



Professor James Odeck's Testimonial for European Transport Conference (ETC)

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Dear colleagues, friends, and peers,

Reflecting on my past experiences at the European Transport Conferences (ETC) organized annually by the Association of European Transport (AET) in Antwerp, Belgium, I highly recommend joining AET and attending the next ETC scheduled for 18-20 September 2024. Here are some key reasons why:

- **Diverse Participation:** Unlike many conferences that focus on specialists or academics in one field, ETC embraces the multifaceted nature of transportation. It includes voices from academics, consultants, practitioners, policy makers, and private individuals, all of whom play a role in realizing sustainable transportation solutions.
- **Collaborative Platform:** ETC provides a space where professionals and experts from various backgrounds in the transportation sector can converge to exchange insights, share research findings, and explore innovative solutions to industry challenges.
- **Support for Young Researchers:** ETC hosts special sessions for young researchers at the master's and PhD levels to present their work and receive valuable feedback, which often leads to publication in scientific journals.
- **Extensive Resources:** AET maintains a comprehensive database of papers presented at previous ETCs, accessible to all members. Additionally, AET's Transport Mobility Forum offers frequent online webinars on a wide range of relevant topics.

I have been a member of AET since its inauguration in 1998. Over the years, I have participated in numerous ETCs, presenting my work and encouraging my master's and PhD students to do the same. The feedback received at ETC has been instrumental in improving the quality of our papers, many of which were subsequently published in scientific journals.

What stands out to me the most is the sense of community fostered at ETC. The networking opportunities are abundant, allowing me to engage with like-minded individuals, forge new connections, and gain valuable perspectives from academia, consultants, leaders, and practitioners in the field.

I look forward to seeing you at the next ETC and encourage you to become an AET member.