



Call for Papers

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



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The Association for European Transport invites you to submit your abstract for the 54th European Transport Conference on 9-11 September 2026 in Porto, Portugal.

Transport professionals in Europe and beyond are working on numerous challenges. In an effort to provide access for people and goods, there is a need for a transport system that is affordable, reliable and sustainable, and provides for all users - now and in the future. A job that is increasingly complicated by a tight economic reality, changing global relations, diverging political opinions and impactful transitions such as those towards decarbonisation and a circular economy.

At the same time, emerging new technologies in terms of transport options as well as communication and analysis, offer new opportunities to solve issues, yet potentially also create new challenges.

In this landscape, collaboration and shared learning are more important than ever. Bringing together research, policy and practice - and exchanging knowledge, experience and cutting-edge methods - helps us create better outcomes for today's communities and future generations. The European Transport Conference is designed to be a place where these conversations happen and new ideas take shape.

We invite you to present your work, share your insights and join a vibrant community of practitioners, researchers and decision-makers at the 2026 conference in Porto.



ETC: Our Scope



The European Transport Conference provides a welcoming and inclusive space for sharing, learning, inspiring and network building, crossing all stages of transport planning from analyses to delivery and all transport modes. It attracts transport policy makers, practitioners and researchers from all over Europe and beyond, and encourages participation from professionals of all levels of experience.

The conference covers a wide range of transport topics, from local to global, from aviation to active modes, from research, modelling and financing to implementation, delivery and evaluation, from short term solutions to long term planning. We discuss matters of policy at the highest level through to the finest detail of analyses and design.

This range of topics and our multi-stream format makes ETC the most comprehensive and in-depth among European transport conferences, and it has established itself as the premier event of its type.

We invite abstracts on completed projects, as well as work in progress, because valuable insights can be gained at every phase of a project. We aim to be a forum for professional dialogue and are happy to offer delegates the opportunity to introduce a specific question, problem or dilemma for the speaker and audience to reflect on together. We are also open to proposals for special sessions or for side events.

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Dates: 9-11 September, 2026



Conference Topics

We aim to be a platform for transport professionals on a wide range of topics. The conference covers transport solutions for all modes, from walking and cycling to aviation, and for people and freight. The following list of themes is for your inspiration. In addition to these topics, we welcome papers on all types of transport issues, from research to delivery.

- 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



Programme Committees

Twelve Programme Committees shape the conference programme. They help identify key themes, assist with the assessment of submitted abstracts and compose a balanced three-day programme. The committees consist of members of the Association for European Transport from a broad range of technical specialities and professional sectors.

In addition to the general call for papers, these committees publish more topic specific calls for papers. Those can be found on the [AET website](#).



Global Trends Impacting Transport



Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport



Transport Models



System Thinking



Aviation



Data



Transport Economics, Finance and Appraisal



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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](#).



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.

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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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ETC is a great opportunity to show Europe's transport planners, policy makers and academic researchers the expert services, specialist software and other products that you offer to help them work more effectively and with greater efficiency.

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 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 the collaboration content.

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30+
COUNTRIES



200+
SPEAKERS



500+
DELEGATES



Submitting an Abstract for ETC 2026

Who can submit an abstract? We actively encourage people from all levels of expertise and experience within the transport profession to submit an abstract to present their work at the conference. Please be aware that by submitting an abstract, you commit yourself to being able to present your work in-person at the conference, to pay the fee for conference participation and to organise your own travel and accommodation.

How to submit an abstract? Abstracts can be submitted via our website. The submission portal opens early January 2026. More information on the abstract submission criteria and guidance for preparing your abstract is available on our website.

When will I be informed of acceptance or rejection? You will be informed in May 2026 if your abstract has been selected for inclusion in the conference programme. Please note that we receive more abstracts than we can accommodate in the final programme, so selection is not guaranteed.

If selected, what do I need to do? If selected, you can start preparing for the conference. You will receive further guidelines for presenting at our conference and information on writing a conference paper.

Paper repository: The repository of ETC past papers is a valuable resource of the Association for European Transport and is an important source of information for transport planners, researchers and engineers worldwide. We strongly encourage all speakers to submit a full paper, to be added to the repository, in addition to presenting their work at the conference.

Key Dates

Submission of abstracts period	1 January – 6 February
Notification of abstract acceptance to submitters	24 April – 9 May
Speakers confirm participation	9 May – 5 June
Speakers conference booking deadline	30 June (later by agreement)
Uploading of presentation slides by presenters	1 September
Conference in Porto	9 – 11 September
Papers uploaded for publication and peer review	31 October

Peer review: We offer the opportunity to submit papers presented at the conference for peer review and publication. For this we work together with several transport journals. Please visit the AET website for more information on the peer review process and criteria.

For questions about the abstract submission or programme process, please contact: aetransport.events@aetransport.org



Welcome to Porto!

Venue: Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto, Portugal

Dates: 9-11 September, 2026

Porto: An Attractive Destination

Porto is the second largest city of Portugal and has a lot to offer visitors: a historic centre, iconic iron bridges, beaches, a vibrant atmosphere and of course port wine. Porto is regularly featured in the list of European Best Destinations, having accumulated several awards.

Affordable

Porto is an affordable destination, with hotel prices substantially lower than in other major European cities and plenty of places to enjoy good food at reasonable prices.

Accessible

Porto airport has direct connections to many European destinations. Alternatively, you can travel to Lisbon and use local connections (bus or train) to Porto. Travel by train is possible via Spain. The city has an excellent public transport system with good connections between the city centre and the university campus to the north (approximately 15 minutes).

More about Porto: [Watch on YouTube](#)

More about the University of Porto: [Watch on YouTube](#)



ETC 2026: Practical Information



ETC is an **in-venue conference**. We do not offer the opportunity to attend or present online.

Conference Language: The language of the conference is English and all presentations must be made in English.

Delegate Fees: Everyone who attends the Conference pays the appropriate fee for one, two or three days; this includes speakers and Programme Committee members.

Discounts are available for:

- Members of the Association for European Transport
- Early bird booking before 30 June
- Young professionals under 26 or less than 5 years' professional experience - 50% discount on the applicable fee
- Full Time Students - only £135 / €160 +VAT* for three days
- Delegates from countries below a certain GDP per head level*

For your reference, the 2025 delegate fees* were:

- AET member: £350/€410 +VAT (1 day), £870/€1020 +VAT (3 days)
- Non-member: £430/€510 +VAT (1 day), £1070/€1260 +VAT (3 days)

For more information on membership of the Association for European Transport, please visit [our website](#).

* 2026 rates and country discounts to be confirmed on 1st April 2026.



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- ★ Presenting a paper at the conference
- ★ Being a keynote speaker at ETC 2026
- ★ 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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