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University of Porto, Portugal

GUIDE FOR PARTICIPANTS



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Welcome!

We welcome you as a participant of the European Transport Conference! This guide is to help you prepare for a fruitful and enjoyable conference.

About ETC

The European Transport Conference is Europe's oldest multi-disciplinary, multi-stream annual transport conference. It is organised by the [Association for European Transport](#), a European organisation for transport professionals, academics and policy makers. AET promotes networking and exchange of ideas, information and opportunities. For more information on AET and [membership benefits](#), please check out our website.

Need help?

If any questions remain leading up to the conference, after consulting this guide, please feel free to contact the [conference team](#) for assistance. We are happy to help! You can also join our online '*ask us anything*' session on Friday 28 August 16.00 CET (invitation with link will be sent out in August).

Mobile hotline for URGENT queries during the conference

Please WhatsApp +44 (0) 7435 261 853 or email sabrina.winter@aetransport.org.

Conference Basics

- Conference dates: Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 September 2026 (welcome drinks on the evening of Tuesday 8 September)
- Venue: [Faculty of Engineering \(FEUP\), University of Porto, R. Dr. Roberto Frias s/n, 4200-465 Porto, Portugal](#)
- For the registration desk, enter the building through the main entrance and turn right and follow the signs.

How to get to the venue



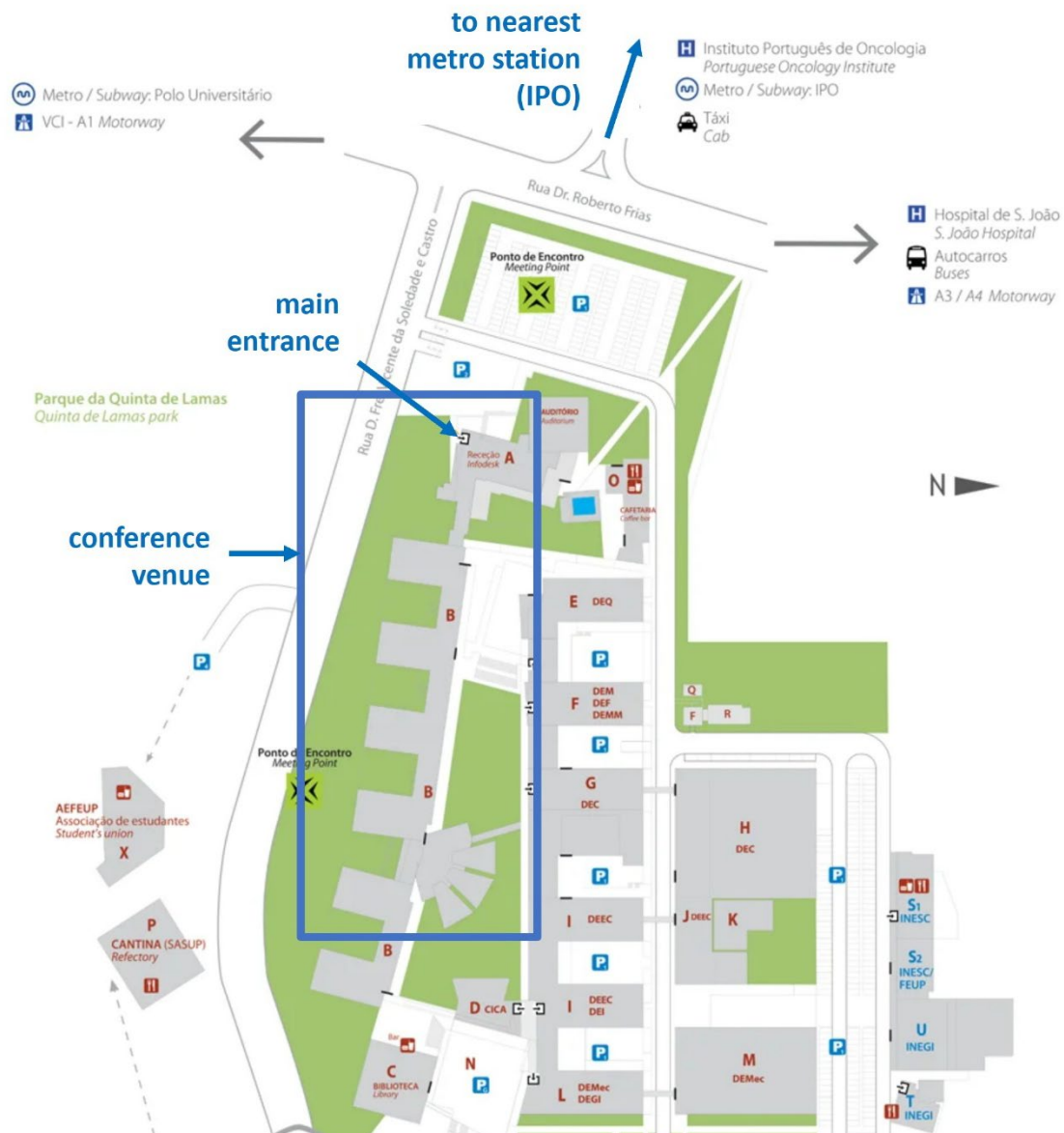
The Faculty of Engineering (FEUP) is located North of the city centre on metro line D (yellow). This line connects the university campus with the city centre in about 15 minutes. Connections with lines A (blue), B (red), C (green), E (purple) and F (orange) can be made at Trindade station.

The nearest metro stop for the FEUP building is IPO. Leaving the IPO station, you walk the whole length of Rua do Dr Plácido da Costa and cross Dr Roberto Frias Street. This is a 10 minute walk. You are now in front of the FEUP building.

See the [university website](#) for more detailed information on reaching the campus.

Map of the venue

The conference will take place in parts A and B of the FEUP building, indicated on the map below. This includes the opening session, all parallel and special sessions, the exhibition space and several social events. The conference dinner, the Moving with Pride drinks and the ETC run will take place elsewhere (information provided below).



Conference app

We have a conference app containing the full programme, timetable updates, real-time notifications, delegate information and direct messaging options. The app is available for Android and iOS. Your unique login details and download information will be sent out by email late August.

Registration & identification

- The registration desk will be located in part B of the building, straight after entering this part of the building coming from the entrance. Signs will guide your way.
- Registration desk opening times:
 - Tuesday 8 September 1200 – 2000
 - Wednesday 9 September 0830 – 1800
 - Thursday 10 September 0830 – 1800
 - Friday 11 September 0830 – 1600
- All delegates and speakers must register at the registration desk to collect their name badge and other conference material.
- Please wear your name badge during the Conference and at evening events. This way you can identify registered delegates and it helps to get to know one another. Entry to the seminars is for badge-holders only.

Conference programme

- The full conference programme is available on [our website](#) and in the app.
- A leaflet with the outline of the timetable can be obtained at the registration desk for those preferring a printed overview. Please note we do not provide printed full programmes.
- The Conference opens on Wednesday 9 September with a welcome address and opening plenary from 09.00-10.30 in the Auditorium.
- The parallel sessions will take place in teaching rooms in part B of the building (see map above). Most sessions consist of multiple presentations. Some sessions are workshops or discussions and there is a TMF debate on Wednesday evening before the civic reception. See the app for more information.
- In the exhibition space, stretching the corridor of area B, conference sponsors and exhibitors have stands where you can get information on their activities, services and products.
- See below for an overview of the conference schedule (subject to changes).

Catering and refreshments

- Tea/coffee breaks and lunch are included in the conference fee.
- Lunch will be served 13.00-14.30 on Wednesday and Thursday and 12.30-14.00 on Friday.
- Please inform [Sabrina Winter](#) of any dietary requirements in advance and find her onsite if catering liaison is required.

Accessibility and/or dietary requirements

Please inform [Sabrina Winter](#) before the conference if you have any specific accessibility or dietary requirements, so we can make sure these are provided.

Internet access

WiFi is available at the venue. Please obtain your login details from the registration desk. If you have access to Eduroam, you will not need a venue login.

Overview of conference schedule

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 8 September	18.30-20.00	<i>Ice Breaker Reception</i>
Wednesday 9 September	9.00-10.30	Opening plenary
	10.30-11.00	Coffee break
	11.00-13.00	Session 1
	13.00-14.30	Lunch & AET assembly
	14.30-16.00	Session 2
	16.00-16.30	Coffee break
	16.30-18.00	Session 3
	18.00-19.00	TMF debate
	19.00-20.	<i>Porto d'Honra (civic reception)</i>
	21.00-23.00	<i>Moving with Pride drinks</i>
Thursday 10 September	7.00-8.00	<i>ETC running club</i>
	9.00-10.30	Session 4
	10.30-11.00	Coffee break
	11.00-13.00	Session 5
	13.00-14.30	Lunch
	14.30-16.00	Session 6
	16.00-16.30	Coffee break
	16.30-18.00	Session 7
	20.00-23.00	<i>Conference dinner</i>
Friday 11 September	9.30-11.00	Session 8
	11.00-11.30	Coffee break
	11.30-12.30	Session 9
	12.30- 14.00	Lunch
	14.00-15.30	Session 10
	15.30-16.00	Coffee break
	16.00-17.30	Session 11

Social events in italics

Abstracts and Papers

- The abstracts are available before the conference and can be accessed from [our website](#) by those registered as a user. If authors have provided a full paper and/or presentation, these will also be available on the website.
- Full instructions will be sent to all delegates when the abstracts and papers are available.

Technical visits

- The conference offers several technical visits and additional offers may be added. Please check out [our website](#) for the full list of technical visits on offer.
- To participate in our technical visits on offer, please make your reservation by email to [Sabrina Winter](#). A confirmed reservation will guarantee your place. Last minute bookings can be made at the conference registration desk, but the visit of your choice may be fully booked.
- Note that some technical visits are free, for others we charge an additional fee.

- Please meet at the registration desk 10 minutes before the indicated start of the technical visit, unless specified otherwise.

Social programme

- We consider networking and social interaction an important part of the conference. Various [social networking activities](#) are available for delegates to take part in throughout the conference.
- Ice Breaker Reception - Tuesday 8 September 18.30 – 20.00 at the conference venue (complimentary, just walk in)
- Porto d'Honra (welcome reception) - Wednesday 9 September 19.00 – 20.00 at the conference venue (complimentary, registration required)
- Moving with Pride drinks (gathering celebrating our LGBTQI+ community and their allies, open to all) – Wednesday 9 September 21.00 onwards at [Bar of Soap](#), Rua do Bolhão, 132, Porto (drinks/food at your own expense, please RSVP via link in the conference app)
- ETC Running club – Thursday 10 September 7.00-8.00 – meet in front of [Camara Municipal do Porto](#) (please [register](#) your participation)
- Conference Dinner with Pre-Dinner Drinks - Thursday 10 September 19.45 -22.15 at [Casa Ferreirinha](#) (additional fee, registration required). Please ensure you e-mail [Sabrina Winter](#) in advance to order a vegetarian, vegan or meal pertaining to dietary restrictions. Drinks (soft drinks and wine) are included with the dinner.

Exhibitors and sponsors

- ETC provides exhibition space in the delegate coffee, lunch and networking area.
- ETC would like to thank our local host, local partners, sponsors, supporters and exhibitors:
 - [FEUP - Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto](#)
 - [Municipality of Porto](#)
 - [Republica Portuguesa](#)
 - [CITTA](#)
 - [Accent](#)
 - [ADPL - Port de Leixões](#)
 - [ANSR](#)
 - [ARUP](#)
 - [Ascendi](#)
 - [Autosup and AutoMoTIF](#)
 - [Bentley](#)
 - [BIKINNOV](#)
 - [Caliper](#)
 - [CEiiA](#)
 - [CitiEu/CitiME](#)
 - [CRUSOE](#)
 - [ECTRI](#)
 - [Fleetfor55, Pioneers & Foremast](#)
 - [Goudappel](#)
 - [Grupo Brisa](#)
 - [IMT](#)
 - [INESC TEC](#)
 - [ITS Portugal](#)

- [Jacobs](#)
- [Journal of Urban Mobility](#)
- [LNEC & University of Minho](#)
- [MIC-HUB](#)
- [Mobito](#)
- [NET Engineering](#)
- [OPT](#)
- [Porto Digital](#)
- [PTV Group](#)
- [Société des Grands Projets](#)
- [Soltráfego](#)
- [STCP](#)
- [STPC Serviços](#)
- [Systemica](#)
- [TIS](#)
- [TPS Pro](#)
- [Trenmo](#)
- [VDI-VDE](#)
- [WeeDRIVE](#)
- For more information on exhibition or sponsoring opportunities, please check out [our website](#) or contact [Sabrina Winter](#).

AET general assembly

- The Association for European Transport, the organisation behind the ETC conference, holds its yearly General Assembly during the conference. This meeting will take place on Wednesday lunchtime from 1300-1430.

Awards

ETC is the home of five [awards](#):

- The [Goudappel](#) Award for the best paper written for and presented in the Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport seminar.
- The [Jacobs](#) Data Award for the best paper demonstrating the most innovative use of data.
- The Neil Mansfield Award for the best paper from a sole author aged 35 or under
- The Fabio Casiroli Award for the best paper focusing on the concept of time-based urban mobility, sponsored by [Systematica](#)
- The Diversity & Inclusion Award for the best paper related to this topic, sponsored by [MIC-HUB](#)

Social media

- We are grateful for any social media exposure we can get from conference participants during ETC. We encourage you to post about your participation and/or presentation. Feel free to post before, during or after the conference.
- Photos are a great eyecatcher for a post, but please make sure you have permission of everyone in the photo you would like to post online.
- Our main social platform is LinkedIn. You can find us here to tag: [Association for European Transport \(AET\)](#).

- Should you write any posts about the conference online, be sure to use our hashtag **#etcPorto2026** in order to link to our other posts.
- AET has stopped their activities on X, as this platform no longer aligns with our values. You are welcome to post on X, however, you will not be able to link to a conference or AET account.

Travel to Porto over land

- Although we understand this option is not available to all of our delegates, we encourage you to travel to Porto by train or bus if possible.
- International tickets for train and/or bus can be booked through a number of online platforms, such as [Omio](#), [RailEurope](#) and [Trainline](#), or obtained from train operators like [CP](#), [RENFE](#) and [AVE](#). You can also travel to Porto with international bus lines such as [Flixbus](#) or [ALSA](#).
- For more information on international train travel, check out the website [The Man in Seat Sixty-One](#).

Travel to Porto by air

- [Porto's airport](#) provides connections all over Europa and overseas.
- There are several [public transport options](#) from the airport to the city centre.
 - By metro: line E takes you directly into the city centre. You can change at Trindade for metro D to the university campus.
 - By bus: there are several busses and shuttle services available, to destinations both within and further from the city centre. To travel straight to the university campus, you will have to change. Check google maps or similar travel planners for available connections as this differs depending on arrival time.
- Alternative airport would be [Lisbon airport](#). There are both train and bus connections from Lisbon to Porto. The trip takes about 4 hours.

Travel in Porto

The public transport system in Porto uses the [Andante](#) card to pay for trips. You can purchase a blue card, which is valid for one year and can be topped up and used for individual trips. You can also purchase a Andante tour ticket (€7.75 for 24 hours or €16.55 for 72 hours after first validation). This card cannot be topped up.

Where to Stay in Porto

- If you prefer to stay near the venue, the IBIS Porto Sao Joao hotel is closest, within easy walking distance (located on the route between the IPO metro station and the FEUP building).
- Staying in the city centre offers more opportunities for evening activities close to your hotel. Choosing a hotel near Trindade metro station provides you with the easiest connection to the venue.

Medical insurance

We advise you to take out travel and medical insurance. Those from EU countries will need a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to obtain health care in Portugal. The card can be obtained from government health departments or your health insurance in all EU countries.

Visas

If you need a visa to attend the conference please apply as soon as possible to the Portuguese embassy in your country, as the processing of visas can take some time. We can provide letters in support of visa applications if you have booked and paid for your conference place. Please contact [Sabrina Winter](#).

Feedback

We welcome all feedback, as it helps us to shape the content, style, and organisation of our events. A questionnaire will be emailed to you after the conference asking for your comments on the content of the conference, its relevance to needs and expectations and the overall administration. We would be very grateful if you could complete this questionnaire.