

**EU TRANSPORT LAW**  
**7 ECTS**  
**(Prof. Vincenzo Zeno-Zencovich**  
**with Prof. Margherita Colangelo Ph.D.)**

**Course description:**

The course aims at introducing the EU policies in the field of transport and their intersections with many other relevant aspects: competition, environmental protection, consumer rights, external relations.

In particular the course will focus on two of the means of transport which have undergone – and are still undergoing – a considerable development in EU law: air transport and rail transport.

As to the first the course will examine

- a) From monopoly in European air traffic to liberalization
- b) Safety in the air and on ground
- c) European agencies in the field of air transport
- d) Airports and their management
- e) The main competition issues:
  - Mergers
  - State aid
  - Reservation systems
- f) The EU system and the international regulation of air transport
- g) Pending issues in the EU/USA relationship

As to rail transport the course will examine

- a) The (very) slow process of liberalization in rail transport
- b) Interoperability and safety
- c) European Transport Networks
- d) European Agencies in the field of rail transport
- e) The main competition issues
  - Ownership of tracks and stations
  - State aid

The course will also tackle the controversial issue of liberalization of port services.

In general the course will take into account the growing expansion of consumer/user rights in the field of transport and their connection with the tourism sector (package tours, cruises, etc).

**Objectives**

The course aims at introducing student in an extremely important area of EU law with significant influences on a thriving economic activity, enhancing their ability to understand the general system of the European Union law and its implication on national systems.

**Course Learning Activities**

The course consists of lectures on the main subjects of EU transport law, followed by seminars that are meant to support the lectures and encourage interactive student participation.

**Assessment tools**

Student evaluation will be based on class work and class participation (representing 10 points of the final grade), oral presentations given during the semester (representing 10 points of the final grade), and a final written exam (representing 10 points of the final grade). The final exam consists in two essay questions (selected by the student among a choice of five questions).

**Attendance policy**

Class attendance is compulsory.

**Course textbook:**

M. Colangelo – V. Zeno-Zencovich, *Introduction to European Union Transport Law (Second edition)* 2016, RomaTrE-Press, Collana "Consumatori e Mercato", n. 2, available at <http://ojs.romatrepress.uniroma3.it/index.php/eutl/article/view/971>.

**Fall 2017**  
**Schedule of lessons**  
**Wednesday – Thursday – Friday h. 14,15-16,00**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1. Oct 4	EU transport policy – General issues
2. Oct 5	Liberalization of network industries; regulation of services of general economic interest
3. Oct 6	Basics of Competition Law; the essential facility doctrine
4. Oct 11	The air transport sector; from the three aviation packages to Reg. 1008/2008/EC
5. Oct 12	Reg. 1008/2008/EC; airport infrastructures and charges
6. Oct 13	Airport infrastructures and charges
7. Oct 18	Ground handling services
8. Oct 19	Slot Allocation
9. Oct 20	2011 Better Airports Package; competition issues: abuse of dominant position; other anticompetitive conducts
10. Oct 25	Alliance agreements; code sharing; block exemptions
11. Oct 26	Competition issues; computer reservation systems
12. Oct 27	Mergers
13. Nov 2	Competition issues: State aids and public service obligations
14. Nov 3	EU's external aviation relations; Open Skies
15. Nov 8	The railway sector – The railway packages
16. Nov 10	The railway sector – The railway packages - The Single European Railway Area
17. Nov 15	Unbundling in the railway sector; national experiences
18. Nov 16	Competition issues: market definition; abuse of dominant position; agreements
19. Nov 17	State aid
20. Nov 22	Liberalization of port services
21. Nov 23	Passengers' rights - Package travel, package holidays and package tours
22. Nov 24	Air passengers' rights; compensation for denied boarding, cancellation or long delay of flights
23. Nov 29	Montreal and Warsaw Conventions; liability in case of accidents; rights to information; quality of service
24. Nov 30	Sea passengers; bus and coach passengers
25. Dec 1	Rail passengers' rights
26. Dec 6	Safety and security in aviation and railway
27. Dec 7	Unfair commercial practices; misleading and comparative advertising
28. Dec 13	Uber