



EUROPEAN TRANSPORT CONFERENCE
17 – 19 SEPTEMBER 2025
University of Antwerp, Belgium



GUIDE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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We welcome you as a participant of the European Transport Conference! This guide is to help you prepare for a fruitful and enjoyable conference.

- Conference dates: Wednesday 17 to Friday 19 September 2025 (welcome drinks on the evening of Tuesday 16 September)
- Venue: [University of Antwerp, Belgium, Building R](#). All sessions will be in this building, except the opening plenary (building K). See map below. Access through the courtyard on Lange Winkelstraat or Rodestraat 14.
- You will find the registration desk to your left when entering through the courtyard entrance of the building.



Need help?

If any questions remain leading up to the conference, please feel free to contact the [conference team](#) for assistance. We are happy to help! You can also join our online ‘ask us anything’ session on Monday 1 September 16.00 CET (invitation with link will be sent out in August). We want you to feel welcome and informed!

Mobile hotline for urgent queries DURING THE CONFERENCE

Please WhatsApp +44 (0) 7435 261 853 or email sabrina.winter@aetransport.org.

Conference app

We have a conference app available containing the full programme, timetable updates, real-time notifications, delegate information and direct messaging options. The app is available for Android and iOS. Your unique login details and download information will be sent out by email early September.

Registration & identification

- Registration will take place in the foyer of the R building of Antwerp University (see conference basics above).
- Registration desk opening times:
 - Tuesday 16 September 1200 – 2000
 - Wednesday 17 September 0830 – 1800
 - Thursday 18 September 0830 – 1800
 - Friday 19 September 0830 – 1200
- All delegates and speakers must register at the registration desk to collect their name badge and other conference material.
- Please wear your name badge during the Conference and at evening events. This way you can identify registered delegates and it helps to get to know one another. Entry to the seminars is for badge-holders only.

Conference programme

- The full conference programme is available on [our website](#) and in the app.
- An outline timetable leaflet can be obtained at the registration desk for those preferring a printed overview. Please note we no longer provide printed full programmes.
- The Conference opens on Wednesday 17 September with a welcome address and opening plenary from 0900-1030 in the Aula Rector Dhanis. This is in building K, a short walk from building R (see map). Signs and stewards will guide the way.
- Daily Session Times
 - Wednesday 17 September: session 1 - 1100-1230, session 2 - 1400-1530, session 3 - 1600-1800
 - Thursday 18 September: session 4 - 0900-1030, session 5 - 1100-1230, session 6 - 1330-1500, session 7 - 1530-1730
 - Friday 19 September: session 8 - 0930-1030, session 9 - 1100-1230, session 10 - 1330-1500, session 11 - 1530-1700
- The AET 2025 General Assembly will take place during the Conference on Wednesday lunchtime from 1230-1400.
- The TMF debate will take place on Thursday 19 September 1745-1845.

Catering and refreshments

- Tea/coffee breaks and lunch are included in the conference fee.
- Lunch will be served 1230 – 1400 on Wednesday, 1230-1330 on Thursday and 1230-1330 on Friday.

- Please inform [Sabrina Winter](#) of any dietary requirements in advance and find her onsite if catering liaison is required.

Accessibility and/or dietary requirements

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

Internet access

WiFi is available at the venue. Please obtain your login details from the registration desk.

Abstracts and Papers

- The abstracts and papers will be available to download two weeks before the conference and can be accessed from [our website](#) by those registered as a user.
- Full instructions will be sent to all delegates when the abstracts and papers are available.

Technical visits

- The conference offers several technical visits, including a bike tour of Antwerp, a visit to the port and a visit to the Central Station. Additional offers may be added. Please check out [our website](#) for the full list of technical visits on offer.
- To participate in our technical visits on offer, please make your reservation by email to [Sabrina Winter](#). A confirmed reservation will guarantee your place. Last minute bookings can be made at the conference registration desk, but the visit of your choice may be fully booked.
- Note that some technical visits are free, for others we charge an additional fee.
- Please meet at the registration desk 10 minutes before the indicated start of the technical visit, unless specified otherwise.

Social programme

- We consider networking and social interaction an important part of the conference. Various [social networking activities](#) are available for delegates to take part in throughout the conference.
- Pre-conference drinks - Tuesday 16 September 1830 – 2000 at the conference venue building R (complimentary, just walk in)
- Civic Reception - Wednesday 17 September 1900 – 2000 at [Het Steen](#), Steenplein 1, Antwerp (complimentary, registration required)
- Moving with Pride drinks – Wednesday 17 September 21.30 onwards at [Hessenhuis](#), Falconrui 59, Antwerpen (drinks/food at your own expense, please RSVP) Sabrina.winter@aetransport.org
- ETC Running club – Thursday 18 September 0700 (meet outside the front of the conference centre on Lange Winkelstraat, you can just show up in your running gear)
- Conference Dinner with Pre-Dinner Drinks - Thursday 18 September 1945 -2215 at [Grand Café Horta & Art Nouveau Hall](#), Hopland 2, Antwerp (additional fee, registration required). Dietary restrictions (aside from vegetarian) must be notified in writing to [Sabrina Winter](#) in advance. Drinks (soft drinks and wine) are included with the dinner.

Exhibitors and sponsors

- ETC provides exhibition space in the delegate coffee, lunch and networking area.
- ETC would like to thank the [following sponsors](#):
 - [Accent](#) (conference supporter)

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- [Jacobs](#) (sponsor of badges and lanyards and award sponsor)
- [PTV Group](#) (sponsor of the Transport Modelling Stream and exhibitor)
- [CitiEu/CitiMe](#) (exhibitor)
- [MINT NV](#) (exhibitor)
- [Bentley](#) (exhibitor)
- [Autosup and AutoMoTIF](#) (exhibitor)
- [NET Engineering](#) (exhibitor)
- [ARUP](#) (exhibitor)
- [Interreg MISSION](#) (special session sponsor and exhibitor)
- [Smart Transportation Alliance](#) (special session sponsor)
- [Journal of Urban Mobility](#) (special session sponsor)
- [Systemica](#) (award sponsor)
- [Goudappel](#) (award sponsor)
- For more information on exhibition or sponsoring opportunities, please check out [our website](#) or contact [Sabrina Winter](#).

Awards

ETC is the home of four [awards](#):

- The Goudappel Award for the best paper written for and presented in the Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport seminar.
- The Jacobs Data Award for the best paper demonstrating the most innovative use of data.
- The Neil Mansfield Award for the best paper from a sole author aged 35 or under
- The Fabio Casiroli Award for the best paper focusing on the concept of time-based urban mobility, sponsored by Systematica

Social media

- We are grateful for any social media exposure we can get from conference participants during ETC. We encourage you to post about your participation and/or presentation. Feel free to post before, during or after the conference.
- Our main social platform is LinkedIn. You can find us here to tag: [Association for European Transport \(AET\)](#).
- Should you write any posts about the conference online, be sure to use our hashtag **#etcAntwerp2025** in order to link to our other posts.
- AET has stopped their activities on X, as this platform no longer aligns with our values. You are welcome to post on X, however, you will not be able to link to a conference account.

Travel to Antwerp by train or bus

- We encourage you to travel to Antwerp by train or bus. Antwerp is well connected and easy to reach from many countries in Europe. International railway lines such as Thalys and Eurostar link Brussels and Antwerp to several other major European cities. You can also travel to Antwerp with international bus lines such as Eurolines or Flixbus.
- International tickets for train and/or bus can be booked through a number of online platforms, such as [Omio](#), [RailEurope](#) and [Trainline](#), or obtained from train operators like [SNCB](#), [International](#), [DB](#) and [NS International](#).

- For more information on international train travel, check out the website [The Man in Seat Sixty-One](#).
- The conference venue is a 15 minute walk or 5 minute bike ride from Antwerp Central Station.

Travel to Antwerp by air

- Nearest international airports are Brussels Airport Zaventem and Brussels South Charleroi Airport.
- Travel to Antwerp city centre from Brussels Airport Zaventem by train or bus.
 - By train: time schedules and fares are available on the Belgian Railways website.
 - By bus: take the 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) and Crowne Plaza Hotel (Gerard le Grellelaan 10, Antwerp).
 - Travel to Antwerp city centre from Brussels South Charleroi Airport by bus and train: 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](#).
- Alternative airports are Eindhoven Airport and Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, both in The Netherlands.
 - From Eindhoven Airport, travel to Antwerp by taking the bus to Eindhoven Station and then the train to Antwerp Central. The journey will take from 1.30 – 2 hours. To book tickets and for times, check the [NS International website](#). There is also a [Flixbus](#) service that operates once a day at 12.55pm to Antwerp Roosevelt which will take approximately 1.05 hours.
 - From Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, you can travel to Antwerp Central Station by train. To book tickets and for times, check the [NS International website](#).

Where to Stay in Antwerp

In cooperation with the Antwerp Convention Bureau we can offer special discounts at a selection of hotels. More information and the booking form can be found on [our website](#).

Medical insurance

We advise you 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 or your health insurance in all EU countries.

Visas

If you need a visa to attend the conference please apply as soon as possible to the Belgian Embassy in your country, as the processing of visas can take some time. We can provide letters in support of visa applications if you have booked and paid for your conference place. Please contact [Sabrina Winter](#).

Feedback

We welcome all feedback, 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.