

Workshop

Competition issues in the transport sector

Venue: Zoom

12 April 2022, 11.00 am - 1.00 pm, Brasilia

Agenda

The first part of the workshop will focus on competition issues in the maritime-transport sector. In particular, an expert speaker will discuss the concentration in liner shipping and vertical integration in maritime transport. Indeed, global alliances have become a dominant feature of container shipping. Three global alliances (2M, Ocean and THE Alliance) represent around 80% of overall container trade and operate around 95% of the total ship capacity on East-West trade lanes, where the major containerised flows occur. In addition, most major liner companies have integrated other activities such as terminal operations, freight forwarding and intermodal transport ("door-to-door"). The workshop will discuss the implications for competition of these trends in the maritime transport industry.

The second part of the workshop will delve into the OECD product market regulation (PMR) indicators. Pro-competition regulation in the markets for goods and services can help boost living standards, can raise output per capita by increasing investment and employment, and can encourage firms to be more innovative and efficient, thereby lifting productivity. To measure countries' regulatory stance and to track reform progress over time, since 1998 the OECD has been producing a set of indicators of PMR. This set includes an economy-wide indicator and a group of indicators that measures regulation at the sector level.

An expert speaker will explain how PMR indicators are calculated and what they mean for countries. The workshop will also address Brazil's situation based on this country's PMR country note of 2018 as well as an exercise that it is currently ongoing to update the assessment included in that note.

11.00 – 11.10	Welcome remarks Ricardo Medeiros de Castro, Deputy Chief Economist, CADE Federica Maiorano, Senior Competition Expert, OECD
11.10 – 12.00	Competition considerations in the maritime sector ➤ Concentration in liner shipping ➤ Vertical integration in maritime transport Speaker: Olaf Merk, Project Manager Ports and Shipping, International Transport Forum
12.00-12.50	The OECD's Product Market Regulation indicators ➤ Introduction to the PMR indicators and the methodology to calculate them ➤ Brazil's PMR indicators ➤ Q & A Speakers: Cristiana Vitale, Senior Economist, OECD; Javier Terrero, Economist, OECD
12.50-13.00	Closure Ricardo Medeiros de Castro, Deputy Chief Economist, CADE Federica Maiorano, Senior Competition Expert, OECD