2020 EUROPEAN TRANSPORT CONFERENCE

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THE 48TH EUROPEAN TRANSPORT CONFERENCE

Annual Conference of the
Association for European Transport
09 - 11 September 2020:
Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy

Where research, policy, and practice in transport come together

ETC 2020: WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

The conference attracts transport policy makers, practitioners and researchers from all over Europe and beyond. At ETC, they can find in-depth presentations on policy issues, best practice and research findings across the broad spectrum of transport.

The range of topics with the multi-seminar approach makes ETC unique among transport conferences and it has established itself as the premier event of its type. The conference programme covers supranational issues, national and local policy and the planning and implementation of projects at a local level.

The conference presents a great opportunity for networking and forming career-spanning professional relationships. Although sessions at the Conference can be challenging in discussing matters of policy at the highest level, they can also provide good, basic education and training opportunities – it is truly a conference for all ages and all levels of experience.

As transport policy makers, practitioners and researchers throughout Europe respond to the challenges of climate change, economic growth, equality issues and social and demographic change, the European Transport Conference provides a forum for the presentation of, and discussion on, robust and affordable responses.

Transport planners are being asked to improve infrastructure and contribute to recovery while experiencing restricted budgets and short timescales. At the same time, they are finding solutions for resilience in the face of threats posed by climate change, energy and infrastructure security; the need to improve health and fitness; hard and soft measures to improve the safety of walking and cycling.

They have to deal with the challenges and opportunities offered by big data and consider the impacts of future technology such as connected and autonomous vehicles (CAVs) which will revolutionise travel behaviour and land use patterns as well as whole industry sectors.

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ETC has a new location and venue for 2020 and 2021: the Politecnico di Milano, one of the oldest universities in Italy and the largest for the study of engineering and related subjects. The conference will be held in the Bovisa campus of the Politecnico di Milano, hosted by the Dipartimento di Ingegneria Meccanica.

The campus is to the north-west of the city of Milan and has its own station with fast and frequent direct rail services to the centre of Milan (10 minutes) and Malpensa Airport (30 minutes). The direct rail service to Milano Centrale gives access to the Linate Airport bus link. The campus has an impressive mix of very modern buildings whilst retaining some of the original 19th century factory buildings and industrial structures.

Milan offers a wide range of hotel and other accommodation, catering for all requirements and budgets.

The Conference would not be complete without technical visits and social functions, organised in cooperation with our partners, to give you a true flavour of this wonderful city. These will be announced later.

The Association is keen that papers presented at the Conference address themes of relevance to the transport policy agenda in Europe and worldwide – from a research, policy or practice angle. Some key themes that interest the organisers and Programme Committees are emerging:

- Climate change, focusing on the immediate response required from the transport community. Some countries have already passed legislation to reduce the impact of the transport sector on climate change but there is a need for these to be implemented and for more creative policies to be put in place.

- Autonomous Vehicles – the technology is being refined but ETC is the place for the wider societal impacts to be considered. How will schemes be incorporated into urban areas?

- Large infrastructure projects: new high-speed rail, particularly cross-border – looking at project appraisal, methodology, cost-benefit analysis, equity assessment, value of time.

- The future of transport – competition and how it will be delivered in the future.

- Gender balance and diversity in transport. How and why are particular population groups discriminated against through government policy, medical research, technology, workplace cultures and urban planning in the delivery of transport?

- Car-free cities – throughout the world, city planners and politicians are taking initiatives to reduce pollution by banning diesel vehicles and restricting traffic either on a permanent basis or on specific days.

- System Dynamics – representation of complex systems in modelling.

- How are sustainable urban plans being implemented in cities?

- How are professional qualifications for transport planners obtained in different countries? How are young people encouraged to take up a career in transport? What are the study paths in different countries?

- The importance of communication between professionals and decision-makers in terms of policy implementation – what common language and understanding is needed to make progress?

- The language of mobility – how can we send a positive message about transport?

2020 CONFERENCE THEMES
RELEVANT TO THE TRANSPORT POLICY AGENDA IN EUROPE AND WORLDWIDE

PROGRAMME COMMITTEES

We welcome papers on research, operational deployment, policy discussion, thought leadership and we want to hear from anyone interested to use ETC 2020 as a platform to hold your final project dissemination event in a parallel co-located stream.

The Mission Statements of the Programme Committees can be found on the AET website. Given the breadth of the conference, authors will usually find that papers on most transport related topics will fit within the remit of one of our committees and can be considered for shortlisting for the conference.

The chairs of the Programme Committees meet to ensure that abstracts are considered by the correct committee or committees.

The Programme Committees in place for the 2020 Conference are:

- Global Trends Impacting Transport
- Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport
- Transport Models
- Data
- Transport Economics, Finance and Appraisal
- Intelligent Mobility – Management and Operations
- Local Public Transport
- Rail Policy and Planning
- Freight and Logistics
- Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum

Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum

ETC is a place for transport practitioners of all levels of experience to come together and ETC plays an important role in inviting the talent of the future into the dialogue.
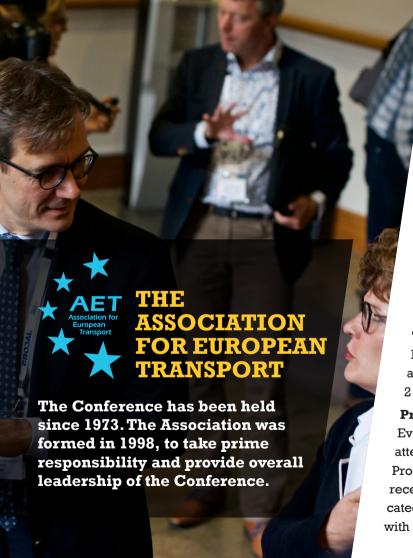
An integral and important element of the Conference is the Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum. We welcome young participants with enthusiasm and offer special assistance where required.

ETC is an ideal platform for you to make those first steps in the dissemination of projects and papers. Special sessions provide a safe environment for early stage researchers and practitioners to receive constructive feedback.

System Dynamics

Following the successful sessions in Dublin in 2019, we again invite abstracts focussed on System Dynamics, under the supervision of the Transport Models Programme Committee, and in conjunction with the System Dynamics Society Transport Special Interest Group Committee.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR EUROPEAN TRANSPORT

The Conference has been held since 1973. The Association was formed in 1998, to take prime responsibility and provide overall leadership of the Conference.

There are almost 200 members and new members are always welcome. Members receive discounts on attendance at the European Transport Conference and are invited to shape the Conference by becoming members of the Programme Committees and of the Association Council.

To find out more about how to get involved, please contact Sally Scarlett: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org or visit the website: www.aetransport.org

Conference Language

The conference language is English and all presentations will be made in English. Speakers and delegates are advised that it is necessary to have a good standard of spoken English to take full advantage of the conference.

Poster Session

The Conference will include a poster session on Thursday 10 September. Posters will be displayed for the full day and authors are asked to be present for face-to-face discussion for 2 hours during the middle of the day.

Pricing Policy

Everyone who attends the Conference pays the appropriate attendance fee for 1, 2 or 3 days. This includes speakers and Programme Committee members. Members of the Association receive discounts on their attendance fees according to their category of membership. The unit cost per day also reduces with the purchase of a three-day ticket.

The following discounts will be available on attendance fees:

- Delegates from countries that joined the European Union in 2004, 2007 and 2013 – 50% discount on the relevant fee
- Young professionals (under the age of 26 or with less than 5 years' professional experience) – 50% discount on the relevant fee
- Full Time Students only £100/€115 + VAT for three days – proof of student status will be required

The fees for the Conference will be confirmed in April 2020. As an illustration, the fees for the full three days of the 2019 Conference were:

AET Individual member   £795/€885
AET Organisation member   £760/€845
Non-member   £930/€1035

The rates for attending a single day in 2019 were:

AET Individual member   £300/€330
AET Organisation member   £290/€320
Non-member   £340/€375

There will be an opportunity to obtain additional discounts for early booking (mid June 2020).

Sponsorship and Exhibition

We welcome sponsorship for all or part of the Conference such as the plenary sessions, themed seminars, the Conference Dinner, wine reception, conference bags, conference badges. There will also be space for exhibition displays at reasonable rates.

If you would like to discuss the advantages of sponsorship and receive a schedule of what is available, please contact Sabrina Winter: sabrina@tftp-training.co.uk

Peer review of papers

On authors' request, papers related to Conference themes can be selected for peer-review and published on-line or in special issues of journals. The peer review panel will give initial feedback in January 2021.

The selected proceedings of the 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 Conference have been published in Transportation Research Procedia and publication of the 2018 and 2019 papers is in progress:

- Volume 1, Planning for the future of transport: challenges, methods, analysis and impacts www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/1
- Volume 8, Current practices in transport: appraisal methods, policies and models www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/8
- Volume 13, Towards future innovative transport: visions, trends and methods www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/13
- Volume 26, Emerging technologies and models for transport and mobility www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/26
- Volume 31, Assessing wider impacts of transport policies www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/31

HOW TO PRESENT A PAPER

You are invited to submit an abstract based on one of the key themes or on one of your choice directed to the appropriate Programme Committee. The deadline for abstract submission is 4 February 2020

Abstract Submission

The submission method is via the Association website: www.aetransport.org. You will need to register as a user on the site, click the tab European Transport Conference and follow the link to submit an abstract. Then you can submit as many abstracts as you wish.

Abstracts must be from 250 to 750 words in length and should not contain footnotes, formulae, tables or graphics. They must contain enough information to allow the Programme Committees to make a realistic decision about which abstracts to include to achieve a balanced and interesting programme. Background information on the projects and project status by the time of the conference to which abstracts refer is also useful.

It is particularly important, for an international conference, that papers should demonstrate the transferability to other areas of policy and tools.

The Conference regularly receives many more abstracts than it is possible to accommodate in the final programme so authors should be sure that they are in a position to present their paper, if successful, at the Conference and that the abstract clearly sets outs the key issues.

Conditions for submission

The European Transport Conference is a prestigious international conference drawing a large audience and as such the submission of an abstract involves a commitment to fulfil your obligations if accepted for the conference programme.

If your abstract is accepted, you will be notified by 4 May 2020. This is a binding commitment and you will be required to:

- Pay your conference fee by 8 June 2020 otherwise your paper may be withdrawn from the conference
- Attend the conference and make a presentation
- Engage in dialogue with the session mentor/chair who may request to review your presentation prior to the conference
- If you are writing a full paper for peer-review, it should be submitted by 17 August 2020 having obtained permission to publish data if necessary

Abstract Review

The conference programme is drawn from speakers who have submitted an abstract for consideration by one of the Programme Committees.

When they are reviewing abstracts, Programme Committees are briefed to choose papers that an audience of professionals from a wide range of countries will want to hear, so it is important that abstracts contain detailed information about the project, its methodology, its relevance to policy and the likely conclusions to be reached when the paper is submitted (August 2020) and presented (September 2020).

In addition to projects that have reached completion by the time of the conference, the Programme Committees are also interested in work in progress and in projects that have not produced the expected results or which have taken you in a very different direction than planned. Discussion sessions will also be organised to provide an open forum for frank exchanges about research questions or professional dilemmas.

In conclusion: the conference is open to presentations on topics and projects in any stage of research, planning or implementation as there are things to learn throughout the process.

Please note that, although a written paper is helpful in the dissemination of your work and is valued by delegates, it is possible to make a presentation at the Conference without the prior submission of a written paper. However, papers which have been submitted but are not the subject of a presentation at the Conference, will not be eligible for peer-review or publication in the ETC proceedings.

MEETING PLACE SEMINARS SESSIONS

ETC – providing a meeting place for other organisations and networks

Call For Sessions

The Association would like to offer the opportunity to groups to organise their own seminars to be included in the programme. The seminars could be held over a two-hour session or for up to three sessions in a day. Approval would be given by the appropriate Programme Committee. Anyone interested in this option, should contact Sally Scarlett with a brief outline of the session content: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org

Project Meetings

In recent years, a number of research consortia and other project groups have held their management or dissemination meetings during or adjoining the Conference. If you would like to consider this option, please contact Sally Scarlett: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org