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**EUROPEAN
TRANSPORT
CONFERENCE
2026**

Early Booking Information

Porto 9-11 Sept, 2026
Faculty of Engineering,
University of Porto, Portugal



**Bridging Minds,
Building Mobility**

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Transport professionals in Europe and beyond are faced with a multitude of challenges. We need to deliver accessibility to people and goods with a transport system that is affordable, reliable and sustainable, and provides for all users - now and in the future. All while faced by a tight economic reality, reducing budgets, complicated global relations, diverging political opinions and important yet difficult transitions such as those towards decarbonisation and a circular economy.

Emerging new technologies such as new transport options, advanced means of communication and novel methods for analysis and a myriad of data, offer us fresh opportunities to solve issues. However, they also have the potential to create new problems when not used wisely.

In this reality, collaboration and shared learning are more important than ever. Finding and implementing solutions is a deeply human endeavour, even in this highly technological age. We at AET truly believe that we can create better outcomes for today's communities and future generations when we join together from research, policy and practice, and exchange knowledge, experience and methods, both cutting-edge as well as tried-and-tested.

The European Transport Conference is designed to be a place where these conversations happen and new ideas take shape. We invite you to join us, share your insights with a vibrant community of practitioners, researchers and decision-makers at the 2026 conference in Porto.



ETC 2026 Themes

This year's sessions will address relevant themes for the transport policy agenda throughout Europe and worldwide – from a research, policy or practice angle.

- Moving the transport system into a low/no carbon age and a circular economy
- Sustainable transport and access in a polarised world
- Transport planning and delivery in times of decreasing budgets
- New ways to provide public transport that is viable and fit for purpose
- Adaptability and resilience in transport systems and decision-making
- Shortages in labour, resources, infrastructure and energy in freight and passenger transport
- Use of technology, data, Artificial Intelligence and digital twins in transport systems and transport research
- Safe, efficient, healthy and inclusive transport schemes for current and future generations
- Cities that provide access and comfort for all ages and capabilities
- The 21st century planners' toolkit: fit for purpose models, methodologies and decision support systems

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Welcome to Porto, Portugal

Venue: Faculty of Engineering (FEUP),
University of Porto, Portugal

Dates: 9-11 September, 2026

The Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto extends a warm welcome to members of the Association for European Transport and to all delegates of the European Transport Conference, taking place in September 2026.

We look forward to hosting this 54th annual conference of the Association and showing you what the city has to offer. Things of professional interest in the fields of both transport and urban development, and how they enable and integrate with our socio-economic prosperity and social wellbeing, make Porto a great city to live in and visit.

And while you're here, you definitely have to explore the generosity of our people, the great taste of our food and wine, and our easy-going way of life!

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About the Conference



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 practices 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 encompasses local policy, national and international issues and the planning and execution of projects.

Discussing matters of policy at the highest level, delegates will find the sessions both engaging and inspiring. In some cases, basic education and training opportunities are presented, making this truly a conference for all levels of experience.

How is the ETC programme developed?

The conference takes an open, participative approach to the development of its programme. AET Members can join a Programme Committee, where they participate in the selection of abstracts to shape the contents of the conference.

The programme committees also propose broad themes for the upcoming conference to ensure ETC stays topical and focussed on the crucial transport issues of the day.

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Conference Format

The conference will be held over three days from Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 September 2026. Networking opportunities and technical visits will be available throughout, with optional social events offered during the evenings.

Inspiring Sessions

A key aspect of the conference is its scope, which covers topics from walking to aviation, from data collection to design and operation of a model, from in depth understanding of travel behaviour to forecasting and policy assessment and from public space design to global trends and developments.

There will be a mix of plenary sessions, some debates and parallel workshop sessions. Each day, there will be a minimum of 9 parallel seminars in sessions of 1.5 or 2 hours, which include three to four papers presented in a themed session. The chair of each session ensures that there is time for questions and discussion of papers. Registered delegates may move freely between seminars.

Special features

- Plenary session with keynote speeches
- Presentation of over 250 papers
- Debates and special sessions on current topics in transport
- Drinks receptions and conference dinner offering plenty of opportunity to network with international colleagues

The conference provides a unique opportunity for all participants to engage with wide-ranging transport professionals from around the world and become part of an expert community. We offer a welcoming and inclusive space for sharing, learning, inspiring and network building.

During the conference, a dedicated app will also provide a platform to connect with fellow delegates and arrange meetings.

Confirmed plenary speaker

Dr. ir. Gonçalo Homem de Almeida Correia is our first confirmed keynote speaker at ETC. Dr. Correia is Associate Professor of Multimodal Urban Transport at Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), where he leads the Transport, Mobility and Logistics section and co-directs the hEAT Lab on electric and automated transport. His research explores how cities can bring together public transport, shared mobility, active modes and emerging vehicle technologies into efficient, low-carbon and well-integrated land-use and mobility systems. He is closely involved in major European research and innovation projects, including MetaCCAZE, Shift2Sustain, NextLogic and SCUDO, combining advanced modelling and behavioural analysis with real-world pilots, governance innovation and policy support. He is also Editor-in-Chief of Nature Portfolio Sustainable Mobility and Transport and a trusted adviser to public authorities and industry across Europe.



Conference language

The language of the conference is English, and all presentations will be made in English.

We are mindful of the fact that for many at the conference, English will not be their native language. If you are *not* a native speaker, please know that this is the case for many of your fellow delegates as well. Those who *are* native speakers are encouraged to keep in mind that not everyone is.

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Social Events and Technical Visits

In addition to hosting stimulating seminars, the conference also offers ample opportunities to build your network and form long-lasting relations and even friendships with transport colleagues from around the globe.

Ice Breaker Reception 8 September

1830 – 2000 [Faculty of Engineering University of Porto](#).

Join us for informal drinks at the University on the Tuesday before the conference officially opens. Collect your registration pack in advance and avoid the crowds on Wednesday morning.

Welcome Reception – Porto d’Honra 9 September

1900 – 2000 (Limited Spaces) [Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto](#).

A Porto d’Honra is our way of welcoming you to ETC 2026 with a touch of Portuguese tradition. Join us for a relaxed reception with a glass of port and light refreshments - the perfect setting to meet fellow delegates, reconnect with colleagues and ease into the conference atmosphere.

Moving with Pride Drinks – 9 September

2100 - 2300 Venue to be confirmed – drinks at own costs

This gathering celebrates our LGBTQI+ community and their allies. It is open to all.

Conference Dinner 10 September

1945 - 2215 at [Casa Ferreirinha](#)

Right in the city centre of Vila Nova de Gaia, with a fantastic view to Douro river, Casa Ferreirinha is a contemporary venue perfectly set in the traditional wine cellars of Ferreira.

Both soft drinks and alcoholic drinks are available during the dinner. Please ensure you email sabrina.winter@aetransport.org in advance to order a vegetarian, vegan or special meal pertaining to dietary restrictions.

Integrated Management Centre Visit 11 September

1500 from the [University of Porto](#)

Founded in 2015, the Integrated Management Centre (Centro de Gestão Integrada) brought together all the municipal services for mobility, security, firefighting, civil protection and the environment into one space. The centre can monitor approximately 140 traffic cameras in real time around the city of Porto along with tunnels and other critical structures of the municipal road network, enabling for better predictive analysis and immediate emergency responses.

Due to limited spaces, delegates must confirm attendance to:

sabrina.winter@aetransport.org

CEiiA Mobility Unit Visit Friday 11 September

(After lunch) Spaces Available TBA: [CEiiA Mobility Unit](#)

The Mobility Unit stands at the core of CEiiA, being created in 2006 with the goal of establishing the capability to develop and industrialise complete products with the Portuguese automotive industry. Since then, CEiiA has been working in mobility by introducing new mobility concepts through innovative products and services.



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Location

The Association for European Transport is excited to hold ETC 2026 at the University of Porto, Portugal. Set on the Douro river, Porto is Portugal's second largest city.

Accommodation and travel

Delegates are responsible for their own travel plans and medical insurance. As Porto is a prime location, we recommend that ETC attendees book their travel and accommodation as early as possible.

Visa and entry requirements

Delegates who need a visa to attend the conference should ensure they apply early to the Portuguese Embassy in their own country as the processing of visas can take some time. The Association is able to write letters in support of visa applications. For more details please email: sabrina.winter@aetransport.org

Attendance fees

Everyone who attends the conference pays the appropriate attendance fee for one, two or three days. This includes speakers and Programme Committee members. Delegates are now invited to book their 3-day place to benefit from an Early Booking Discount. The Early Booking Discount applies to delegates booking 3-day attendance only, with payment received by 30 June 2026. Bookings may be made online at: www.aetransport.org

Early Booking Fees

(3-day attendance)

Membership Status	GBP	EURO
AET or ECTRI Individual Member	£750	€890
AET or ECTRI Organisation Member	£750	€890
Non-Members	£930	€1100
Full Time Students	£125	€150
Conference Dinner (Special Early Booking Price)	£75	€85

NB: Rates subject to VAT and adjustment

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Discount Policies

The following discounts will also be available:

- Young professionals under 26 yrs old or less than 5 years' professional experience - 50% discount on the applicable fee.
- Full Time Students - only £125 / €150 + VAT for three days. Proof of student status will be required.
- Discounts for delegates from certain countries - More details on the [AET website](#).

Presenting the ETC 2026 Awards

ETC is the home of four awards:

- **Neil Mansfield Award** for the best paper from a sole author aged 35 or under. The Award is administered by the Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum.
- **Jacobs Data Award** for the paper showing the most innovative use of data in transport policy, practice or research.
- **Goudappel Land-Use / Transportation Award** for the best paper presented in the Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport seminar stream.
- **Systematica Fabio Casiroli Award** for the best paper focusing on the concept of time-based urban mobility, in relation to accessibility, proximity, and social, economic and environmental sustainability.

Discover more details about [our awards](#).

AET welcomes ideas and sponsors for further awards. Please contact:

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*Pictured below: Eng. Marco Baldini, PhD candidate at Politecnico di Milano.
Winner of the Neil Mansfield Award at ETC 2025.*



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Showcase Your Brand!

Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities

ETC provides the perfect platform to show Europe's transport professionals your expert services and specialist products.

Exhibition space is available to promote your organisation in the highly popular lunch and networking area. Or place your brand in front of delegates with numerous sponsorship opportunities including seminar sessions, pre-conference drinks, Conference Dinner and Welcome Reception. Sponsors logos and weblinks are included on the AET website and in the conference app, and we can also distribute your printed material.

Want to find out more? Visit our [website](#) or contact Sabrina Winter at: sabrina.winter@aetransport.org

Co-Hosted Meetings and Project Dissemination

Do you need to disseminate the results of your research project or policy demonstrator to your collaboration team or a wider audience? Or maybe you're looking for the perfect venue to hold your project inception, final results, or annual progress and planning meeting?

With so many of Europe's transport professionals together in one place already, ETC is the ideal opportunity to host your meeting.

Let us provide the practical arrangements while you focus on curating the content.

To find out more, contact Sabrina Winter at: sabrina.winter@aetransport.org



30+
COUNTRIES



200+
SPEAKERS



500+
DELEGATES

ETC 2026 Exhibitors, Sponsors & Supporters

The Association for European Transport extends its sincere thanks to all sponsors, exhibitors and supporters who have already confirmed their participation in #etcPorto2026.



Programme Committees

The twelve Programme Committees shape the conference programme and consist of Association for European Transport members from a broad range of technical specialities and professional sectors.

They help identify key themes, assist with the assessment of submitted abstracts and compose a balanced three-day programme. In addition to the general conference themes, each Programme Committee also publishes their own Calls for Abstracts.

The Programme Committees in place for ETC 2026 are listed opposite and you can find more information about each one on the [AET website](#).

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Global Trends Impacting Transport



Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport



Transport Models



System Thinking



Aviation



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

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ETC is a place for transport practitioners of all levels and length of experience to come together; it plays an important role in inviting the talent of the future into the dialogue of today.

An integral element of the Conference is the Young Researchers and Practitioners Forum. We welcome young participants and offer additional assistance where required to help you present your paper.

ETC is an ideal platform for you to make those first steps in the dissemination of projects and papers to a wide audience. We support the full participation of younger professionals in the conference's mainstream seminars and wider events programme.

More about [YRPF here](#).

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AET Membership Advantages



AET Membership is open to both individuals and organisations, with a sliding scale of membership fee based upon the size of the organisation. Benefits of membership to our Association include:

- Growing your network with members throughout Europe
- The opportunity to help shape future conferences by participating in programme committees
- Access to AET initiatives and discussion forums through dedicated pages of the AET website
- Discounted rates at the European Transport Conference
- Facilities for publishing and disseminating research findings, and sharing practical experience
- The opportunity to participate in the running of the Association via the Board of Directors and the AET Council

To find out more about how to get involved, please visit the [AET website](#) or contact Sanderijn Baanders: sanderijn.baanders@aetransport.org

The Association General Assembly

The Association for European Transport will hold its General Assembly during the conference.

The annual business of the Association will be conducted and the results of the election of members to the AET Council will be announced.

The General Assembly is open to all who are interested but only current members of the Association are eligible to vote at the meeting.



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if you would like to learn more about:

- ★ Exhibiting, sponsoring or holding your own meeting within the conference
- ★ Hosting a Technical Visit
- ★ Joining a Programme Committee
- ★ Volunteering as a steward
- ★ ETC 2026 in general



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