



# The 46<sup>th</sup> European Transport Conference

Annual Conference of the  
Association for European Transport  
10-12 October 2018: Dublin Castle, Dublin, Ireland



Advance Notice and Call for Contributions



Where research, policy, and practice  
in transport come together



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## ETC 2018: 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 2018 Location

ETC has a new location and venue for 2018 and 2019. The conference will be held in the prestigious location of Dublin Castle, in the heart of historic Dublin.

Following a fire, a campaign of rebuilding in the late-seventeenth and eighteenth centuries saw the Castle transformed from a medieval bastion into a Georgian palace, which remains one of the architectural highlights of Georgian Dublin today. The Castle complex includes the State Apartments, the Lower and Upper Castle Yards and the Chapel Royal as well as gardens and the famous Chester Beatty Library. But, it also includes state-of-the-art modern conference facilities making it the perfect location for ETC.

Dublin is a well-known and popular destination for business travel and for tourism. The city is known as a place which welcomes visitors and which offers a great mix of culture, history and entertainment. It is well-served by airlines and ferry connections and provides a base for tourism and for visits to other parts of Ireland. Delegates will receive information about the wealth of opportunities offered.

The Association is delighted to be working with the sponsors of the Conference, the Department for Transport, Tourism and Sport.



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Turasóireachta agus Spóirt

Department of Transport,  
Tourism and Sport

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.



## CONFERENCE THEMES FOR 2018

The Association is keen that the papers presented at the Conference address themes of relevance to the transport policy agenda in Europe and worldwide – from a research, policy or practice angle.

Some key themes that interest the organisers and Programme Committees are emerging:

- New Mobility Patterns, Digitisation and Mobility as a Service
- Automated Driving and Connected Vehicles / Infrastructure
- Mobility for Liveable Cities, including Urban Mobility, Air Quality, Health and Active Travel
- TEN-T extension to the Balkans and further east, the new silk road
- Air Transport and Travel
- The Wider Economic Benefits of Transport Investment

In addition to these themes, papers that fit within programme committees' areas of interest are very welcome. An exciting new programme committee on Data is planned for ETC 2018, with a view to cater for the growth and diversity of papers expected in this broad, all-encompassing subject.

We welcome papers on research, operational deployment, policy discussion, thought leadership and we want to hear from anyone interested to use ETC 2018 as a platform to hold your final project dissemination event in a parallel co-located stream.

The Mission Statements of the Programme Committees can be found on the website. 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. The chairs of the Programme Committees meet to ensure that abstracts are considered by the correct committee or committees.

## Programme Committees

The Programme Committees in place for the 2018 Conference are:

- Global Trends Impacting Transport
- Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport
- Transport Models
- 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

## 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 2014, 2015 and 2016 Conference have been published in Transportation Research Procedia and publication of the 2017 papers is in progress:

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/transportation-research-procedia/vol/8>

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/13>

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/transportation-research-procedia/vol/26/suppl/C>

## 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 2018. As an illustration, the fees for 2017 for the full three days' attendance were:

AET Individual member	£795/€960
AET Organisation member	£760/€920
Non member	£930/€1125

The rates for attending a single day in 2017 were:

AET Individual member	£300/€360
AET Organisation member	£290/€350
Non member	£340/€410

## 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](mailto:Sally.Scarlett@aetransport.org) 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](mailto: Sabrina.Winter@tftp-training.co.uk) 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 **06 February 2018**.

The submission method is via the Association website: [www.aetransport.org](http://www.aetransport.org)

You will need to register as a user on the site, click the tab European Transport Conference and follow the link to submit an abstract. 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 7 April 2018. This is a binding commitment and you will be required to:

- Pay your conference fee by 8 June 2018 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 01 September 2018 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, its relevance to policy and the likely conclusions to be reached when the paper is submitted (September 2018) and presented (October 2018).

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 and is valued by delegates, it is possible to make a presentation at the Conference without the prior submission of a written paper. However, papers which have been submitted but are not the subject of a presentation at the Conference, will not be eligible for peer-review or publication in the ETC proceedings.