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## CALL FOR PAPERS

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18 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2024  
UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP,  
BELGIUM



# EUROPEAN TRANSPORT CONFERENCE 2024:

## PROVIDING MOBILITY AND ACCESS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

The climate emergency, increasing attention to equity issues, and a changing economic reality, continue to present challenges for transport planners. The increasingly intense debate among the public, and within governments, calls for a reliable evidence base and to keep the focus on good solutions for current and future generations.

It is the transport planner's task to provide movement and access solutions for people and goods to get to where they need to be, in a sustainable, inclusive, efficient, and affordable manner. Achieving and maintaining stakeholder support is essential for this.

The transportation profession benefits from a diverse array of expertise from research policy and practice to achieve our mission. Let's come together at the 52<sup>nd</sup> European Transport Conference in 2024; together we explore new developments, understand the challenges they pose, engage in new discussions, and formulate policy, service and infrastructure interventions.







# ETC: OUR SCOPE AND REACH

The conference attracts transport policy makers, practitioners and researchers from all over Europe and beyond. At ETC, they can find in-depth presentations and discussions on policy issues, best practice and research findings across the broad spectrum of transport.

The range of topics covered by our multi-stream format makes ETC wide-ranging among transport conferences, and it has established itself as the premier European event of its type.

The conference programme covers local, regional, national and supranational issues, and the definition, planning and implementation of solutions at all levels.

Sessions at the Conference can be challenging in discussing matters of policy at the highest level through to the finest detail. They provide good knowledge-sharing and the opportunity to hear from subject-matter experts on a face-to-face basis – it is truly a conference for all levels of experience.

# CONFERENCE THEMES

We are looking for contributions that address relevant themes for the transport policy agenda in Europe and worldwide – from a research, policy or practice angle.

- **Human wellbeing** – healthy, efficient, safe and inclusive transport schemes for current and future generations
- **Sustainable travel** – shaping daily travel and long-distance trips in the face of climate change and energy transition
- **Mode-specific and inter-modal aspects** – local bus, tram and train, taxis, micro-mobility and active travel, private car with long-distance rail and bus, Mobility as a Service, integrated logistics, last-mile delivery and Enterprise Resource Planning
- **Labour, resource and energy challenges**
  - supply constraints in freight and passenger transport
- **Regulatory issues** – impacts of international, national and local legislation and regulations on infrastructure and services
- **Funding and financial sustainability**
  - private finance alongside public funding in collaborative delivery
- **Cities and transport** – integrated planning, active travel, liveable cities
- **Transport planning analysis and models**
  - the methods and the tools for this century
- **Air travel and airports** – moving towards a more environmentally sustainable and commercially viable future
- **Technology and Artificial Intelligence**
  - how can and will these shape transport in the future?



# PROGRAMME COMMITTEES

The twelve Programme Committees shape the conference programme and consist of Association of European Transport members from a broad range of technical specialities and professional sectors.

They help identify key themes, assist with the assessment of submitted abstracts and compose a balanced three-day programme. In addition to the general conference themes, each Programme Committee also publishes their own Calls for Abstracts in January.

The Programme Committees in place for ETC 2024 are listed opposite and you can find more information about each one on the [AET website](#).



**Global Trends Impacting Transport**



**Planning for Sustainable Land Use & Transport**



**Transport Models**



**System Dynamics**



**Aviation**



**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**



A photograph of a conference audience. In the foreground, a woman with glasses and a yellow and white checkered shirt is looking towards the right. Behind her, another woman with glasses is looking down. In the background, a man with glasses and a white shirt is looking towards the camera. The image is partially obscured by a blue geometric overlay on the right side.

# YOUNG RESEARCHERS' & PRACTITIONERS' FORUM

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](#).

*Pictured below left to right: Fulvio Silvestri, Alba de Juana, Winner of the Neil Mansfield award 2023 - Jamie Ward, and Orgerta Zeqo.*



Katherine Cai Xuefen  
Jacobs Award Winner



Honourable mentions for the Neil Mansfield award  
to Alena Fischer (left) & Franziska Henkel (right)

# PRESENTING OUR ETC 2023 AWARD WINNERS

ETC is the home of three 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.
- **Coudappel Land-Use / Transportation Award** for the best paper presented in the Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport seminar stream.

Discover more details about [our awards](#).

AET welcomes ideas and sponsors for further awards. Please contact:

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# SHOWCASING YOUR PRODUCTS, SERVICES, PROJECTS AND RESEARCH

## Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities

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](https://www.aetransport.org) or contact Sabrina Winter at: [sabrina.winter@aetransport.org](mailto: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.

To find out more, contact Sabrina Winter at: [sabrina.winter@aetransport.org](mailto:sabrina.winter@aetransport.org)





# HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT FOR PRESENTATION AT ETC 2024

**Abstract Submission:** We invite you to submit an abstract based on one of the Conference Themes in this Call for Papers, or the individual calls from the Programme Committees that will follow in January 2024. Abstracts are submitted via our website. For more information on the abstract submission criteria and guidance of preparing your abstract, please visit: [www.aetransport.org](http://www.aetransport.org).

**Conditions for submission:** By submitting an abstract you commit yourself to being able to present your work on one of the conference days. Please note that we receive more abstracts than we can accommodate in the final programme so selection is not guaranteed.

**Paper repository:** The repository of ETC past papers is a valuable resource of the Association and is an important source of information for transport planners, researchers and engineers

## KEY DATES

**Submission of abstracts period** 1 January – 9 February

**Notification of abstract acceptance to submitters**  
6 May – 9 May

**Preliminary Programme Announcement** 10 May

**Speakers confirm participation** 10 May – 3 June

**Uploading of presentation slides by presenters**  
9 September

**Conference in Antwerp** 18 – 20 September

**Papers upload for publication and peer review**  
11 November

worldwide. Speakers are strongly encouraged to write and submit a full paper to be added to the repository.

**Peer review:** Papers presented at the conference can be submitted for peer review and publication online, or in special issues of journals. Please visit the [AET website](#) for more information on the peer review process and criteria.

**Papers and presentations:** More information on writing a conference paper, our requested paper format and guidelines for presenting at our conference can be found on our website. For questions about the abstract submission or programme process, please contact: [aetransport.events@aetransport.org](mailto:aetransport.events@aetransport.org)

# ETC: DATES, PLACE AND LANGUAGE

**Venue:** University of Antwerp, Belgium

**Dates:** 18 – 20 September 2024

NB: No online attendance or presentation; this is an in-venue conference.

**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 make a presentation, and helpful as a delegate in order for you to take full advantage of the conference.

**Delegate Fees:** Everyone who attends the Conference pays the appropriate fee for one, two or three days; this includes speakers and Programme Committee members. Members of the Association for European Transport receive discounts on their delegate fees according to their membership category.

The following discounts will also be available:

- **Young professionals under 26 yrs old or less than 5 years' professional experience** - 50% discount on the applicable fee.
- **Full Time Students** - only £100 / €115 + VAT for three days. Proof of student status will be required.
- **Countries with a 2021 GDP/Capita below US\$ 30,000** - 25% or 50% discount: [more details on AET website](#)

The delegate fees\* per day for the 2023 conference were:

**AET Individual member** £290 / EUR 345

**AET Organisation member** £280 / EUR 330

**Non-member** £330 / EUR 395

There are substantial savings if you attend for all three days and there will be an opportunity to obtain additional discounts for early booking made on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. We also offer a small further reduction for speakers who make an early-bird booking by 31<sup>st</sup> May - please contact Sabrina Winter at [sabrina.winter@aetransport.org](mailto:sabrina.winter@aetransport.org)

\* Rates subject to VAT and adjustment - to be announced June 2024.

