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### Italian and French Transport Regulatory Authorities strengthen ties with the signing of a memorandum of understanding to address issues of common interest

*On the occasion of a meeting between their presidents, Nicola Zaccheo and Thierry Guimbaud, in Rome on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Autorità di regolazione dei trasporti and the Autorité de régulation des transports, both responsible for economic regulation of the rail sector, airports and motorway concessions, signed a memorandum of understanding to exchange information and best practices on issues of common interest.*



On Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nicolas Zaccheo, president of the Autorità di regolazione dei trasporti, and Thierry Guimbaud, president of the Autorité de régulation des transports, signed a memorandum of understanding.

The authorities are both responsible for regulating the rail sector, airport charges and motorway concessions. In particular, they share responsibility for implementing Directive 2012/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012, establishing a Single European Railway Area, and Directive 2009/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 on airport charges.

The partnership promotes the conduct of activities and the exchange of information and experience between the authorities on regulatory issues of common interest, and reciprocal consultation on transport sector regulation, based on their respective research and learning, with a view to identifying areas for improvement and best practice.

Issues of common interest covered by the memorandum of understanding include, but are not limited to:

- missions, organization and operation of the authorities;
- observation of regulated markets;
- regulation of motorway concessions;
- regulation of airport charges, in accordance with Directive 2009/12/EC;
- regulation of the rail transport market, in accordance with Directive 2012/34/EU;
- regulating the provision of multimodal information services;
- temporary and structural measures adopted in France and Italy in times of crisis.

### **Consult (in French and in Italian):**

- [The memorandum of understanding](#)

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### **About the French Transport Regulatory Authority (ART)**

Since 2010, the French railway sector has had an independent authority to accompany its gradual opening to competition: the Autorité de régulation des activités ferroviaires (Araf). Law 2015-990 of 6 August 2015 on growth, activity and equal economic opportunity extended the regulator's powers to road activities - coach transport and motorways. On 15 October 2015, Araf became the Autorité de régulation des activités ferroviaires et routières (Arafer), with the mission to contribute to the proper functioning of public service and competitive activities for the benefit of rail and road transport customers.

With competence for the regulation of airport charges since 1 October 2019, Arafer became the Transport Regulatory Authority (ART) on that date. Lastly, Law No. 2019-1428 of 24 December 2019 -mobility act- extended ART's powers and missions to the opening up of mobility and ticketing data, as well as to the regulation of infrastructure manager activities and security activities carried out by RATP in Île-de-France. Its opinions and decisions are adopted by a college of five independent members chosen for their economic, legal or technical skills in the field of digital services or transport, or for their expertise in competition matters. It is chaired since 29th December 2023 by Thierry Guimbaud.