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“Building and Governing EU Networks”

Presentation of the next issue

The EU’s basic objective is to create a Single European Market as a tool for political integration. This objective is being transposed into all economically relevant sectors.

In the infrastructures, this objective translates into the unbundling of the network industries into a monopolistic infrastructure on the one hand and a market for services delivered on the basis of these infrastructures on the other.

On the basis of these unbundled infrastructures at the national level, the EU aims at creating interconnected infrastructures which offer full interoperability for all the services provided on these infrastructures. This aim is being implemented in a systematic way in electricity (“copper-plate Europe”), in railways (“Single European Railway Area”) and in air transport (“Single European Sky”). One could add to this road infrastructures and perhaps telecommunications infrastructures, even though unbundling does not take place there.

Of course, the implementation of this idea progresses differently in the different infrastructures, owing to technological specificities, national interests, and funding requirements, among others. In this NIQ we will look at electricity, rail and air EU-wide infrastructures, how they have developed, whether they make progress, and what obstacles they encounter. In the last paper, we will also explore whether this idea of an EU-wide infrastructure can also apply to digitalisation.

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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.

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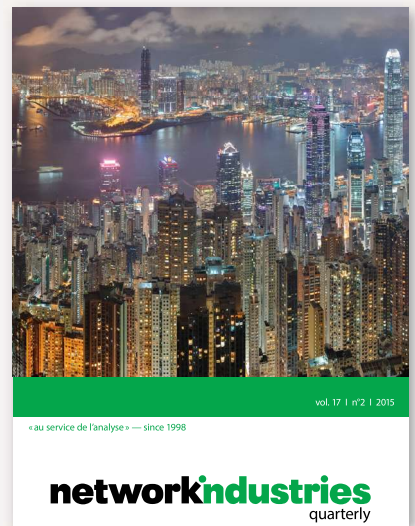
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