identifies that there might be short term negative effects on the revenues of long distance railway and coach operators. It also points out other potential risks, which include capturing the revenues through commissions charged by platforms mediating mass-transit services (Mobility as a Service), freeriding and lower tax contributions. The study makes recommendations to reduce these risks.

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“Regulatory challenges for smart cities.”

Presentation of the next issue

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 (but not limited to) demographic changes, the rapidly evolving consequences of climate change and the evolution of 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 future “smart cities”.

The next issue of the Network Industries Quarterly (NIQ) will be dedicated to some of the best papers presented at the 6th Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructures, which is organized by the Florence School of Regulation in June 2017. Selected academics and practitioners have been invited to Florence to discuss the latest developments in the regulation of different network industries, namely transport, energy, telecoms and water distribution. Both the Conference and the next issue of the NIQ have a special focus on smart cities, and they build on the long-lasting experience of all the Area directors of the Florence School of Regulation.

More information

If you are interested in learning more about the “6th Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructures: The challenges of digitalization and the use of data” and the next issue of the Network Industries Quarterly, please send an email to Ms. Nadia Bert at fsr.transport@eui.eu.
Implementation of the liberalization process has brought various challenges to incumbent firms operating in sectors such as air transport, telecommunications, energy, postal services, water and railways, as well as to new entrants, to regulators and to the public authorities.

Therefore, the Network Industries Quarterly is aimed at covering research findings regarding these challenges, to monitor the emerging trends, as well as to analyze the strategic implications of these changes in terms of regulation, risks management, governance and innovation in all, but also across, the different regulated sectors.

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