TRA

Press Kit

Basic Info

The Transport Research Arena (TRA) is Europe's flagship transport research and innovation conference, initiated by the European Commission and key stakeholders. It is the largest European conference of its kind, covering all transport modes and mobility aspects.

As a premier forum for European transport innovation, TRA 2026 gathers academia, industry, policymakers, and civil society to shape the future of transport research. The 2026 edition, hosted in Budapest, will showcase European and global know-how and put the spotlight on young researchers and next-generation solutions. The theme, Re-Generation in Transport, reflects a collective call for renewal in response to social, environmental, and technological challenges. It focuses on engaging the next generation of thinkers, innovators, and leaders to drive transformation toward cleaner, more efficient, and forward-looking transport systems.

When: 18-21. May 2026
Where: Hungexpo Budapest Convention and Exhibition Center, 10. Albertirsa street, Budapest, H-1101
How to attend: Daily and 4 Day Passes for delegates, students, speakers and exhibitors are available on the TRA website. For **Press Accreditation**, please contact us at info@traconference.eu

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TRA 2024 Dublin, TRA 2022 Lisbon, TRA 2018 Vienna

TRA 2026 in numbers

- 4 days of presentations, plenary, technical, strategic and special sessions
  - 70 scientific & technical sessions, 12 strategic sessions, 30 special sessions
- A 30 000 m^2 arena, showcasing technologies, prototypes and interactive experiences
- About 3000 industry experts from 69 countries
- More than 100 exhibitors
- 1573+ abstracts, 4088 authors

Program Highlights

TRA 2026 will feature a dynamic and forward-looking program designed to spark ideas, showcase innovation, and inspire collaboration. Over four days, participants will engage in a rich mix of technical sessions, policy discussions, and interactive demonstrations, covering every mode and aspect of transport from advanced vehicle technologies and smart infrastructure to logistics, energy transition, and urban mobility.

The conference will also include a large-scale Exhibition area where research meets real-world application. Here, organizations and companies will present cutting-edge solutions and prototypes that bring the future of mobility to life. Live demonstrations and test zones will allow participants to experience the latest innovations first-hand.

A special highlight of the event will be the TRA VISIONS Awards, honoring both young and senior researchers whose pioneering work drives progress across Europe's transport ecosystem. The awards celebrate creativity, excellence, and collaboration.

Organizers and Stakeholders

Hosted by:
- Ministry of Construction and Transport
- Hungarian Public Roads (Magyar Közút)

Co-organised by:
- European Commission

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- Hungarian Public Roads
- KTI
- Ectri
- Budapest University of Technology and Economics - BME
- Széchenyi Egyetem - University of Győr
- UCD Dublin
- FEHRL
- BKK Centre for Budapest Transport
- KTE

Together with key TRA Stakeholders:
- Acare - Advisory Council for Aviation Research and Innovation
- ECTP - European Construction and sustainable built environment Technology Platform
- ETRA - European Transport Research Alliance
- Alice - Alliance for Logistics Innovation through Collaboration in Europe
- CEDR - Conference of European Directors of Roads
- ERRAC - The European Rail Research Advisory Council
- ERTRAC - European Road Transport Research Advisory Council
- Waterborne

Conference Topics

TRA 2026 focuses on four fundamental topics: User Centered Mobility; Green Mobility and Decarbonization; Planning and Operation; and Transport Digitalization

User Centered Mobility

Transport Policy: policy innovation, regulatory frameworks, environmental policy, mobility transition, transport funding, transport financing, long-term transportation strategies, rural mobility

Transport Safety: road, railway, aviation, and waterborne safety, collision prevention, protective safety, traffic safety analysis, safety of cyclists and micro-mobility users, safe multimodal systems, infrastructure safety

Inclusive Mobility: accessibility, elderly mobility, inclusive transport planning, social equity, transport poverty, accessible public transport, door-to-door mobility, mobility as a right

Active Travel Modes: walking, cycling, pedestrian infrastructure, bike lanes, greenways, walkability, micromobility, sustainable active mobility, multimodal integration, adaptation of stations

Shared Mobility Solutions: ridesharing, bike-sharing, scooter-sharing, car-sharing, shared mobility platforms, urban mobility hubs, on-demand mobility, multimodal integration

Green Mobility and Decarbonization

Zero-Emission Vehicles: including all modes, battery and fuel cell technologies, zero-emission trucks, buses, trains, and vessels, electric vehicles, green policy and regulations, e-mobility

Electrification and Alternative Fuels: charging infrastructure, smart electric supply and grids, hydrogen fuel cells and engines, biofuels, renewable energy integration, energy storage, sustainable fuels for aviation and maritime

Greening Freight Transport: sustainable freight transport, low-emission urban logistics, noise, aerodynamics, externalities, freight transport decarbonization, intermodality, rail freight, waterways, logistics

Circular Economy: resource efficiency, life cycle management, recycling and reusage, circular supply chains and efficient reverse logistics, zero waste strategies, life cycle assessment, products eco-design

Climate Neutral and Smart Cities: smart cities, climate neutrality, urban decarbonization, sustainable urban planning, energy efficiency, smart city technologies, smart stations, ports, and airports, logistics hubs, urban space management

Planning and Operation

Resilient Transport Systems: climate change-resilient infrastructure, cybersecure ecosystems, adaptive transport systems, extreme weather adaptation, resilient urban mobility, logistics networks, rerouting, risk management

Urban Infrastructure Management: transportation planning, congestion management, urban infrastructure, land use, curbside management, parking management, water mobility

Innovative Logistics Solutions: zero-emission and long-distance freight transport, city logistics, last mile logistics, sustainable and intelligent logistics, logistics hubs, ports and airports, reverse logistics, waterborne logistics

Decision Support Analysis: multi-criteria decision analysis, decision-making models, decision support systems, expert systems, criteria optimization

Transportation Economics: transportation financing, pricing strategies in transportation, infrastructure investment, externalities in transportation, competitiveness

Transport Digitalization

Automated Mobility: autonomous cars, trucks, trains and vessels, V2X communication, advanced driver assistance systems, automated traffic management, perception systems, digital twins, software defined vehicles

Connected Transport Systems: connected mobility, connected vehicle networks, Internet of Things, real-time data sharing, wireless communication, emerging technologies, river information services, data exchange

Big Data Analysis: traffic flow analysis, real-time data processing and forecasting, geospatial data analysis, pattern recognition, machine learning, artificial intelligence, mobility data spaces

Mobility as a Service: integrated mobility platforms, multimodal transportation, data integration, digital mobility services, urban mobility innovation, sustainable mobility solutions, urban air mobility

Predictive Transport Solutions: predictive analytics, traffic prediction, traffic management, route optimization, simulation and optimization, adaptive systems, weather routing

Program Overview

For more details, please visit the Program Overview at traconference.eu

DAY 01

18/05/2026 Monday

8:45-10:15	Technical session 1
10:15-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:00	Opening ceremony / Exhibition opening
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	TRA 2026 industrial round table
14:00-15:00	Plenary session 1 - Governance of research and innovation: from fundamental research to deployment
15:00-15:30	Coffee break / High level exhibition tour
15:30-17:00	**Strategic session 1.1** - Tackling transport poverty through seamless and sustainable mobility **Strategic session 1.2** - From research to the deployment of safety measures in road transport system **Strategic session 1.3** - Future skills and workforce for a green, digital, and competitive transport sector
17:00-17:30	Technical break
17:30-19:00	Technical session 2 / Special session 1
19:00-22:00	**Young Researchers Rooftop Party**

DAY 02

19/05/2026 Tuesday

9:00-10:00	Plenary session 2 - Competitiveness of the EU industry for the green transition
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-12:00	**Strategic session 2.1** - Accelerating the deployment of recharging infrastructure for electric vehicles: challenges and opportunities **Strategic session 2.2** - Clean ports and airports: sustainable alternative fuels and energy hubs **Strategic session 2.3** - Zero emission mobility in urban areas - pathways to sustainable urban mobility
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Poster presentation 1
14:00-15:30	Technical session 3 / Special session 2
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:30	Technical session 4 / Special session 3
19:00-22:00	**Gala dinner**

DAY 03

20/05/2026 Wednesday

9:00-10:00	Plenary session 3 - Resilience of transport systems
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-12:00	**Strategic session 3.1** - Strategic imperatives for Europe's transport infrastructure in a changing hazards landscape **Strategic session 3.2** - Accelerating the circular transformation of transport industries in the EU **Strategic session 3.3** - Multimodal mobility services for passengers and goods in suburban and rural areas
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Poster presentation 2
14:00-15:30	Technical session 5 / Special session 4
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:30	Technical session 6 / Special session 5
19:00-22:00	B2B events and social dinners

DAY 04

21/05/2026 Thursday

9:00-10:00	Plenary session 4 - Digitalisation of the transport sector
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-12:00	**Strategic session 4.1** - Integration of automated and connected vehicles in the transport system **Strategic session 4.2** - Leveraging the power of digitalization for efficient logistics **Strategic session 4.3** - The role of Artificial Intelligence for smart mobility systems
12:00-12:30	Technical break
12:30-13:30	**Closing session**
13:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:30	Poster presentation 3
15:30-17:00	Technical session 7 / Special session 6