



**European Transport Conference (ETC) 2024**  
**18 – 20 September Antwerp, Belgium**  
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### **Notes for Participants**

#### **Venue:**

University of Antwerp  
Stadcampus Building R  
Prinsstraat 13  
2000 Antwerp,  
Belgium

For on-site queries, email [sabrina.winter@aetransport.org](mailto:sabrina.winter@aetransport.org) For full travel details, please see the end of this document.

**Don't forget to download the new Conference App for real-time notifications, direct messaging, full programme and timetable updates.** The App is available on Android and iOS. Your unique login details and download information will be sent out next month.

#### **Refreshments**

Tea/coffee breaks and lunch are included in the conference fee. Lunch will be served at 1230 – 1400 on Wednesday 18, 1230-1330 on Thursday 19 and 1230-1330 on Friday 20. Please inform Sabrina Winter of any dietary requirements in advance and find her onsite if catering liaison is required.

WiFi and Internet Access is available at the venue.

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### **Registration**

Registration will take place in the foyer of Antwerp University.

Registration Desk Opening Times:

Tuesday 17 September	1200 – 2000
Wednesday 18 September	0830 – 1800
Thursday 19 September	0830 – 1800
Friday 20 September	0830 – 1200

The Conference opens on Wednesday 18 September with a welcome address and Opening Plenary from 0900-1030 in the Aula Rector Dhanis room.

The ETC 2024 General Assembly will take place during the Conference on Wednesday lunchtime from 1230-1400 in room R201.

### **Daily Session Times**

#### **Wednesday 18 September**

Session 1: 1100-1230      Session 2: 1400-1530      Session 3: 1600-1800

#### **Thursday 19 September**

Session 4: 0900-1030      Session 5: 1100-1230      Session 6: 1330-1500      Session 7: 1530-1730

#### **Friday 20 September**

Session 8: 0930-1030      Session 9: 1100-1230      Session 10: 1330-1500      Session 11: 1530-1700

**ALL delegates and speakers MUST register at the conference registration desk in Antwerp University to collect their name badge and other conference material.**

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## Identification

Delegates are asked to wear their name badge during the Conference and at evening functions. This is a useful means of identification and helps delegates to get to know one another. Entry to the seminars is for badge-holders only. Badges will be colour-coded:

●	First Time Delegates	Green	●
●	Members of the Association	Blue	●
●	Non-Members	Red	●
●	Conference Stewards	Yellow	●
●	Conference Staff	Purple	●
●	AET Council and Board	Black	●

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## Conference Programme

An outline timetable leaflet will be issued at the registration desk. For full details of all three days, access online at [European Transport Conference Programme \(aetransport.org\)](https://aetransport.org)

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## Technical Visits

These should be reserved by email to Sabrina Winter. If you have not received confirmation, it may not be possible to obtain a place once you arrive at the conference. Please meet in the registration desk 10 minutes before leaving.

## ETC Running Club

Thursday 19 September

0700 Start (Conference sessions begin at 9am)

We have a fantastic 5km jogging loop planned around Antwerp for those wanting to get out and see a bit more of Antwerp but don't have the time to dedicate longer to sightseeing. The run takes in the old and new sights and is a great place to meet old and new friends.

Please note that this is a peer-led event where the organisers have no official qualifications but enjoy the company of others whilst running. Participation in this event is at the participants own risk.

Duration: 40-50mins

Meet: Outside the front of the conference centre on Lange Winkelstraat (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/2tzS7o1agkSEHHLf8>)

Organiser: Oliver Charlesworth ([oliver.charlesworth@bentley.com](mailto:oliver.charlesworth@bentley.com))

Route: <https://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/6036171766/> (travelling anti-clockwise)

To book a place, please fill out this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/iAxxLx9v8n>

## Urban Logistics Bike Tour Antwerp

Wednesday 18 September

Leaving from the University at 1800 or meet outside Antwerp Central Railway Station at the Starbucks Terrace to join us on a bike trip around the beautiful city of Antwerp.

Limited to 26 places

Cost £21/€25 (Non-returnable)

To book, please contact [sabrina.winter@aetransport.org](mailto:sabrina.winter@aetransport.org)

## Mobility Walking Tour Antwerp

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Wednesday 18 September

Leaving the University at 1815hrs. The tour will be 50 minutes duration with 20 minutes of walking.

The route can be seen here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/FR5yxxvXG4cRx4hw5>

Wander with us through the historical center of a growing city that strives to stay liveable, accessible and safe for everyone. We will show you how the space in our streets is being redesigned at human scale and how new policies make this possible. With a beautiful view of the river Scheldt and the iconic medieval fortress 'het Steen', we will explain how we leverage different mobility modes to create a modal shift. This is also where we look at the big picture; how Antwerp will expand its river crossings and restructure the ring road creating large new parks. If you like history as much as mobility, this is for you.

Please note that unfortunately the route is not wheelchair friendly due to cobbled streets and stairs. To book, please contact [sabrina.winter@aetransport.org](mailto:sabrina.winter@aetransport.org)

### **Antwerp Central Railway Station Visit**

Friday 20 September

Departure 1245 hrs from the University

The tour starts at Antwerp Berchem station, with a visit of one Belgium's biggest rail signpost hubs. After a technical explanation of how rail signposting works and the tools used, the group moves to Antwerp Central station, for an explanation of the history and functionality of the historical station and its current-day use.

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### **Oosterweel Connection Antwerp Visit**

Friday 20 September

Departure 1330 hrs from the University

The excursion takes place at the new viewpoint created for the Oosterweel works, which is Belgium's largest highway project of the last 50 years, closing the Antwerp northern ringway. The project involves road but also public transport, bike and pedestrian sub-projects, and is meant to strongly reduce congestion and its side-effects, and to ensure a good accessibility of Antwerp and its seaport.

To book, please contact [sabrina.winter@aetransport.org](mailto:sabrina.winter@aetransport.org)

### **ETC 2025 Saturday Technical Tour - feasibility research at ETC2024**

For this year's conference, the first of two years in Antwerp, we wanted to provide a technical tour on the Saturday after the conference to look at some local transport policies put into practice. Due to the constrained availability and high cost of chartering a bus for this purpose, we decided in July not to proceed; that is why you have not heard anything further.

We would still like to provide a Saturday technical tour at next year's conference. Keith Homer of Training for Transportation Professionals, the logistical organisers of ETC2024, will research the feasibility of conducting the technical tour by public transport - local buses and trams and inter-city trains - on Saturday 21st September; this research trip will end in Brussels city centre in the early evening, of course with the option to return to Antwerp by bus or train. Any ETC delegate is welcome to join him on this research trip, starting at the MAS museum in the city's old port area [ [About the MAS | Museum MAS](#) ], meeting at 10am for a 10.30 departure.

The itinerary will take in the Port of Antwerp insofar as public transport access is possible, Ghent city centre and the Rinkkaai sustainable urban regeneration neighbourhood, and Brussels city centre for the Metro Line 3 project [open day visit possible on Sunday 22nd]. Delegates will need to pay for their own city and inter-city travel - the estimated cost of tickets is €50 or less.

Interested? Email to: [KeithHomer@tftp-training.co.uk](mailto:KeithHomer@tftp-training.co.uk) before 1800 on Friday 20th September.

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## Social Programme

There will be various social networking activities available for delegates to take part in throughout the conference.

### Pre-conference drinks

Tuesday 17 September 1830 – 2000

Venue: University of Antwerp Exhibition Area

### Civic Reception

Wednesday 18 September 1900 - 2000

Venue: Het Steen

Address: Steenplein 1, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium

[Het Steen](#) | [Visit Antwerpen](#)

### Conference Dinner with Pre-Dinner Drinks

Thursday 19 September 1945 -2215

Venue: Grand Café Horta & Art Nouveau Hall

Address: Hopland 2, 2000 Antwerpen.

<https://www.grandcafehorta.be/nl>

Dietary restrictions (aside from vegetarian) must be notified in writing to [sabrina.winter@aetransport.org](mailto:sabrina.winter@aetransport.org) in advance.

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### Abstracts and Papers

The abstracts and papers will be available to download two weeks before the conference. To be accessed from [www.aetransport.org](http://www.aetransport.org) to those who have registered as a user. Full instructions will be sent to all delegates when the abstracts and papers are available.

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### Where to Stay in Antwerp

This year we have some rooms available with special discounts at a selection of hotels. Many thanks to the team at the Antwerp Convention Bureau for their assistance in organising this. Please click the link below to access the booking form:  
<https://secure.cubilis.eu/group/antwerpconventionbureau/event/european-transport-conference-2024/congress/search>

#### A-Stay Antwerpen

Pelikaanstraat, 86, Antwerp

**19 minutes by public transport to University of Antwerp – Stadscampus**

#### NH Collection Antwerp Centre

Pelikaanstraat, 84, Antwerpen

**19 minutes by public transport to University of Antwerp – Stadscampus**

#### Hampton by Hilton\*

Pelikaanstraat, 10 - 16, Antwerpen

**13 minutes by public transport to University of Antwerp – Stadscampus**

#### Radisson BLU Astrid Hotel

Koningin Astridplein, 7, Antwerp

**13 minutes walk to University of Antwerp – Stadscampus**

**\*The ETC Team will be staying at the Hampton by Hilton Hotel.**

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### Additional Information

#### Accessibility / Dietary Requirements

Please inform Sabrina Winter if you have any specific accessibility or dietary requirements before the conference, as venue liaison will be required.

#### Conference Personnel

There will be conference staff available on the day to help with queries, please look out for the purple coded badges.

#### Medical Cover

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Delegates are advised to take out travel and medical insurance. Those from EU countries will need a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to obtain health care in Belgium. The card can be obtained from government health departments in all EU countries.

### **Visas and Entry Requirements**

Delegates who will need a Visa to attend the Conference should ensure they apply early to the Belgian Embassy in their country, as the processing of visas can take some time. The Association will write letters in support of Visa applications but only for those who have booked and paid for their conference place. Delegates who need a Visa should contact Sabrina Winter at [sabrina.winter@aetransport.org](mailto:sabrina.winter@aetransport.org) to discuss.

### **Feedback**

We welcome all feedback from delegates, as it helps us to shape the content, style, and organisation of our events. A questionnaire will be emailed to you after the conference asking for your comments on the content of the conference, its relevance to needs and expectations and the overall administration. We would be very grateful if you could complete this questionnaire as soon after you receive it as possible, as your feedback and views are very important to the future of the European Transport Conference.

### **Travel Details**

Arriving by Public Transport

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Antwerp is easy to reach by train. International railway lines such as Thalys and Eurostar link Brussels and Antwerp to several other major European cities. Plan your trip with the Belgian train route planner. You can also travel to Antwerp with international bus lines such as Eurolines or Flixbus.

### **Reaching the campus from Brussels Airport**

#### **By train**

Time schedules and fares are available on the [Belgian Railways website](#).

#### **By bus**

Travel from Brussels Airport Zaventem to Antwerp with Airport Express. There are two stops in Antwerp:

- Franklin Rooseveltplaats (Platform B5 - next to the opera house and 400 metres from the central train station)
- Crowne Plaza Hotel (Gerard le Grellelaan 10, Antwerp)

### **Reaching the campus from Brussels South Charleroi Airport**

From Brussels South Charleroi Airport, you can take a bus to the Charleroi train station and travel to Antwerp by train. Check the time schedules and fares on the website of the Belgian Railways.

### **Eindhoven Airport - The Netherlands**

From Eindhoven Airport, you can catch a train from Eindhoven station to Antwerp Central. The journey will take from 1.30 – 2 hours. Check ticket prices and times [here](#). There is also a Flixbus service that operates once a day at 12.55pm to Antwerp Roosevelt which will take approximately 1.05 hours.

### **Amsterdam Schiphol Airport - The Netherlands**

From Schiphol Airport, you can travel to Antwerp Central Station by train. Click [here](#) to book tickets and for times.

### **Traveling from Antwerpen Centraal station to the campus**

To Stadscampus: around 15 minutes on foot or 5 minutes by bike.

The conference venue is Building R (Gebouw R) of the campus. The location in Google maps is given here: [Conference venue](#)

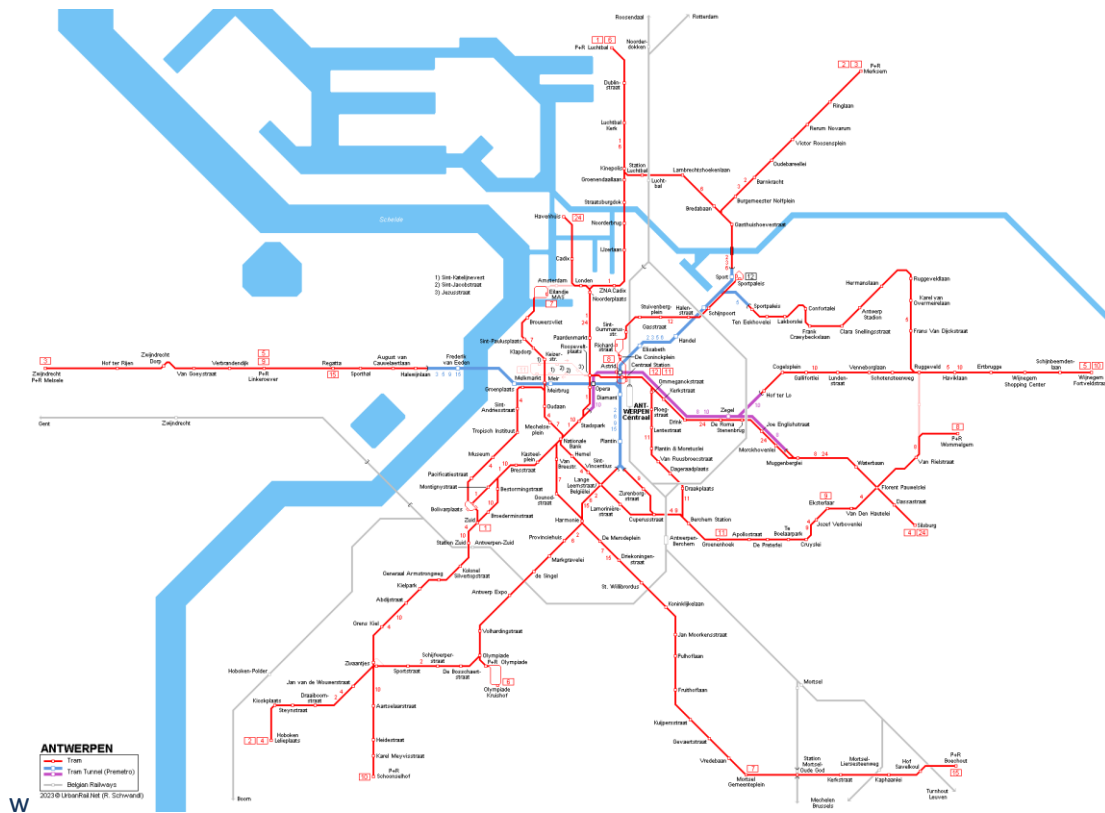
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# Street map for Antwerp University

