

Conference

1st Florence Maritime Regulation Conference

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Introduction

The 1st Florence Maritime Regulation Conference aims to discuss regulatory advancements that accelerate the competitiveness and sustainable development of shipping, ports, and related maritime supply chains in the EU and beyond. This is a platform where academics, industry representatives, and policymakers engage in open and constructive debate on innovative approaches to maritime regulation.

Programme

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9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introduction to the Theme.

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09:15 – 11:00 Plenary Session: Shipping Markets.

1. Vertical Integration in the Maritime Sector: Drivers, Regulatory Challenges, and Alternative Governance Mechanisms.

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

Marine (Siyu) Zhou | Meng Bo Law Office

Discussant: **Juan Montero** | Florence School of Regulation

2. Competition regulation in container liner shipping: an impact assessment from 1990 to 2025.

Presenter: **Lander Jacobs** | University of Antwerp

Discussant: **Jason Monios** | Kedge Business School

3. Regulatory Governance and Competition in Coastal Shipping.

Presenters: **Maria Lekakou** | University of the Aegean

Discussant: **Christa Sys** | University of Antwerp

Chair : **Thanos Pallis**

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:15 Plenary session: Ports

4. Can port regulation fill the gaps in governance or is it an unwelcome ghost at the feast?

Presenter: **Jason Monios** | Kühne Logistics University

Discussant: **Thanos Pallis** | FSR-Transport Area / University of Piraeus

5. Towards Data-Driven Port Regulation: Conceptualising and measuring port efficiency in Italian port areas.

Presenter: **Giuseppe La Ragione** | University of Naples "Parthenope"

Discussant: **Veronica Schulz** | Kühne Logistics University

6. Building maritime anti-corruption frameworks via port Integrity commitments.

Presenter: **Thanos Pallis** | FSR-Transport Area / University of Piraeus

Discussant: **Benedicte Meille** | European University Institute

Chair: **Jason Monios**

13:15 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 15:45 Maritime Regulation and Sustainability I.

7. Justice Sustainability in Maritime Regulation: Building Institutional Frameworks for Environmental Protection and Market Competitiveness.

Presenter: **Nilce O. Castro** | University of Coimbra

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

8. From Regional to Global – and Back? The EU's Strategy and its Backlash in the Green Transition of Maritime Transport
Preliminary Version

Presenter: **Caroline Devaux** | Rennes University

Discussant: **Maria Lekakou** | University of the Aegean

9. Customs-stifled Digitisation of International Containerised Trade.

Presenter: **Benedicte Meille** | European University Institute

Discussant: **Marco Ferreti** | University of Naples "Parthenope"

Chair: **Christa Sys**

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 - 17:00 Maritime Regulation and Sustainability II.

10. Hydrogen Harbours: Comparing German and French Regulation of Hydrogen-Based Fuel Bunkering in Ports.

Presenter: **Kelsey Pailman** | University of Groningen

Discussant: **Caroline Devaux** | Rennes University

11. Analogy as a tool to ensure the applicability of liability and compensation regimes for sustainable maritime fuels.

Presenter: **Martin Hock** | PtX Lab Lausitz

Discussant: **Kelsey Pailman** | University of Groningen

Chair: **Maria Lekakou**

16:15 - 17:00 Recap of Discussions and Concluding Remarks.

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