



European Transport Conference
6 – 8 September 2023
Milan, Italy
CALL FOR PAPERS



Transport Economics, Finance and Appraisal

The energy, cost of living and climate crises are having major impacts on the use of all transport modes throughout Europe and has heavily influenced transport policies and investments. Diversity of thought and experiences is more critical than ever and the Transport Economics, Finance and Appraisal Committee invites papers from people at all stages in their careers on any relevant topic.

However, we particularly welcome papers on the following topics:

- What has been the wider economic impact of schemes offering free or heavily discounted fares on local and regional public transport?
- In an age of working from home what will happen to agglomeration?
- Pricing the peak – is it time to get rid of peak premiums on public transport given commuting has fallen dramatically?
- How will home working change the relationship between transport and land use?
- What lessons do pay as you drive insurance schemes provide to those devising road user charging schemes?
- Risk v Reward – How do investors manage the trade off when deciding to invest in transport infrastructure?
- Appraisal versus policy on road schemes – increasing the number of trips generates a better economic case for infrastructure schemes but government policy is often to discourage car trips – how do we square the circle?
- Faster is not always better – how do we appraise active modes and micro-mobility?
- How should micro-mobility be regulated?
- World Health Organisation is recommending higher standards for air quality – how do we fully capture both direct and indirect economic impacts of poor air quality arising from transport?
- Distributional impacts – how should we value positive and negative impacts of transport interventions on different groups in society?
- How much is a life worth – economic versus moral/public valuations?
- What role does AI and machine learning have on solving transport economic questions?
- How do we maximise the wider economic benefits of major transport investments?
- How is big data changing our approach to transport appraisal?
- Has video finally killed business travel and if so what are the implications for future transport investment given business time savings generated significant benefits?
- Who should pay for transport – taxpayers, users or beneficiaries?

Important notice:

When 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 at least one of the authors can attend the conference to present the paper or poster, that finances are available 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. If so, you would help us by informing us as soon as possible, preferable 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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