
Call for Papers

Benchmarking of Public Utilities V: Airport Charges and Pricing in Aviation

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Subject

After four successful workshops on Benchmarking of Public Utilities from 2015 to 2019 we continue our research in this field and are happy to invite you to another workshop on Benchmarking of Public Utilities. This workshop is very much dedicated to airport charges and air fares, but we like to discuss work on other issues in the field of public utility benchmarking. Research may be theoretical or applied and may address any of the following topics:

- **Airport Charges.** In the aftermath of the Covid Crisis airport charges are expected to increase depending on how the airport is constrained by competition and regulation. How do public airports react relative to private airports?
- **Air Fares:** Air fares have been studied very much in the US and more recently also in Europe. How have fares changed during the Corona Crises?
- **Case Studies:** Benchmarking of public utilities with respect to financial, operational and/ or marketing perspective. How do public utilities use benchmarking? Has benchmarking improved performance?
- **Benchmarking techniques:** A large number of different benchmarking methods, such as DEA, SFA or TFP are in use today. Yet, the question remains as to which technique is most appropriate to be applied under specific circumstances? How good are partial methods compared to total methods?
- **Explanations of performance differences:** Public utilities performances show substantial differences. Are these differences caused by privatisation, liberalization, regulation, improved public management techniques or countervailing power?
- **Productivity growth:** Has productivity of public utilities grown over the last decades and have these gains been passed to the users? Do public utilities have inherently high costs and high prices?
- **Benchmarking as a regulatory tool:** How and to what extent can benchmarking be used as a guide for regulatory institutions? Are there any special requirements for benchmarking when it is applied as regulatory tool?
- **Governance and performance:** How do competition, regulation and ownership shape performance?
- **Which public utilities?** We are seeking analyses on all public utilities, in particular airports and sea ports.

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Venue: The seminar will take place at the University of Applied Sciences Bremen, Werderstr. 73, Bremen.

Paper proposals: Please send an extended abstract (one page, about 300 words, including a short CV) until **1 August, 2022**, as pdf- or word-file to Shравan Kumar shravana.kumar67@gmail.com. Information on acceptance will be given by 5 August.

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