



The 44th European Transport Conference

Annual Conference of the Association for European Transport



Advance Notice and Call for Contributions



05-07 October 2016: Casa Convalescència, Barcelona, Spain

**Where research, policy, and practice
in transport intersect**



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ETC 2016: What can you expect?

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

The range of topics and the multi-seminar approach makes ETC unique among transport conferences and it is well established as the premier event of its type. The conference programme covers supranational issues, national and local policy and the 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 practitioners and researchers throughout Europe respond to the challenges of economic growth, social change, demographics and the need to become more sustainable, 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; responses to the need to improve health and fitness; hard and soft measures to improve the safety of walking and cycling.





CONFERENCE THEMES FOR 2016

The Association is keen that the papers presented at the Conference address themes of relevance to the transport policy agenda in Europe and worldwide.

The Association has identified the following themes which the Conference will address in 2016 and contributors are particularly encouraged to offer abstracts under these headings:

- The challenges posed by increasing examples of extreme weather conditions
- Planning for the safety and security of transport infrastructure and of interchanges
- Equity in transport
- The role of ICT on spatial and transportation patterns
- What is the future for the accessibility and connectivity of rural areas?
- Disruptive technologies – new ways of supplying mobility services
- Developments in large-scale models and databases
- National travel surveys
- Developments in electric vehicles and car-sharing
- Transport and Tourism
- Connected and autonomous vehicles
- Consideration of the needs of women in accessing transport services
- Accessibility for those with impaired mobility

Programme Committees are also able to highlight themes of interest to them and they are presented in detail on the Call for Papers part of the 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.

Programme Committees

The Programme Committees in place for the 2016 Conference are:

- Pan-European Transport Policy
- Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport
- Transport Models
- Transport Economics, Finance and Appraisal
- Management, Operations and Intelligent Mobility
- Local Public Transport
- Rail Planning and Policy
- Freight and Logistics
- Sustainable Transport and Climate Change

Abstracts for cross-committee themes such as Electric Vehicles, Car-sharing, National Travel Surveys and Tourism will be considered by sub-groups from within the existing committee structure.

PEER REVIEW OF PAPERS PRESENTED AT ETC

The peer-review of papers was first offered in 2013. Papers will be published in an on-line selection of reviewed papers or in special issues of journals.

The selected proceedings of the 2014 Conference have been published in Transportation Research Procedia: www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/8



A new location for ETC 2016

The Conference will move to Barcelona. This will provide a great opportunity to involve more colleagues from Spain and to encourage new ones to become part of the ETC network.

The Association is delighted to be working with new sponsors for the Conference:



Ajuntament de Barcelona, the City Council



AMB, the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona



ATM, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority



BR, Barcelona Regional



TMB, Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona



CENIT, Centre for Innovation in Transport

In addition to the Conference, a number of technical visits and social functions will be organized, in cooperation with our partners.

Pricing Policy

Everyone who attends the Conference pays the appropriate attendance fee for one, two or three days. This includes speakers and Programme Committee members. Members of the Association receive discounts on their attendance fees according to their category of membership.

A 50% discount will be available to the following attendees:

- from new member states of the European Union (those who joined in 2004 and 2007)
- new entrants to the profession, in post for 5 years or less

The fees for the Conference will be confirmed in April 2016.

As an illustration, the fees for 2015 for one-day attendance were:

AET Individual member	£280 / EUR 390
AET Organisation member	£270 / EUR 380
Non member	£315 / EUR 440

Conference Language

The language of the conference 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.

Sponsorship and Exhibition

There are opportunities to sponsor all or part of the Conference such as the plenary sessions, internet access, themed seminars, the Conference Dinner, wine reception, conference bags, the timetable, 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](mailto:Sabrina.Winter@aetransport.org) at sabrina@aetransport.org

Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum

An integral and important element of the Conference is the Young Researchers and Professionals Forum, introduced in 2013. There was a positive and effective crossover between ETC delegates and young researchers.

The Association for European Transport

The Association was formed in 1998 to take over the organisation of this Conference, which has been held annually since 1973, and to develop a network of transport professionals across Europe. There are over 250 members and new members are always welcome. Members receive discounts on publications and on attendance at the European Transport Conference, and, more particularly, they are able to shape the Conference by becoming members of the Programme Committees and of the Association Council.

To find out more, please contact Sally Scarlett: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org

Or visit the website at: www.aetransport.org



HOW TO PRESENT A PAPER...

Abstract Submission

You are invited to submit an abstract based on one of the above themes or on one of those suggested by the Programme Committees. About one third of the total conference programme will be devoted to the major themes listed above. The deadline for abstract submission is 08 February 2016.

The normal submission method is via the Association website: www.etcproceedings.org. You will need to register once as an author and then you can submit as many abstracts as you wish.

Abstracts must be from 250 to 750 words in length and they 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. Some background information on the projects to which abstracts refer is also useful.

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 out 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 fulfill your obligations if accepted for the conference programme.

If your abstract is accepted, you will be notified by 29 April 2016 and your name will appear in the confirmed programme for the conference. This is a binding commitment and you will be required to:

- Pay your conference fee by 10 June 2016 otherwise your paper will be withdrawn from the conference
- Attend the conference and make a presentation
- Engage in dialogue with the session mentor who may request the opportunity to review your presentation prior to the conference
- Submit the full written paper by 30 August 2016 having obtained permission to publish data if necessary

Abstract Review

The conference programme is mainly 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 and the likely conclusions to be reached when the paper is submitted (August 2016) and presented (October 2016).

ETC: PROVIDING A MEETING PLACE FOR OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND NETWORKS...

Call for Sessions

The Association would like to offer groups the opportunity 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.

In 2015, the conference hosted the final conference of the COST action on the Operation and Safety of Tramways with Public Space and there was a session organized by the EU Consortium of the High-Tool Project. If you would like to consider this option, please contact: **Sabrina Winter** at sabrina@aetransport.org

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