

PRESS RELEASE

Transport Research Arena 2022 kicks off in Lisbon

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The 9th edition of the Transport Research Arena (TRA) started today at the Lisbon Congress Centre. TRA is the largest European research and technology conference on transport and mobility, bringing together Portuguese and international experts to discuss the future of mobility.

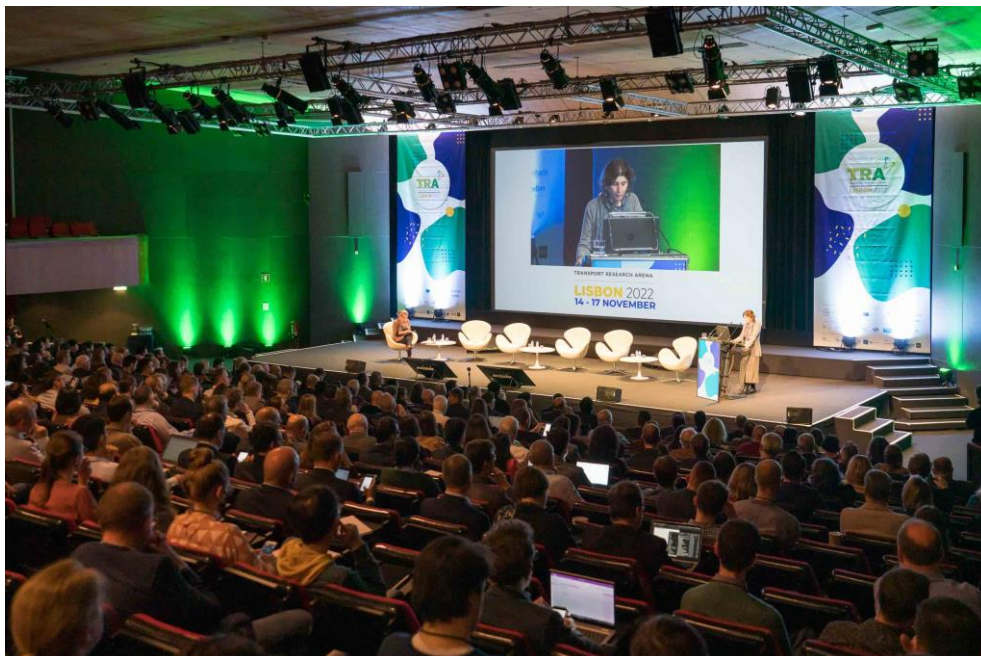


Image 1 - Opening Ceremony

"Technology is not an issue, we have a lot of technology available, but there are a lot of problems, such as regulatory frameworks or business models. We don't have to be smart just in technology, we need to find smarter, better models. For me, working together is the smartest way to address this issue. Technology is not the main bottleneck of the green transition," said Joana Mendonça, president of ANI (Portugal's National Agency), at the opening of this year's edition, where more than 2,000 participants are registered.



Image 2 - Opening Ceremony

Portugal's Minister of Infrastructure and Housing, Pedro Nuno Santos, joined the opening and stressed the need to put mobility structures at the service of citizens, namely those that are abandoned, with the aim of reducing the use of private transport.

"Decarbonising mobility is not as straightforward as replacing petrol-powered cars with electric and hydrogen cars. Electric cars may take up to 9 years to offset the CO2 emitted during its production. We need to invest in more circularity and new materials," stressed Pedro Nuno Santos.

The first morning of TRA 2022 was also marked by the exhibition's official inauguration.

With over 7,000 m², this area will be, throughout the next four days, the home of major national and international references in the mobility sector. The exhibition area includes several areas, such as an interactive space for innovative projects, start-ups, International Partners and another one dedicated exclusively to national entities, called Portugal Corner.

TRA 2022 takes place at the Lisbon Congress Center until the 17th of November.



Image 3 - Minister of Infrastructure and Housing, Pedro Nuno Santos