



CALL FOR PAPERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

THE 49TH EUROPEAN TRANSPORT CONFERENCE

**Annual Conference of the
Association for European Transport
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WHERE RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PRACTICE IN TRANSPORT COME TOGETHER



ETC 2021: A NEW, FLEXIBLE FORMAT

Submission of Abstracts: 8 February

Selection of papers by AET: 3 May

Confirmation of participation

by speakers: 7 June

Submission of papers: 31 August

2020 has been a year of uncertainty and, at the time of the publication of this Call for Contributions, it is not possible to be sure how things will be in September 2021. The Association is committed to the continuity of ETC and has decided to extend the number of days over which the conference is held and to hold it online.

The multi-stream format will remain but with fewer sessions each day. It is also planned to offer more networking opportunities and some virtual tours over the weekend. Depending on the evolving situation, it may be possible to offer some actual seminars in Milan during the dates of the Conference. Milan remains the planned destination of the conference in 2022 and 2023.

ETC 2021: WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

The conference attracts transport policy makers, practitioners and researchers from all over Europe and beyond. 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 and it has established itself as the premier event of its type. The conference programme covers supranational issues, national and local policy and the planning and implementation of projects at a local level.

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 levels of experience.

As transport policy makers, practitioners and researchers throughout Europe respond to the challenges of climate change, economic growth, equality issues, social and

demographic change and now, the effects of a pandemic, ETC provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of robust and affordable responses.

Transport planners will be asked to supply solutions to the challenge posed by 'the new normal'. Will workers return to offices in city centres? What is the future for retail? Will the recent switch to cycling and walking continue? How will public transport recover? Are existing models robust enough to deal with the new situation?

At the same time, they are finding solutions for resilience in the face of the existing threats posed by climate change, energy and infrastructure security; the need to improve health and fitness; hard and soft measures to improve the safety of walking and cycling. They have to deal with the challenges and opportunities offered by big data and consider the impacts of future technology such as connected and autonomous vehicles (CAVs) which will revolutionise travel behaviour and land use patterns as well as whole industry sectors.

A man with dark, curly hair and glasses is smiling while writing in a notebook. He is wearing a light blue button-down shirt. The background is a blurred office setting with large windows and a modern interior.

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.



THE 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 of the Conference.

There are almost 200 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.

The Association particularly welcomes contributions from people that are underrepresented in transport planning and management, including women, people with disabilities and people from diverse ethnic backgrounds

To find out more about how to get involved, please contact Sally Scarlett: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org or visit the website: www.aetransport.org

ABOUT THE 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 take full advantage of the conference.

Poster Session

The 2021 European Transport Conference will include a poster session. Authors will be asked to prepare a poster for online display and will have the option of recording a short explanation of their poster. Delegates will be able to engage in discussion with poster authors.

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.

The following discounts will be available on attendance fees:

- Delegates from countries that joined the European Union in 2004, 2007 and 2013 – 50% discount on the relevant fee
- Young professionals (under the age of 26 or with less than 5 years' professional experience) – 50% discount on the relevant fee
- Full Time Students only £100 / €115 plus VAT for three days – proof of student status will be required

The fees for the Conference will be confirmed in April 2021.

The daily rate for the 2020 conference were:

AET Individual member	£150 / EUR 170
AET Organisation member	£130 / EUR 145
Non-member	£190 / EUR 215

There will be an opportunity to obtain additional discounts for early booking (bookings made before 30th June 2021).

A photograph of two men in business suits shaking hands. The man on the left is wearing glasses and a grey suit. The man on the right is wearing a dark pinstripe suit and a lanyard. They are standing in front of a white backdrop with blue text and graphics. The text on the backdrop includes 'Optibus', 'next generation', 'Planning and Scheduling', and 'Zero IT hardware requirements'.

SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITION

ETC 2021 will include a virtual exhibition and enhanced sponsorship opportunities. Technical sessions can be sponsored. Sponsors can set up access to delegates and can arrange one-to-one meetings or corporate publicity.

There is also room for some fun if sponsors would like to offer virtual tours or social events.

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

AWARDS

ETC has been the home, since 1986, of the Neil Mansfield Award for the best paper from a sole author aged 35 or under.

There have been some notable recipients of the award:

<https://aetransport.org/awards>

The Neil Mansfield Award is now administered by the Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum. The 2020 winner was Zishu Liu, Arup, UK (pictured right) for her paper:

Using Google Maps to calculate generalised cost and accessibility for London: a new methodology.

In 2020, Jacobs instituted an award for the paper showing the most innovative use of Data. The winning paper was presented by Peter O'Hare, Salford City Council and Paul Jackson, Tracsis, UK: Harnessing people movement data to shape future activity and people-centric designs: a case study of Salford Quays.

Dutch consultancy firm, Goudappel, have introduced an award for papers presented in the Planning for Land Use and Transport seminar.

The organisers welcome ideas and sponsors for further awards. Please contact: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org



PEER REVIEW OF PAPERS PRESENTED AT ETC

On authors' request, papers related to Conference themes can be selected for peer-review and published online or in special issues of journals. The peer review panel will give initial feedback in January 2022.

The selected proceedings of the 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Conference have been published in Transportation Research Procedia and publication of the 2020 papers in specialist journals is in progress:

- Volume 1, Planning for the future of transport: challenges, methods, analysis and impacts:
www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/1
- Volume 8, Current practices in transport: appraisal methods, policies and models:
www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/8
- Volume 13, Towards future innovative transport: visions, trends and methods:
www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/13
- Volume 26, Emerging technologies and models for transport and mobility:
www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/26
- Volume 31, Assessing wider impacts of transport policies:
www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/23521465/31
- Volume 42, Modelling and Assessing Future Mobility Scenarios:
www.sciencedirect.com/journal/transportation-research-procedia/vol/42
- Volume 49, Facing the complexity of transport models and innovative developments in sustainable mobility:
www.sciencedirect.com/journal/transportation-research-procedia/vol/49/suppl/C

CONFERENCE THEMES FOR 2021

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:

1. COVID-19 and the Consequences

- E-commerce, resilience and supply chains
- The changing nature of work and its impact on transport and land use
- The viability of public transport
- Long term impacts on air transport
- Impacts on urban and rural economies
- Covid and data security/privacy
- Transport modelling and the pandemic
- Economic appraisal in times of uncertainty

2. The Climate Emergency

- Decarbonising transport
- Low Emission Zones and Road User Charging
- Provision for non-motorised transport
- Changes to taxation and tax revenues
- The price of carbon in appraisal
- Resilience of transport infrastructure to climate change

3. Inclusion and Diversity

- Catering for vulnerable road users
- Transport modelling and inclusion
- The 15-minute city
- Biases in transport appraisal

We welcome papers on research, operational deployment, policy discussion and thought leadership, and we want to hear from anyone interested in using ETC 2021 as a platform to hold your final project dissemination event in a parallel stream.

The Mission Statements and detailed Call for Papers of the Programme Committees can be found on the AET website: www.aetransport.org. 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 committees.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEES

The Programme Committees in place for the 2021 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

The 2021 conference will include a session on 'Growing and improving transport planning skills across Europe' organised in conjunction with the UK Transport Planning Society. The Call for Papers is available on the [AET website](#).

HOW TO PRESENT A PAPER

Abstract Submission

You are invited to submit an abstract based on one of the above themes or on one of your choice directed to the appropriate Programme Committee. The deadline for abstract submission is 8 February 2021.

The submission method is via the Association website: 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 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. Background information on the projects and project status by the time of the conference to which abstracts refer is also useful.

It is particularly important, for an international conference, that papers should demonstrate the transferability to other areas of policy and tools.

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 as such the submission of an abstract involves a commitment to fulfil your obligations if accepted for the conference programme.

If your abstract is accepted, you will be notified by 3 May 2021. This is a binding commitment, and you will be required to:

- Pay your conference fee by 7 June 2021, otherwise your paper may be withdrawn from the conference
- Attend the conference and make a presentation
- Engage in dialogue with the session mentor/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 31 August 2021 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 (August 2021) and presented (September 2021).

In addition to projects that have been completed 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 different direction than planned. Discussion sessions will also be organised to provide an open forum for frank exchanges about research questions or professional dilemmas.

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.



MEETING PLACE

**ETC – providing a meeting
place for other organisations
and networks**

Call For Sessions

In recent years, the conference has hosted themed sessions organised by external groups and open to attendance by ETC delegates. This option is still available in the online format. Please contact Sally Scarlett with a brief outline of the session content: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org

Project Meetings

A number of research consortia and other project groups have held their management or dissemination meetings during or adjoining the Conference. If you would like to consider this option, please contact Sally Scarlett: sally.scarlett@aetransport.org