



**European Transport Conference**  
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**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
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## **Rail Policy and Planning**

The Rail Policy and Planning Programme Committee seeks to encourage debate on the planning, operation and economics of heavy rail passenger transport overall but also with respect to emerging challenges such as COVID 19. The Programme Committee therefore invites you to submit abstracts of relevance to the following themes but will also consider abstracts on topics of your choice and of relevance to your current work which are interesting for an international audience:

### **Emerging Challenges: COVID 19 and Climate Change**

- The future of rail transport (especially after COVID-19)
- The balance of passenger flows – Keeping commuters by prioritising long-distance business and leisure segments?
- (New) markets: more European tourism on rail instead of worldwide air travel? Regional leisure on the weekend?
- Low carbon: which investments necessary to boost both passenger and freight on rail?

### **Demand Side / Consumer Perspective**

- Quality aspects of transport, customer experience and their effect on demand (choices)
- Passenger information and ticketing for the seamless (international) journey
- Crowding and wayfinding at station/platform

### **Policy Focus**

- TEN-T revision 2021: new horizons for cross-border rail and regional accessibility?
- EC-Action Plan 2021 on cross-border long-distance rail: potential and implications
- Overall effectiveness of EU policy of implementation
- Strategies for Eastern Europe
- Devolution in decision making - the relationship between national, regional and local government

### **Planning and Operations**

- Long-distance rail: high speed rail, conventional rail, night trains: conflict-laden or complementary?
- Which markets to tap: air, coach or car?
- Integration in rail market: the role of regional rail and competitors
- Balance between freight and passenger on the railway



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**Important notice:**

If you submit an abstract, this will go through a selection process. Each year we receive more abstracts than can be accommodated in the programme. If your abstract is selected, please be aware that others have been rejected, that the ETC organisation has invested time in devising an attractive and coherent programme and that delegates have used this programme to decide to come to the conference.

Before submitting your abstract, please make sure there is time and funding to have at least one of the authors attending the conference to present the paper and that you have/will obtain the approval needed (from management or client) to present the work in public at the time of the conference.

We do understand that sometimes circumstances change, forcing authors to withdraw. You would help us by informing us as soon as possible, preferably ample time before the conference. Last minute withdrawals or no-shows negatively affect the conference experience of your fellow transport professionals.

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