



European Transport Conference 2012  
8-10 October 2012 - Glasgow, Scotland, UK



Call for Papers and Preliminary Information



The interface of research, policy and practice in transport

## Introduction

The demands on Europe's transport systems continue to both increase and change as a result of a number of factors. Such change demands innovative and practical responses. As transport practitioners and researchers throughout Europe respond to the challenges of economic decline and growth, social change, demographics and the need to become more sustainable, the European Transport Conference is the forum for the presentation of and discussion on robust and affordable responses.

For those involved in transport planning, research and practice, 2012 will prove to be yet another challenge to their skills. Transport plays a key role in regeneration and there will be particular pressure to produce innovative and cost-effective solutions to congestion, safety and travel behaviour change at a time of major budget constraint. ETC 2012 will focus on the needs of all those who are attempting to come up with practical answers based on experience throughout Europe.

Celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012, the Conference is unique in Europe, attracting around 400 transport practitioners and researchers to an event where they can find in-depth presentations on policy issues, best practice and research findings across a broad spectrum of transport modes.

## The Association for European Transport

The Association for European Transport has been responsible for the organisation of the Conference, which has been held annually since 1973. It is the Association's aim to promote and maintain a pan-European understanding of transport issues along with its members who form a network of transport professionals across Europe.





## Conference Themes for 2012

The Association is keen that the papers presented at the Conference address themes of relevance to the transport policy agenda in Europe and worldwide.

The Association has identified the following themes which the Conference should address in 2012 and contributors are asked to offer abstracts under these headings. Offers of papers on other topics will also be accommodated and authors should not feel constrained by this list:

- [Low emission vehicles – providing infrastructure and achieving higher levels of usage](#)
- Issues in the challenge of the movement of goods and people across long distances
- [Changes in travel behaviour and demand patterns during changing economic times](#)
- Climate change and extreme weather conditions – lessons to be learned and how to plan for an uncertain future
- [How to minimize social exclusion in times of economic hardship](#)
- The response of transport planning to the rise of social media
- [Bus Rapid Transit and Personal Rapid Transit – the future of public transport?](#)

- New approaches and applications in modelling
- [City logistics – what difference does e-shopping make?](#)
- How can reduced transport infrastructure funding provide an opportunity to shift attention to lower-cost but more environmentally friendly projects?
- [Challenges faced in providing for leisure and tourism in an economic downturn](#)
- Achieving the goals of the Decade of Action for Road Safety

The Association will also select some topics for sessions which will consist of invited speakers, possibly from outside the immediate family of transport professionals, who will challenge our thinking.

The Association will also identify topics of current interest for the three plenary sessions to be held at the start of each day.

## Abstract Submission

You are invited to submit an abstract based on one of the above themes or on one of your choice but please bear in mind that the main focus of the conference sessions will be on the broad themes above. The deadline for abstract submissions is the 12 February 2012.

## Submission of Abstracts

The normal submission method is via the Association web site: [www.aetransport.org](http://www.aetransport.org) by 12 February 2012. You will need to register once as an author and then you can submit as many abstracts as you wish.

Abstracts must be from 250 to 750 words in length and they 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. Some background information on the projects to which abstracts refer is also useful.

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 of Acceptance

If your abstract is accepted, you will be notified

by 11 May 2012 and your name will appear in the confirmed programme for the conference.

This is a binding commitment and you will be required to:

- Attend the conference and present the paper
- Submit the full written paper by 7 September 2012, having obtained permission to publish data if necessary
- Submit copies of your presentation slides for checking by 1 October 2012
- Submit a booking form and make the necessary payment by 1 August 2012. If your attendance is in any doubt, you are asked to inform the organisers at the earliest opportunity. This is a prestigious conference and non-attendance has a negative impact on delegates.

## 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 and the likely conclusions to be reached when the paper is submitted (September 2012) and presented (October 2012).

## Programme Committees

The Programme Committees in place for the 2012 Conference are:

- European Transport Policy and Research
- Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport
- Methodological Innovations
- Applied Methods in Transport Planning
- Transport Economics and Appraisal
- Traffic Management, Engineering and Road Safety
- Local Public Transport
- Rail
- Freight and Logistics
- Leisure and Tourism Transport

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### ETC – not just a conference for researchers

There are those who consider ETC to be a conference for researchers. Research sessions are an important element, but the Conference's reputation has been built on the interface between research, policy and practice. Speakers are asked to draw out the policy implications of research – not to concentrate on the design and operation of a model, for example. Equally, practitioners and policy makers are encouraged to relate their presentations to the research behind the implementation of schemes and policies.

The Conference has built its reputation on the excellence of presentations and papers and the fact that all delegates are involved in the dissemination of transport research, the formulation of policy and the implementation of those policies and practices. It presents a great opportunity for networking and forming career-spanning professional relationships. Although 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.

The Conference has up to 10 seminars running simultaneously each day allowing delegates access to a range of sessions - there is freedom to choose between all the sessions on offer. The chairman of each session is asked to make sure there is ample time for discussion of papers and questions and each day has time set aside for networking opportunities.

### Transferring Knowledge between Research and Practice

The range of topics and the multi-seminar approach makes ETC unique among transport conferences held in Europe. The Conference programme covers supranational issues, national and local policy, and the implementation of projects at a local level. Issues of key importance are picked out each year for special examination and will be introduced in daily plenary sessions.

### Profile of Delegates and Speakers

The Conference attracts transport planners and engineers; local, regional and central government officers; public transport planners and operators; providers of technical advice and consultancy; policy makers, researchers and academics; those who evaluate and finance projects.





## Format of the Conference

The Conference will be held over three days from Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 October 2012. Working hours will be from 0900 to 1830. In the evenings, optional social events and networking opportunities will be offered.

A plenary session will be held each day. These present an opportunity to invite keynote speakers and to hold panel sessions which deal with key critical topics, affecting transport across Europe, that are of interest to all delegates.

Each day will have 3 sessions of up to 2 hours with up to 4 papers presented in each session (minimum of 10 minutes discussion on each). Up to 10 sessions will be held simultaneously so delegates can choose to listen to papers ranging from in-depth discussion of general policy at local,

national and supranational levels to research methods and the implementation of projects.

An attractive package is available to encourage attendance for the full three days of the Conference. To maximise networking opportunities offered by the event, it is hoped that delegates will attend for the whole Conference. However, attendance on single days is also possible. The conference "Rover" ticket also allows organisations to book for the full three days and send a different delegate on separate days.

## Awards

Each year, AET makes a number of prestigious awards to recognise the best papers presented at the European Transport Conference. Papers considered for these awards will be reviewed by a subject-panel made up of senior

academics and professionals from across the transport community.

The awards for the 2012 Conference are:  
Neil Mansfield Award for the best paper by a sole author aged 35 or under.

Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport Programme Committee Award on sustainable land-use/transport solutions, sponsored by Halcrow.

Emerald's Tourism Review Award for the best leisure and tourism paper, sponsored by Emerald Group Publishing Ltd

To be eligible for any of the awards you must have submitted an abstract by the deadline of 12 February 2012. You can submit your paper for one or more of the awards.

## 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.

## 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 following discounts will be available to attendance fees:

50% discount is available for attendees

- from new member states of the European Union (those who joined in 2004 and 2007)
- Young professionals (under the age of 26)

The fees for the Conference will be confirmed in April 2012.

### The fees for 2011 for one-day attendance were:

AET Individual member	£285 / EUR 315
AET Organisation member	£270 / EUR 300
Non member	£315 / EUR 350

Booking packages will be available for 3-day attendance and for multiple bookings. Speakers and Programme Committee members will be able to take advantage of a discounted early booking incentive for booking and payment before the end of May 2012.

For information about becoming a member of the Association for European Transport, please visit [www.aetransport.org](http://www.aetransport.org)



## Project Meetings

In recent years, a number of research consortia and other project groups have held their management or dissemination meetings during or adjoining the Conference. This can prove to be a convenient time if a number of the group members already plan to attend the Conference. If you would like to consider this option, please contact [Allison Glandfield](mailto:Allison.Glandfield@aetransport.org) at [allison.glandfield@aetransport.org](mailto:allison.glandfield@aetransport.org)

## Sponsorship and Exhibition

There are opportunities to sponsor all or part of the Conference such as the plenary sessions, internet café, themed seminars, the Conference Dinner, wine reception, conference bags, mini guide, the timetable and conference badges. There will also be space for exhibition displays at reasonable rates.

If you would like to discuss the advantages of sponsorship and receive a schedule of what is available, please contact [Allison Glandfield](mailto:Allison.Glandfield@aetransport.org) at [allison.glandfield@aetransport.org](mailto:allison.glandfield@aetransport.org)

## The Association for European Transport

The Association was formed in 1998, to take over the organisation of this Conference, which has been held annually since 1973, and to develop a network of transport professionals across Europe. There are over 300 members and new members are always welcome. Members receive discounts on publications and on attendance at the European Transport Conference and, more particularly, they are able to shape the Conference by becoming members of the Programme Committees and of the Association Council.

There are two types of membership: Individual and Organisation. The Association encourages membership from individuals and organisations who pay according to a sliding scale of membership fees based on the size of the organisation.

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