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The article focuses on the impact on the Italian legal system of European Council Directive 96/67/EC of 15 October 1996 on access to the groundhandling market at Community airports. This year marks the eleventh anniversary of the entry into force of Legislative Decree No. 18 of 13 January 1999 by which Italy implemented the Directive and liberalized the groundhandling market at Italian airports. The article points out that such liberalization was and still is very much ineffective from a competition law perspective.

The author concludes that a stronger antitrust regulation in the specific sector is necessary, and that this function could be performed by ENAV S.p.A., the Italian State controlled company and agency for civil aviation.