Market Place Seminar
Future development of railway policy in Europe
Is railway liberalisation a successful story???

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Railway liberalisation’s target

- Elimination of state railways monopoly
- Strengthening the competition
- Freight rates reduction
- Increasing productivity
- Moore goods to rail
What has realised?

- Liberalisation-privatisation-deregulation
- State railways in pieces
- Cargo railways are privatized, or experiment and decision to privatize ⇒ indirect state ownership
- No more goods by rail ⇒ cannibalism
Rail freight tonn capacity 2008-2010, (thousand freigh tonn)

- **2008**: 41,857
- **2009**: 31,871
- **2010**: 35,350

**MÁV Cargo Zrt./Rail Cargo Hungaria Zrt.**

**GYSEV Zrt.**

**Többi vasúti társaság**
Rail freight tonn capacity 2011

2011

thousand freight tonn

0 10 000 20 000 30 000 40 000 50 000

Other GYSEV RCH
More and more actors want to be involved in the traffic – transparency?

Estimated division of rail transport, 2011

Forrás: Navigátor magazin, 201. szám, 2012. augusztus
Cherry picking

→ the new railway companies are interested only in well-paid freight

→ **Fact:** it is very difficult to look on the elimination of monopoly

→ Numerous dismissal as trying to survive

→ The market has become more complex and less clear

→ Single Wg traffic ⇒ the new ones don’t want to deal with it
Over the decades formed roles are going to change ⇒ shipping companies; rail operators; railway companies; forward agents

The competition between the transport subsectors is not equal ⇒ conditions are not the same
Different infrastructure charges (road, rail)

Consequence within Hungary:
Consequence within the EU-27

Modal split of inland freight transport in the EU 27, 2010 (excludes maritime freight services and transport of goods by air and pipelines)
It should be noted self-critical: Railway’s lobby activity is weaker than in other subsectors.
Conclusion

- Railway’s liberalization realized slowed than in other subsectors
- Target: more goods to rail ⇒ is not reached
- Infrastructure needs huge reconstruction
- Directive’s transposition into Hungarian law goes slow - infringements
- Less theory, more practice!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!