Regulation
Past & Future
Postal regulation
Where do we come from and where do we stand?

Sector-specific regulation

Interconnection, interoperability
Flanking measures
Definition of obligations
Designation

Network access and price regulation
Market access regulation

Market regulation

Universal and Default Service regulations

Market outcome

Competition law

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Costing
Financing

Competition law
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Hypotheses and a research agenda

0 – Postal regulation has come to a dead end

1 – There is no such thing as a postal sector
   • What are the relevant markets?
   • Who are the relevant competitors?

2 – There is a wide gap between customer needs and regulated services
   • What are (private and business) customers’ needs?

3 – Future regulation must be much more open and flexible
   • What is the regulatory framework that lets customers benefit optimally from technological progress?
   • How to make it coherent with liberalization, privatization?
   • How can it be designed to be consistent with competition law?
A future Universal Service Obligation…

Layer 3
services

Sector-overlapping **Universal Service Obligations**
for the delivery of messages and goods
(if not provided by the market or due to other regulation)

Layer 2
active infrastructure

Technical requirements for legally binding
physical/digital signatures

Postal infrastructures

Address data, Zip-codes
Mail boxes
P.O. boxes
Letter drops

Telecommunication infrastructures

Interconnection,
Frequencies,
Ducts and wires
Antennas

Layer 1
passive infrastructure
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