Local Public Transport Topics

The Local Public Transport Committee seeks to encourage papers and debate on all aspects of the planning and operations of all modes of public transport, both conventional and emerging modes such as autonomous shuttles, MaaS and on-demand transit. Perspectives that we like to encourage are mentioned below.

- Organisations and Governance – how is public transport provided? Is this the 'right' way of organising matter? How do you handle the conflicting needs of users and tax-payers?
- The role of public transport in the post-covid era, with respect to inclusive and sustainable mobility
- Planning of services, at both a strategic and a tactical level
- Operations and control; how to achieve an excellent level of service?
- The design of the vehicles, infrastructure and the system as a whole so as to ensure smooth and sustainable journeys for all of the (potential) users
- Intermodal mobility - including interfaces and interchanges, the first and last miles and integration with micromobility
- Fares and ticketing – how does the user pay for their travel? How is this revenue collected?
- Marketing and publicity – how do you tell the users and potential users about the services that you offer? What is the role of "third party" information providers and aggregators?
- Innovation – we are always interested in papers about new ways of doing things. How do you manage innovation?

We are always very keen to compare practice and lessons learnt– so our sessions at the Conference regularly feature papers on similar subjects from different parts of Europe. Please be aware that we don't need you to find someone else to write the 'other' paper(s) – teaming you up in this way is our responsibility! Also, we encourage scientific researchers to share and discuss their (almost) practice ready findings.

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. The conference organisers will require your commitment by the time of the abstract's acceptance.