



EUROPEAN TRANSPORT CONFERENCE 2025

EARLY BOOKING INFORMATION

17 - 19 SEPTEMBER 2025
UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP,
BELGIUM

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PROVIDING MOBILITY AND ACCESS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

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

It is the transport planner's task to provide movement and access 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.

The transport profession benefits from a diverse array of expertise from research, policy and practice to achieve our mission. Let's come together in 2025 at the 53rd European Transport Conference to explore new developments, understand the challenges they pose, engage in inspiring discussions, and formulate policy, service and infrastructure interventions that help us move forward.



ETC 2025 THEMES

This year's sessions will address relevant themes for the transport policy agenda throughout Europe and worldwide – from a research, policy or practice angle.

- Moving towards sustainable transport in a polarised world.
- Providing access and transport in times of financial challenges.
- Building adaptability and resilience into transport systems and decision making.
- Utilising technology, Artificial Intelligence and digital twins to improve transport systems and transport research.
- Dealing with labour, resource, infrastructure and energy challenges in freight and passenger transport.
- Creating healthy, efficient, safe and inclusive transport schemes for current and future generations.
- Shaping functional and comfortable cities providing necessary access for all ages and capabilities.
- Expanding the 21st century planners' toolkit with fit for purpose models and decision support systems.

ETC 2025:

WELCOME TO ANTWERP, BELGIUM

The City of Antwerp and the Flanders Region, Belgium, extend a warm welcome to members of the Association for European Transport and to all delegates of the European Transport Conference, taking place in September 2025.

“ We look forward to hosting this 53rd annual conference of the Association and showing you what the city has to offer. Things of professional interest in the fields of both transport and urban development, and how they enable and integrate with our socio-economic prosperity and social well-being, make Antwerp a great city to live in and visit. ”





ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

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 encompasses local policy, national and international issues and the planning and execution of projects.

Discussing matters of policy at the highest level, delegates will find the sessions both engaging and inspiring. In some cases basic education and training opportunities are presented, making this truly a conference for all levels of experience.

How is the ETC programme developed?

The conference takes an open, participative approach to the development of its programme. AET Members can join a Programme Committee, where they participate in the selection of abstracts to shape the contents of the conference.

The programme committees also propose broad themes for the upcoming conference to ensure ETC stays topical and focussed on the crucial transport issues of the day.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The conference will be held over three days from Wednesday 17 to Friday 19 September 2025. Networking opportunities and technical visits will be available throughout, with optional social events offered during the evenings.

Stimulating Sessions

A key aspect of the conference is its scope, which covers the whole range of policy implications of research as well as technical details on data analyses or the design and operation of a model. Its reputation has been built on the important collaboration and knowledge transfer between policy, research and practice.

There will be a mix of plenary sessions, some debates and parallel workshop sessions. Each day, there will be a minimum of 9 parallel seminars in sessions of 1.5 or 2 hours, which include three to four papers presented in a themed session. The chair of each session ensures that there is time for questions and discussion of papers. Registered delegates may move freely between seminars.

Special features

- Plenary sessions on key topics, with keynote speeches given by prominent individuals in world transport
- Presentation of over 240 papers
- Pre-conference drinks reception on Tuesday 16 Sept.
- Welcome/Civic Reception on Wednesday 17 Sept.
- Conference Dinner on Thursday 18 Sept.
- Networking with international colleagues

The conference provides a unique opportunity for all participants to engage with wide-ranging transport specialists from around the world and become part of an expert community. During the conference, a dedicated app will also provide a platform to connect with fellow delegates and arrange meetings.

Plenary Speakers

The Association for European Transport is delighted to announce that Filip Boelaert is confirmed as a plenary speaker at ETC 2025. Filip is the Secretary General at the Department of Mobility and Public Works for the Flemish Government.

Conference language

The language of the conference is English and all presentations will be made in English.



SOCIAL EVENTS

In addition to hosting stimulating seminars, the conference also offers ample opportunities to build your network and form long-lasting friendships with transport colleagues from around the globe.

Pre-Conference Drinks 16 September 1830 – 2000 Building K University Campus

Join us for informal drinks at the University on the Tuesday before the conference officially opens. Collect your registration pack in advance and avoid the crowds on Wednesday morning.

Welcome/Civic Reception 17 September 1900 – 2000 Het Steen (Limited Spaces)

This year, a Civic Reception will be jointly hosted by AET and the City of Antwerp at the historic venue of Het Steen. Het Steen is a medieval fortress and boasts the accolade of being the oldest building in the city. Sitting on the bank of the river Scheldt next to the city's busy cruise terminals, it now houses an exhibition on the history of Antwerp.

<https://visit.antwerpen.be/het-steen>

Conference Dinner 18 September 1945 - 2215 at Horta

Following on from the success of last year, Horta has again been selected to host the ever-popular Thursday evening Conference Dinner. Opened in 2000 in the bustling heart of Antwerp, Horta consists of a modern Grand Café and an awe-inspiring Art Nouveau Hall, decorated with iron trusses by renowned Art Nouveau architect Victor Horta.

Both soft drinks and alcoholic drinks are available during the dinner. Please ensure you email sabrina.winter@aetransport.org in advance to order a vegetarian, vegan or special meal pertaining to dietary restrictions.

<https://grandcafehorta.be/>

Technical Visits

Bookings for Technical Visits will open in July. These will include a walking tour and a visit of Antwerp Central Station. More offers will become available at a later time.

Due to limited spaces, delegates must confirm attendance to: sabrina.winter@aetransport.org

BOOKING INFORMATION

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Venue: University of Antwerp, Belgium

Dates: 17 – 19 September 2025

Location

The Association for European Transport is excited to hold ETC 2025 at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. The campus is in the heart of the city centre.

Antwerp is one of the world's major seaports and gained fame as a centre of the diamond industry and fine arts. The University of Antwerp is one of the top universities in Belgium and is characterised by its high standards in education, internationally competitive research and entrepreneurial approach.

Accommodation and travel

Delegates are responsible for their own travel plans and medical insurance. As Antwerp is a prime location, we recommend that ETC attendees book their travel and accommodation as early as possible - see overleaf.

Visa and entry requirements

Delegates who need a visa to attend the conference should ensure they apply early to the Belgian Embassy in their own country as the processing of visas can take some time. The Association is able to write letters in support of visa applications. For more details please email:

sabrina.winter@etransport.org

Attendance fees

Everyone who attends the conference pays the appropriate attendance fee for one, two or three days. This includes speakers and Programme Committee members. Delegates are now invited to book their **3-day place** to benefit from an Early Booking Discount. **The Early Booking Discount applies to delegates booking 3-day attendance only, with payment received by 28 June 2025.** Bookings may be made online at: www.aetransport.org

Membership status	3-Day Attendance	
	GBP	EURO
AET or ECTRI Individual Member	£750	€890
AET or ECTRI Organisation Member	£750	€890
Non-Members	£930	€1100
Full Time Students	£125	€150
Conference Dinner (Special Early Booking Price)	£75	€85

NB: Rates subject to VAT and adjustment

Discount Policies

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 £125 / €150 + VAT for three days. Proof of student status will be required.
- **Discounts for delegates from certain countries** - [More details on the AET website](#)

WHERE TO STAY SPECIAL OFFERS

This year we are pleased to share details of rooms with special discounts, available at a selection of local hotels within easy reach of the University of Antwerp Stadscampus. Our thanks go to the team at the Antwerp Convention Bureau for their assistance in organising this. Please click the button below to access the booking form:

[CLICK HERE TO ENQUIRE](#)

Hampton by Hilton

Pelikaanstraat, 10 - 16, Antwerpen
16 minutes by public transport

NH Collection Antwerp Centre

Pelikaanstraat, 84, Antwerpen
18 minutes by public transport

Motel One

Oever 10/12-14, Antwerp
18 minute walk



PRESENTING OUR ETC 2024 AWARD WINNERS

ETC is the home of four 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. The winner of the Neil Mansfield Award 2024, at the 52nd ETC is **Marco Sala** for the paper:

"Smart Road assessment: analysis of impacts on levels of service, emissions and road safety".

Judges noted that: "This very well-structured paper presents an excellent study, with a robust analysis and bringing a positive contribution to the industry and research on the topic."

- **Jacobs Data Award** for the paper showing the most innovative use of Data in transport policy, practice or research. The winner of the 2024 Jacobs Award is:

"Overcoming Population Bias: Pathways to

Enhance Smartcard Data with Home Location and Trip Purpose Information" by Joe Fenwick of Public Transport Service Planning, Transport for London. This paper was co-authored by **Howard Wong & Sophie Levi-Kallin**.

- **Goudappel Land-Use / Transportation Award** for the best paper presented in the Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport seminar stream. The Goudappel award was awarded to **Carlijn van der Sluijs, Lara Borst and Kobus Zantema** (Working at the municipality of Amsterdam in the Netherlands). Their paper **"Sustainable strategies for urban infrastructure: a data-driven approach to bridge and quay wall restoration in Amsterdam"** was chosen as the unanimous winner.
- ETC 2025 introduces the **Fabio Casiroli Award** for the best paper focusing on the concept of time-based urban mobility, in relation to accessibility, proximity, and social, economic and environmental sustainability. This new award has been sponsored by **Systematica** and is respectfully dedicated to the memory of their founder.

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

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

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SHOWCASE YOUR BRAND!

Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities

ETC provides the perfect platform to show Europe's transport professionals your expert services and specialist products. Exhibition space is available to promote your organisation in the highly popular lunch and networking area. Or place your brand in front of delegates with numerous sponsorship opportunities, including conference bags, seminar sessions, pre-conference drinks, Conference Dinner and Civic Reception. Sponsors logos and weblinks are included on the AET website and in the conference app, and we can also distribute your printed material.

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 to a wider audience?

Or maybe you're looking for the perfect venue to 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 offers the ideal opportunity for your meeting. Let us provide the practical arrangements while you focus on curating the content.

Find out more at our [website](#) or contact Sabrina Winter at: sabrina.winter@aetransport.org

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PROGRAMME COMMITTEES

The twelve Programme Committees shape the conference programme and consist of Association for 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.

The Programme Committees in place for ETC 2025 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

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](#).



MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

AET Membership is open to both individuals and organisations, with a sliding scale of membership fee based upon the size of the organisation. Benefits of membership to our Association include:

- Growing your network with members throughout Europe
- The opportunity to help shape future conferences by participating in programme committees
- Access to AET initiatives and discussion forums through dedicated pages of the AET website
- Discounted rates at the European Transport Conference
- Facilities for publishing and disseminating research findings, and sharing practical experience
- The opportunity to participate in the running of the Association via the Board of Directors and the AET Council

To find out more about how to get involved, please visit the website: www.aetransport.org or contact Sanderijn Baanders: sanderijn.baanders@aetransport.org

The Association General Assembly

The Association for European Transport will hold its General Assembly during the conference.

The annual business of the Association will be conducted and the results of the election of members to the AET Council will be announced.

The General Assembly is open to all who are interested but only current members of the Association are eligible to vote at the meeting.

