

## **Hvordan skal luftfarten reguleres? Konkurrencestyrelsen samt Erhvervs-og Selskabsstyrelsen sætter fokus på luftfart**

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Luftfarten er i disse år under anklage for konkurrenceforvridende adfærd. EU's hvidbog om transportpolitikken frem til 2010 taler om behovet for regulering af luftfart for at fremdyrke andre transportformer. Men hvordan skal reguleringen foregå, og hvad er politiske og tekniske barrierer. Hvad er perspektiverne for Danmark og EU. Hvad er konsekvenserne af regulering og er det teknisk og politisk muligt.

Konkurrencestyrelsen og Erhvervs- og Selskabsstyrelsen har undersøgt luftfarten og ønsker gennem en debat med salen at få indspil og modspil til hvordan dansk og europæisk luftfart finder sin plads i det samlede transportpolitiske billede og hvordan dette mål nås bedst muligt.

Konkurrencestyrelsen og Erhvervs- og Selskabsstyrelsen arbejder på et mere detaljeret oplæg.

Workshoppen forventes at have en tidsmæssig længde på ½ dag.

## **NOTAT**

### **Trafikdage i Ålborg den 26. og 27. august Competition in the air**

#### **Background and purpose**

The competitive pressure in the european airline sector has increased since the EU liberalization of the airline sector began about 10 years ago. But compared with the US competition level the european competitive situation is not fully satisfying. It should be possible to increase efficiency and to decrease prices furthermore. In order to enhance competition it is important to look at the barriers to competition and to analyse whether these barriers are regulatory barriers or market barriers or whether these barriers are national, european or global barriers.

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EU are working hard with these matters and is e.g. analysing the slots regime and the tariff agreements. The competition authorities in the nordic countries have analysed these matters more broadly and they have come to important recommendations in a new Nordic report. The danish competition authority has also analysed the competitive situation in the airline sector and has also come to specific recommendations. Research in this sector is done by three professors in The Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, Bergen. Their last findings on network economies will be presented.

#### **Three or four contributions/sessions**

We plan three or four sessions on competition in the airline sector on the first day. Each session will be 70 minutes including discussion. The first session will focus on european competition in the aviation sector (hopefully Mr. Stragier or Martinez-Rivero from DGComp). The second session will focus on the nordic report on competitive aviation (by Lasse Fridstrøm from the Norwegian competition Authority) published in may 2002. And the third session will focus on the danish survey on competition in the airtransportation sector published in may 2002 (by Niels Rytter from the danish competition authority). And the fourth session will focus on the networking and competition: do they go hand in hand?

#### **Speakers**

First session: European competition in the aviation sector. What can be done by EU. Head of division Stragier, DG COMP, EU, Brussels

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Second session: Competitive airlines – Towards a more vigorous competition policy in relation to the air travel market. Director Lasse Fridstrøm, The norwegian competition authority.

A nordic task force on airline competition has examined the aviation markets in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden with a view to suggesting measures to en-

chance competition. The task force has focused on numerous barriers to airline competition in the Northern European region, as well as in a wider pan- european or global perspective. The report from the Nordic competition authorities has been published in may 2002. The most important findings will be presented by the leader of the task Force.

Third session: More competition in the airline sector. Danish priorities. Head of division Niels Rytter, The danish competition authority.

The danish competition authority has analysed the competitive situation in the airline sector in the yearly danish survey on competition. This survey was published in may 2002. The danish analysis focus on how to enhance competition and the danish priorities. The most important findings will be highlighted by Head of division Niels Rytter.

Fourth session: I. e.: Do network economies and competition colliss in the airline sector. Siri Pettersen Strandenes, Frode Steen and Lars Sjørgard, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, Bergen.

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