



# The 45<sup>th</sup> European Transport Conference

## Annual Conference of the Association for European Transport



Advance Notice and Call for Contributions



04-06 October 2017: Casa Convalescència, Barcelona, Spain

Where research, policy, and practice  
in transport come together



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## ETC 2017: What can you expect?

The conference attracts transport practitioners and researchers from all over Europe. 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 establishing itself 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.





## ETC 2017 Location

For the second year running, ETC 2017 will be held in Barcelona, providing an affordable location to travel to with easy connectivity from all across Europe. The location of Barcelona opens up the conversation to new colleagues from the South of Europe, and enables Spain to showcase its own transport developments, opportunities and issues.

The Association is delighted to be working with the following 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

The Conference would not be complete without a number of technical visits and social functions, organized in cooperation with our partners, to give you a true flavour of this wonderful city and its rich transportation experience.





## CONFERENCE THEMES FOR 2017

The Conference attracts papers that address themes of relevance to the transport agenda in Europe and worldwide.

The following major themes will be addressed at the Conference in 2017 and contributors are particularly encouraged to offer abstracts under these headings:

- Resilience of cities - security, safety and the effects of weather
- Equity in transport
- Disruptive technologies
- Mobility as a Service
- How to get from innovative ideas to implementation in the real world - lessons to be learnt from innovation
- Modelling the above
- Skills and resources – educating the next generation of good, future-proof professionals

Programme Committees also highlight specific themes of interest to them and they are presented in detail on the Call for Papers section of the website: <https://etcproceedings.org/>. These will be available from 23 December 2016. 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 2017 Conference are:

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

## PEER REVIEW OF PAPERS PRESENTED AT ETC

Authors can request a peer review of their papers and a selection of reviewed papers is published on line or in special issues of journals.

The selected proceedings of the 2015 Conference have been published in Transportation Research Procedia and publication of the 2016 papers is in progress: [www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/13](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/13)

## 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. The unit cost per day also reduces with the purchase of a three-day ticket.

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

- From new member states of the European Union (those who joined in 2004, 2007 and 2013)
- New entrants to the profession, in post for 5 years or less

The fees for the Conference will be confirmed in April 2017. As an illustration, the fees for 2016 for the full three days' attendance were:

AET Individual member	£760/€1085
AET Organisation member	£725/€980
Non member	£890/€1200

## Young Researchers' & 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.

## 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, 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: [sabrina@tftp-training.co.uk](mailto:sabrina@tftp-training.co.uk)

## 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.

## 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 for the Conference.

There are now over 250 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, please contact Sally Scarlett: [sally.scarlett@aetransport.org](mailto:sally.scarlett@aetransport.org)

Or visit the website at: [www.aetransport.org](http://www.aetransport.org)

## 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](mailto: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@tftp-training.co.uk](mailto:sabrina@tftp-training.co.uk)

## HOW TO PRESENT A PAPER...

### Abstract Submission

You are invited to submit an abstract based on one of the listed themes or on one of those suggested by the Programme Committees. The deadline for abstract submission is 08 February 2017.

The normal submission method is via the Association's website:

[www.abstracts.aetransport.org](http://www.abstracts.aetransport.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, and project status, 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 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 28 April 2017. This is a binding commitment and you will be required to:

- Pay your conference fee by 9 June 2017 otherwise your paper may be withdrawn from the conference
- Attend the conference and make a presentation
- Engage in dialogue with the session mentor or session chair, who may request the opportunity to review your presentation prior to the conference
- If you are writing a full paper for peer-review, it should be submitted by 30 August 2017 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 reached when the paper is submitted (August 2017) and presented (October 2017).

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, it is not a requisite to make a presentation at the Conference.

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