

## ETC - Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum

### *The Idea*

The [European Transport Conference \(ETC\)](#) 2013 is taking place **September 30 to October 2 at Goethe University in Frankfurt/Main (Germany)**, hosted by the Association for European Transport (AET) and local partners. For the first time, ETC 2013 will include a special format for young professionals. Early career researchers and practitioners are invited to present their work to the participants of the European Transport Conference. The Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum (YRPF) is organized by young professionals, too. **Early-stage and experimental projects and research ideas are explicitly welcome.** The forum is intended to provide a format which enables constructive and comprehensive feedback as well as more time for discussion than usual.

### *The Call for Papers*

## **New Patterns of Travel Behaviour and Transport Opportunities – European Perspectives from Young Professionals**

Recent socio-economic trends such as the **growing internationalization and pluralisation of governance and lifestyle patterns** are leading to remarkable consequences in the field of transportation. Travel patterns are becoming much more complex and individualized. Furthermore, **technological innovations** extend the possibilities of transport planning and travel mode choice. The dramatic rise of the availability of mobile digital devices has encouraged the emergence of new and more flexible forms of transport supply and demand.

These developments raise **exciting questions**, such as: What are the social and economic drivers of these new configurations? Which theories and models are adequate to explain them? How can case studies exemplify these general developments for specific contexts? Which methods and empirical designs provide insights into these new patterns of transport and mobility? How stable are these trends and will they lead to a transformation of whole transport systems? What are the possible social, political and spatial outcomes of these developments? How should transport policy and city planning react to these trends?

We are looking forward to receiving contributions from **multiple perspectives** such as **all disciplines involved in transport research** (e.g. planning, economics, social science, and engineering), **transport planning and consulting**. Therefore, we divided the call for papers into three sections, which are highly interwoven with each other. The Young Researcher and Practitioner Forum is organized into several sessions. The sessions will focus on emerging themes in transport research, such as:

### **1. New Patterns of Travel Behaviour**

The internationalisation of economic and cultural orientations is giving rise to more complex and expanded travel patterns. More and more people are developing **highly mobile lifestyles**, business travellers and tourists using low-cost-carriers are only two prominent examples for this phenomenon. Couples living apart together or consultants working in various cities in one week indicate that these travel patterns are often bound to numerous locations. At the same time, travel

surveys from different countries illustrate, that young people, especially in urban areas, tend to be **less car-oriented and more open to multimodal services than their parents**. Correspondingly, the modal **share of cycling is growing** in many European countries. We are looking forward to contributions shedding light on these and other emerging travel patterns.

## **2. New Forms of Transport Innovation**

Driven by technological innovation and new travel patterns various new transport services have arisen in the last years. Services such as **car sharing, bicycle hire schemes and ride sharing programs** are likely to reach a new dimension. Digital devices making the use of such services more convenient, the **liberalization of transport markets** and the **emergence of new players** facilitate a more complex and comprehensive supply. It will be interesting to see if these innovations will lead to a separation of ownership and usage of transport modes and more multimodal travel patterns. We are happy to receive abstracts from practitioners involved in the design and operation of such new services as well as from researchers analysing the impact of these new forms of transport supply.

## **3. New Forms of Transport Policy**

Last but not least, new forms of organising transport have emerged. Public authorities and private companies are cooperating to create comprehensive **mobility schemes, which go beyond a strict separation of public and private transport**. Similarly **new forms of participation** and addressing potential users are arising. In this context, social media and travel demand management play an important role. Furthermore, it has become apparent that large-scale-infrastructure projects such as airports, stations and tunnels can only be successful if **new and intensive forms of participation and communication** are established. We are looking forward to receiving abstracts on practice and research oriented approaches to this topic.

We invite contributions from **young professionals (PhD candidates, postdocs  $\leq$  3 years after PhD, practitioners  $\leq$  6 years of work experience)**. Please submit your abstract (250 to 500 words) for a 15min presentation, including your name and affiliation, by **June 1, 2013**. E-Mail for submission: **[yrbf@geo.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:yrbf@geo.uni-frankfurt.de)**.

You will receive the decision upon your abstract until June 30, 2013. After acceptance the optional submission of a full paper is welcome. Details on this will be provided after acceptance. **AET offers very attractive attendance options** to participants accepted to YRPF.

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