POLIS26
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2 - 3 December 2026
Brussels, Belgium



DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

AGENDA OVERVIEW

Tuesday 01/12	9.00 - 12.00	**SIDE EVENTS:** Active Travel & Health X Smart Mobility & Traffic System Working Group meeting (POLIS members only) Urban Nodes Taskforce X Capitals Working Group meeting (POLIS members only) RESKILLING Workshop STEER-NWE Workshop							
	12.00 - 18.30	**POLIS General Assembly (GA)** (POLIS members only)							
	19.00	**Members Dinner: Sponsored by ACEM** (POLIS members only)							
Wednesday 02/12	8.00	Registration and Welcome Coffee							
	9.00	**Parallel Sessions I:**							
		1A. Walking first	1B. Navigating the network: The evolving role of traffic management	1C. Powering cities: From electric fleets to flexible energy systems	1D. From baby to boomer: Mobility across generations	1E. The power of parking: Transforming urban spaces into mobility assets	1F. Proactive road safety: Making tech work for you	1G. The transformative power of SUMPs	1H. Rules, rides & rights: Enablers for shared mobility
	10.30	Refreshments							
	11.15	**Opening Plenary Session: "Human or Not? Governing AI and Automation for Better Mobility"**							
	13.00	Lunch + Meet the exhibitors							
	14.30	**Parallel Sessions II:**							
		2A. Innovative cycling: From basics to bits	2B. Who's driving? Exploring future CCAM service models	2C. Turning data into direction	2D. Where we live, how we move: Synergising housing and mobility	2E. Beyond planes, trains & cars: The future of TEN-T connectivity	2F. Safe speeds, safer streets	2G. Governing the goods: Cities shaping sustainable urban logistics policies	2H. Making micro-mobility matter
	16.00	Refreshments Info session: Get to know POLIS and join!							
	16.45 - 18.15	**Parallel Sessions III:**							
		3A. Day in day out: Active mobility for every season	3B. Digital tools creating better mobility choices	3C. Zero-pollution cities	3D. Mobility as a right, public transport as a service	3E. Managing access, enabling change	3F. Ruling regions: Innovative mobility governance approaches	3G. Beyond the sandbox: Upscaling urban freight pilots to city-wide solutions	3H. Love me tender?
	20.00	**Conference Dinner: Sponsored by Tallano Technologies**							
	22.00	**POLIS After-Party: Sponsored by Uber**							

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Thursday 03/12	**8.00**	Welcome Coffee							
	9.00	**Parallel Sessions IV:**							
		4A. Active & awesome: Better cities through active mobility I	4B. Making automated mobility serve local needs	4C. From procurement to progress: Delivering zero-emission fleets	4D. Destination: Europe! Mobility impact: Local? Bridging the tourism-mobility divide	4E. Delivering together: Public-private cooperation for sustainable urban logistics	4F. People, politics & participation	4G. From risk to resilience	4H. Ready for roll-out. Upscaling New Mobility Services I
	10.00	Transition break							
	10.15	**Parallel Sessions V:**							
		5A. Active & awesome: Better cities through active mobility II	5B. Better be ready: Preparing transport for major risks	5C. Plugging the gaps: Upscaling electric charging infra-structure	5D. Inclusive beyond design	5E. Fixing loading zones, digitising curbsides	5F. Whose street is it anyway?	5G. The shared car	5H. Ready for roll-out. Upscaling New Mobility Services II
	11.15	Refreshments + Meet the exhibitors							
	11.45	**Closing Plenary Session: "Home Is Where the Car Is? Connecting Housing and Sustainable Mobility"**							
	13.15	Lunch + Meet the exhibitors							
	14.15	**Hosted Parallel Sessions**							
		6A. Governing the transition: Aligning stake-holders and funding for zero-emission mobility	6B. From data to decisions: How cities and regions turn mobility insights into action	6C. Ultrafine particles and (non-) exhaust emissions: Supporting cities with new air quality challenges	6D. How can smart cycling accelerate the mobility transition? Building on the knowledge from MegaBITS, VERKKO and Meridian	6E. Rethinking the mobility system: Pricing, fairness and the end of car-centric cities	6F. The child-friendly city advantage: The fastest route to safer, greener and more liveable streets	6G. From planning to action: Updated guidance for developing Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs)	6H. Buses and beyond: How to enhance and promote efficient public transport solutions
	14.15	**Political Group Meeting** (POLIS Political Group members only)							
	16.15	**End of conference**							
Friday 04/12	**9.00-12.00**	**Political Group Meeting** (POLIS Political Group members only)							

Thematic areas:



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8.00 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

PARALLEL SESSIONS 1

9.00 - 10.30

PARALLEL SESSIONS

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1A. WALKING FIRST

Moderator: Meredith Glaser, Urban Cycling Institute

- **Making walking work: From strategy to everyday experience**
  Sofia Pires Bento, Agência para o Clima – ApC
- **AM-CaDat: A new tool that can be used to investigate pedestrian-driver interactions**
  Geert van Waeg, International Federation of Pedestrians
- **Inclusive walking around Budapest - A new mobility strategy**
  Judit Rab, BKK Centre for Budapest Transport
- **Wezembeek-Oppem's pedestrian plan**
  Evelien Van Bockstal, VECTRIS
- **Event signage as a tool to raise awareness of short walking distances**
  Isabelle Smaghue-Fauvart, Lille Metropole
- **Integrating walking into mobility systems: From blind spot to priority**
  Bertrand Gervais, Someware

1B. NAVIGATING THE NETWORK: THE EVOLVING ROLE OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Moderator: Elisabeth Skuggevik, Norwegian Public Roads Administration

- **Traffic management beyond modes and jurisdictions - The Stuttgart Region's unique approach**
  Michael Hollerith, Verband Region Stuttgart
- **ITS for public transport prioritisation – The case of Hamburg**
  Muriel Treu, LSBG Hamburg
- **Turning the POLIS vision into routing reality: How TISGRADE is making traffic circulation plans work**
  Annet van Veenendaal, NDW & Mikael Ivari, City of Gothenburg
- **Navigating the high-risk zone: A practical roadmap for the AI Act in traffic management**
  Gerard van Dijck & Antoine van der Laan, CROW
- **From data to action: Deploying AI and camera-based solutions for smarter urban traffic management**
  Despina Vounasis, EIRA & Karlo Babojelić, Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences of the University of Zagreb

1C. POWERING CITIES: FROM ELECTRIC FLEETS TO FLEXIBLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

Moderator: Masha Smirnova, Agora Energy

- **V2G, V2B: How to use the city's electric cars as energy resources**
  Isak Vencu Öhrlund, City of Stockholm
- **From pilot to system: Integrating (shared) electric cars into local mobility and energy ecosystems**
  Nathalie Neirynck, SOLVA & Bram Roelant, City of Ghent
- **From electric buses to urban energy systems: How eBuses can power the energy transition of cities**
  Francois Vauxion, RATP
- **Electrifying (construction) logistics through zero-emission test fleets in Mechelen**
  Esmée Hof, City of Mechelen

9.00 - 10.30

PARALLEL SESSIONS

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1D. FROM BABY TO BOOMER. MOBILITY ACROSS GENERATIONS

Moderator: Chris de Veer, Province of North-Holland

- **EKOLOGIN: Sustainable and inclusive last-mile delivery for a just transition**
  Maite Guede, Basque Mobility and Logistics Cluster
- **Toward inclusive cities: Understanding children's and adolescents' mobility in France**
  Camille Krier, 6t-bureau de recherche
- **Youth engagement & transport poverty through bike-sharing**
  Taco van der Steen, Donkey Republic
- **Built for kids, better for all: The case for child-centred mobility**
  Dries Janssens, Mobiel 21 & Joyce David, Ghent University
- **Planning inclusive CCAM: Evidence from underrepresented users in Sweden**
  Kristina Larsson, VTI & Stina Larsson, Linköping University

1E. THE POWER OF PARKING: TRANSFORMING URBAN SPACES INTO MOBILITY ASSETS

Moderator: Martina Hertel, Deutsches Institut für Urbanistik (Difu)

- **Strategic parking management in Madrid: From regulation to mobility hubs**
  Pedro Fernandez Lopez, Madrid City Council
- **Make space. Make sense. How to soften the impact of reduced parking while delivering a tram project**
  Jeroen Bulckaen, City of Ghent
- **Parking as a gatekeeper: Who gets access to the city — and who doesn't?**
  Therese Baptiste, BaptElis b.v.
- **More effectiveness in parking management – New approaches from Baden-Württemberg**
  Christian Förster, Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Transport
- **Balancing the parking triangle: Policy, Infrastructure & Technology**
  Theo Thuis, European Parking Association (EPA)

1F. PROACTIVE ROAD SAFETY: MAKING TECH WORK FOR YOU

Moderator: Stuart Reid, Transport for London

- **From reactive to predictive road safety - Using vehicle data to identify traffic hazard hotspots**
  Pimyada Wongpan, City of Stuttgart
- **Safer roads by design: A proactive approach to safety and throughput in Helmond and Heusden-Zolder**
  Robbert Lohmann, Roadscor
- **Decarbonising street lighting without compromising road safety**
  David Homola, Transoft Solutions Inc.
- **From data to safer streets: A 5-star framework for speed limit information in cities**
  Antoine van der Laan, TISA-Traveller Information Services Association
- **Predictive methodological approaches for road safety risk assessment: Evidence from 3 European cities**
  James Bradford, iRAP
- **ARISE: How cities can deploy AI-based driver assistance systems to improve tram safety and operation**
  Joana Cunha, CARRIS

9.00 - 10.30

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1G. THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF SUMPS

Moderator: Aljaž Plevnik, UIRS

- **Quantifying the health & economic benefits of sustainable urban mobility plans: The MIM online tool**
  Ruth Gow McLenachan, Healthy Cities
- **From SUMP to spend: Programming finance for urban mobility**
  Lucia Schlemmer, Rebel Group
- **Rightsizing urban mobility: The L-Category integration guide for European cities**
  Antonio Perlot, ACEM - European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers
- **Resident engagement in Sustainable Urban Mobility planning in the Helsinki Region**
  Hanna Eriksson, Helsinki Region Transport
- **SUMPs through young adults' eyes: Rethinking accessibility and inclusion in mobility planning**
  Marjolein Hantson, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

1H. RULES, RIDES & RIGHTS: ENABLERS FOR SHARED MOBILITY

Moderator: Angelo Meuleman, Way to Go

- **The analogue regulation layer for shared mobility: What cities need in their bylaws before geofencing**
  Harald Sævareid, Nivel AS
- **Public bike sharing as a public service**
  Mareike Rauchhaus, nextbike GmbH
- **Shared mobility: A governance framework for suburbs, towns and rural municipalities**
  Marianne Weinreich, Weinreich Mobility
- **Integrating shared mobility into public transport: BiciMAD and mobility hubs in Madrid**
  Sergio Fernández Balaguer, EMT Madrid
- **Transport poverty in Europe: Shared mobility and data as a social policy instrument**
  Pietro Peyron, IPS Group Inc.

10.30 REFRESHMENTS

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

11.15 - 13.00

HUMAN OR NOT? GOVERNING AI AND AUTOMATION FOR BETTER MOBILITY

Moderator: Karen Vancluysen, Secretary General, POLIS

OPENING & WELCOME

- **Karen Vancluysen**, Secretary General, POLIS
- **Dejan Crnek**, POLIS President & Deputy Mayor, City of Ljubljana

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- **Margriet van Schijndel-de Nooij**, Programme Director Responsible Mobility, Technical University Eindhoven

11.15 - 13.00

PANEL DEBATE

- **Sarah-Jayne Williams**, Director Global Product Partnerships – Geo – EMEA, Google
- **Kristin Hull**, Deputy Director for Planning, Programs and Projects, Portland Bureau of Transportation / Open Mobility Foundation
- **Will Norman**, Walking & Cycling Commissioner, Greater London Authority
- **Anke Koller**, Head of Department for Transport Development and Mobility, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
- **Joost Vantomme**, CEO, ERTICO

FIRESIDE CHAT: CIRCLING BACK, MOVING FORWARD?
TEN YEARS AFTER THE ROTTERDAM #POLIS16 PLENARY ON AUTOMATION

- **Philippe Crist**, Senior Advisor & Founder, Quo Plan
- **Marc Rozendal**, CEO, EIT Urban Mobility

POLIS CIRCLE LAUNCH

13.00 – 14.30

LUNCH

MEET THE EXHIBITORS

Our conference partners will host short sessions in the exhibition area. This is your chance to meet and network with companies and organisations developing innovative urban mobility products, services and solutions.

PARALLEL SESSIONS 2

14.30 - 16.00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

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2A. INNOVATIVE CYCLING: FROM BASICS TO BITS

Moderator: Frauke Behrendt, Technical University Eindhoven

- **Improving cycling & public space through cost-effective and easy-to-implement infrastructure measures**
  Paul Achatz, City of Vienna
- **Groningen puts the European Cycling Declaration into practice!**
  Jacco Kuper, City of Groningen
- **Beyond the city limit: Governance barriers to metropolitan bike sharing in Spain**
  Meredith Glaser, Urban Cycling Institute
- **Dream, data, driven, design: Building a future-proof cycling network in Overijssel**
  Roderik Tonen, Provincie Overijssel
- **C-ITS and bikes, finally some power on the pedals?**
  Luuk Misdom, City of Helmond
- **Fatbikes in urban cycling systems: Safety, behaviour, and policy responses**
  Anna Wyner, Mobycon
- **Delivering innovative cycling infrastructure across different European contexts: The BICI Program**
  Solomon Green-Eames, Global Designing Cities Initiative (GDCI)

14.30 - 16.00

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2B. WHO'S DRIVING? EXPLORING FUTURE CCAM SERVICE MODELS

Moderator: Thomas Geier, EMTA

- **Beyond the robotaxi debate: Five operating models for understanding automated mobility in Europe**
  Madeleine van der Poort, Provincie Noord Brabant
- **Automating a high-level bus service: Feedback from the Paris Region line 393 automated bus experiment**
  Gilles Tauzin, RATP Group
- **Autonomous driving in European public transport - An underestimated opportunity?**
  Benjamin Scher, movingfutures GmbH
- **From pilots to operations: How to scale autonomous mobility in Europe**
  Aurélien Pozzana, Bolt
- **Partnering for the responsible roll-out of autonomous mobility: Insights from early pilots**
  Sophie Bonnecarrere, Uber
- **Integrating autonomous vehicles into urban mobility: Why taxi operators are key deployment partners**
  Armand-Joseph Oudin, Taxis 4 Smart Mobility (T4SM)

2C. TURNING DATA INTO DIRECTION

Moderator: Stefanie Federl, acatech

- **From data points to decisions: Building a data-driven mobility culture in Budapest**
  Máté Szűcs, BKK Centre for Budapest Transport
- **Enhancing Ireland's Public Transport Regulation with automated spatial and temporal analysis**
  Philip Kavanagh, National Transport Authority - Dublin
- **Ask Gader: Turning a region's mobility data into insight in under five minutes**
  Melanie Verstraete, Movias
- **From fragmented data to integrated decision-making: Lessons from Geneva**
  Gabriel Tilg, Transcality AG
- **Addressing data quality, the secret to navigating complex ITS and data ecosystems**
  Tu-Tho Thai, enRoute

2D. WHERE WE LIVE, HOW WE MOVE: SYNERGISING HOUSING AND MOBILITY

Moderator: Anna Stankovski Clark, Travalytics

- **Breaking the parking norm: A data-driven approach to embed carsharing in housing and reduce parking**
  Esther Dereys, Way To Go
- **Nothing really matters... (except where to develop your housing)**
  Indra Smeerdijk, Province of Gelderland
- **Rethinking mobility to face the housing crisis, turn to cycling and the MPvE (Mobiliteitsprogramma van Eisen) approach**
  Ross Goorden, City of Utrecht & Bastian Jansen, Utrecht City Region
- **Housing and transport - Unlocking route planning with GIS and housing activation**
  Robert Tobin, National Transport Authority - Dublin

14.30 - 16.00

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2E. BEYOND PLANES, TRAINS & CARS: THE FUTURE OF TEN-T CONNECTIVITY

Moderator: Marco van Burgsteden, CROW

- **Mobility monitoring and governance: Preparing cities for UMI implementation**
  Hana Peters, Rupprecht Consult
- **Improving efficiency of Gdynia Główna Transport Hub: Lessons from the SPINE Project for TEN-T Urban**
  Justyna Suchanek & Alicja Pawłowska, City of Gdynia
- **How Mobility NL-NRW aims to strengthen regional cooperation and the role of urban nodes within TEN-T**
  Heike Nabert de Lobo, Ministry of the Environment, Nature and Transport of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia
- **Planning the future of the North Sea – Rhine – Mediterranean (NSRM) Corridor: Urban nodes, transport**
  Marcelo Carreiro Matias, Panteia & Marie-Eve Reinert, Interregional Alliance for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor EGTC
- **Putting urban nodes at the heart of TEN-T: Lessons from the BSR Urban Mobility project platform**
  Tommi Vollmann, Berlin-Brandenburg / Scandria Alliance

2F. SAFE SPEEDS, SAFER STREETS

Moderator: Michael Hellenbach, Senate of Berlin

- **Testing school streets: Lessons from a co-creative pilot in the city of Freiburg, Germany**
  Franziska Schreiber, City of Freiburg
- **The redevelopment of Dossenheimer Landstraße: Prioritising child safety in road construction**
  Raoul Schmidt-Lamontain, City of Heidelberg
- **Towards a methodology for assessing the impact of City 30 in French cities**
  Eline Allier, Cerema
- **From 50 to 30 km/h: A practical framework for speed limit reductions in rural areas**
  Geert Koops, Movares
- **ART 2438: Why mobility fails without accessibility – A National Shift from Law to Street in Greece**
  Katerina Nikolopoulou, CIVINET GREECE-CYPRUS
- **Designing for safe speeds: A new global publication to redesign city streets**
  Fabrizio Prati, Global Designing Cities Initiative (GDCI)

2G. GOVERNING THE GOODS: CITIES SHAPING SUSTAINABLE URBAN LOGISTICS POLICIES

Moderator: Paola Astegiano, FIT Consulting

- **Transforming Vienna's urban logistics**
  Sarah Bittner-Krautsack, City of Vienna
- **From ad-hoc deliveries to a data-driven Sustainable Urban Logistics Plan: Gdynia's pathway to smarter logistics**
  Alicja Pawłowska, City of Gdynia
- **A down-to-earth approach to sustainable urban logistics in Le Havre Seine Métropole**
  Lorena Axinte, Bax Innovation & Romuald Urvoy, Le Havre Seine Métropole
- **Mind the gap in making urban freight measures work on the ground**
  Marco Surace, Roma Servizi per la mobilità Srl
- **Sharing is caring - How a mobility data space unlocked more sustainable and cost-effective delivery**
  Iñigo Bilbao, Mobility Lab Vitoria-Gasteiz

2H. MAKING MICROMOBILITY MATTER

Moderator: Laurianne Krid, ECF

- **Measuring what matters - The Shared Micromobility City Performance Index**
  Sebastian Schlebusch, movingfutures GmbH
- **Advancing the integration of sharing into the mobility system in Rome**
  Chiara Di Majo, Roma Servizi per la mobilità Srl
- **Conducting the full orchestra: From shared micromobility regulation to Mobility as a Service**
  Øyvind Kragh Kjos & Pia-Suzann Valheim Skulevold, Ruter AS
- **From city core to region: Delivering equitable micromobility at scale – Lessons from Utrecht**
  Sofie Staelraeve, Lime & Nick Knoester, Gemeente Utrecht
- **Inclusive micromobility: Designing shared mobility systems that work for everyone**
  Haya Douidri, Bolt

16.00

REFRESHMENTS

INFO SESSION: Get to know POLIS and join!

PARALLEL SESSIONS 3

16.45 - 18.15

PARALLEL SESSIONS

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3A. DAY IN DAY OUT: ACTIVE MOBILITY FOR EVERY SEASON

Moderator: Stella Aaltonen, City of Turku

- **Year-round active mobility: Low-threshold approaches for walking and cycling all seasons**
  Dennis Martínez-Moro, Bax Innovation
- **Protecting travellers in extreme weather: Heat and flooding risks on cycling routes and PT stops**
  Kelly Pronk, Vervoerregio Amsterdam
- **Louisenstraße in transition: Creating a climate-resilient and traffic-calmed neighbourhood**
  André Zschoge, City of Dresden
- **AI-driven digital routing for safer active and multimodal mobility**
  Arno Wolter, Initiative for Safer Roads
- **Reinventing the gates of Paris: An ecological and social transition at the metropolitan scale**
  Fernande Ntsame-Abegue, Ville de Paris
- **Active travel & health: Streets, places, spaces**
  Pedro Fernandez Lopez, Madrid City Council

3B. DIGITAL TOOLS CREATING BETTER MOBILITY CHOICES

Moderator: Dagmara Wrzesinska, FAIRTIQ

- **Mobility hubs: Inclusive wayfinding in the digital and physical world**
  Stijn Vernaillen, City of Antwerp
- **Bologna's horizontal MaaS strategy: Aligning digital mobility with public goals**
  Giuseppe Liguori, SRM - Società Reti e Mobilità Srl & Clémence Castell, INSTANT SYSTEM
- **Moving beyond MaaS: Multimodal approaches that serve the public**
  Jake Sion, Transit app
- **MoVEAPP: Data-driven modal shift, behavioural nudging and AI-augmented mobility intelligence**
  Justine Vincent, INSTANT SYSTEM

16.45 - 18.15

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3C. ZERO-POLLUTION CITIES

Moderator: Marianne Chagnon, HEAL

- **New clean air standards for Europe: Implications for cities**
  Gautier Rolland, ClientEarth & Steven Bland, World Resources Institute/WRI
- **Targeting the 2%: Why cities need remote sensing for fair LEZs**
  Angel Lopez Rodriguez, Barcelona City Council & Loha Hashimy, FACTUAL
- **LEZ in turbulent political times: The case of Brussels**
  Chris Roorda, Brussels Environment
- **Improving air quality in Paris subway systems**
  Romain Molle, RATP Group

3D. MOBILITY AS A RIGHT, PUBLIC TRANSPORT AS A SERVICE

Moderator: Mihai Chirca, Transdev Group

- **Country-to-city bridge: Closing the gap between urban and rural areas**
  Matthias Vollat, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie
- **From climate risk to resilient public transport: Climate risk analysis for urban mobility at RNV**
  Luise Berkmann, RNV
- **All about a new public mobility ecosystem**
  Wim Dijkstra, Province of Overijssel
- **DRT as enabler of Mobility as a Right: Tackling transport poverty through innovation in Rome**
  Chiara Di Majo, Roma Servizi per la mobilità Srl
- **Keeping bus lanes clear for buses, not cars: Evidence from Lisbon**
  Joana Cunha, CARRIS
- **Funding storm ahead - Why public transport funding is tightening, and where PTAs and PTOs can act**
  Arsène Ruhlmann, ARTHUR D. LITTLE

3E. MANAGING ACCESS, ENABLING CHANGE

Moderator: Marijke De Roeck, City of Antwerp

- **A new inclusive public space design process supporting the transformation of public space in Paris**
  Chiara Molinar, Municipality of Paris
- **From street edge to strategic asset: Pioneering integrated curbside management in Budapest**
  András Ekés, Mobilissimus
- **Rethinking inner-city ring roads: Circulation plans as a catalyst for liveable European cities**
  Dagmar Köhler, Mobycon & Jan Waalen, City of Eindhoven
- **A cooperative approach to sustainable infrastructure compensation**
  Emma Horter & Markus Abel, Ambrosys
- **26.000 fines: The case of a resident-friendly access filter in Nijmegen**
  Jasper Meekes, City of Nijmegen
- **LEZ4ALL: No one left behind**
  Marion Van Boeckel, Brussels Environment & Jordi Jové Palou, Barcelona Metropolitan Area

16.45 - 18.15

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3F. RULING REGIONS: INNOVATIVE MOBILITY GOVERNANCE APPROACHES

Moderator: Maria Helene Louwrier, Central Denmark EU Office

- **Coordinating success: The role of governance in cycling highways**
  Chris Bruntlett, Dutch Cycling Embassy & Emma Stubbe, Goudappel
- **From Shared bikes to cycle superhighways – How regional collaborations create a coherent cycling ecosystem**
  Sille Møberg Askholm & Signe Møller Strandvig, Region Midtjylland
- **Rethinking mobility regulation in inner areas**
  Vittoria Nardis, Università degli Studi dell'Aquila
- **Financing measures of local SUMPs: Do we need a major policy change in the Ljubljana urban region?**
  Klemen Gostič, Regional development agency of the Ljubljana urban region
- **How will Flanders reach 30% cycle trips by 2040?**
  Wout Baert, Fietsberaad Vlaanderen & Ann Vanclooster, MINT
- **‚Toothless tiger' or ‚Gallic village'? Strengthening bus transport via regional mobility governance**
  Alexandra Bensler, German Institute of Urban Affairs (Difu)

3G. BEYOND THE SANDBOX: UPSCALING URBAN FREIGHT PILOTS TO CITY-WIDE SOLUTIONS

Moderator: Sophronius Schalies, Logistik-Initiative Hamburg

- **From data to decisions: A co-design approach to climate-neutral urban freight**
  Simone Bosetti, Luxmobility
- **Inclusive data-driven freight for local commerce: The Can Clota pilot in Esplugues**
  Stefania Pesavento, PNO Innovation
- **Enabling zero-emission freight with geofencing and new light commercial vehicles (LCVs)**
  Yanying Li, ALICE & Niccolò Corti, Bax Innovation
- **Delivery in the shared city: Dynamic geofencing to benefit cities, businesses and logistics operators**
  Harald Sævareid, Nivel AS
- **Towards data-driven dynamic waste collection**
  Dilay Aktas Dejaegere, KU Leuven Institute for Mobility
- **Data as the enabler: Moving from siloed freight pilots to scalable system change**
  Isabella Sahlbom, CLOSER/Lindholmen Science Park
- **Upscaling best practices in urban logistics: Insights from 65+ practitioners**
  Philippe Lebeau, VUB - Mobilise

3H. LOVE ME TENDER?

Moderator: Philippe Crist, Quo Plan

- **The largest public bike sharing concession in the Netherlands: A regional system for 1.3 million inhabitants**
  Belle Montanus, City of The Hague & Wouter de Wit, Rebel group
- **An 11-year exclusive concession for shared mobility in the Brainport Region**
  Bas Kramer & Tanja Manders, City of Eindhoven
- **Data-driven shared mobility and tender procedures: The use case of bike-sharing in Bologna**
  Marco Amadori, SRM - Società Reti e Mobilità Srl
- **Thinking bigger: How Bordeaux Metropole's regional micromobility tender is delivering better outcomes**
  Danielle Stephan, Dott
- **From city centre to city-wide: How smarter regulation unlocks inclusive micromobility**
  Christina Moe Gjerde, VOI Technology

18.15	**CLOSE OF DAY ONE**
20.00	**Conference Walking Dinner, sponsored by Tallano Technologies**
22.00	**POLIS After-Party, sponsored by Uber**

8.00	WELCOME COFFEE

PARALLEL SESSIONS 4

9.00 – 10.00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

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4A. ACTIVE & AWESOME: BETTER CITIES THROUGH ACTIVE MOBILITY I

Moderator: Bonnie Fenton, Rupprecht Consult/EUI expert

- **From pilots to systems: Scaling active mobility through integrated measures in European cities**
  Bonnie Fenton, Rupprecht Consult/EUI expert & Ana Francisca Jijon, European Urban Initiative
- **New accessibility guidelines for public space in the Netherlands: Lessons to learn!**
  Edwin Thoen, CROW
- **Quantifying public space freed by shared bikes**
  Grace Roberts, Donkey Republic
- **Making mobility networks buildable: An operational framework for streets, places and spaces**
  Yannick Vanhaelen, ORG Urbanism & Architecture

4B. MAKING AUTOMATED MOBILITY SERVE LOCAL NEEDS

Moderator: Evy Rombaut, VUB

- **From pilot to scale: Deploying level 4 autonomous shuttles in Leuven's city centre**
  Tim Asperges, City of Leuven
- **Integrating autonomous on-demand mobility into Switzerland's national rail backbone (iamo project)**
  Andreas Jossen, SBB Swiss Federal Railways
- **From strategy to streets: Scaling autonomous mobility through policy and practice**
  Kristine Bull Sletholt & Johanna Löfblom, City of Stockholm
- **Hamburg is on track – How to achieve autonomous mobility by 2035**
  Patrick Dittmer, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg Ministry of Transport and Mobility Transition
- **Reflections on Avs from the city of San Francisco**
  Viktoriya Wise, SFMTA

4C. FROM PROCUREMENT TO PROGRESS: DELIVERING ZERO-EMISSION FLEETS

Moderator: Sanne van Breukelen, Cenex

- **How to procure and implement a zero-emission construction site: Experiences from Stockholm**
  Hannes Englesson, City of Stockholm
- **From vehicle to fleet strategy: A framework for zero-emission procurement**
  Pierre Michel, IFP Énergies nouvelles
- **Beyond zero-emission buses: Delivering full electrification and circular energy solutions in Madrid**
  Sergio Fernández Balaguer, EMT Madrid
- **Catalonia's Decarbonisation Plan and Roadmap for the interurban bus network**
  Cristina Pou Fonollà, Generalitat of Catalonia

9.00 – 10.00

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4D. DESTINATION: EUROPE! MOBILITY IMPACT: LOCAL? BRIDGING THE TOURISM-MOBILITY DIVIDE

Moderator: Françoise Guaspare, Ile-de-France Europe

- **Disrupting the routine: Events as drivers of modal shift**
  Eli Nomes, City of Leuven
- **Always on stage: Preparing and monitoring urban mobility for ongoing large-scale events in Budapest**
  Máté Szűcs, BKK Centre for Budapest Transport
- **From vision to implementation: Advancing sustainable recreational mobility in the Utrechtse Heuvelrug**
  Froukje Bekius, National Park Utrechtse Heuvelrug
- **INTERIM: Integration of tourism and recreation in mobility policy**
  Sjors Martens & Nina Nesterova, Breda University of Applied Sciences

4E. DELIVERING TOGETHER: PUBLIC-PRIVATE COOPERATION FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN LOGISTICS

Moderator: Marion Cottet, ALICE

- **Shared transhipment spaces for urban logistics**
  Olivier Starkenmann, OVO Urban Logistics & Loic Nys, Brussels Mobility
- **From rail to doorstep: How Amazon are decarbonising last-mile delivery with Metro de Madrid**
  Courtney Pietersen, Amazon Logistics EU & Rafael Villa, Metro de Madrid
- **Making the invisible visible: A calculation tool for quantifying urban logistics space demand**
  Laura Tavernier, Rebel Ports & Logistics
- **Prediction and mitigation of congestion bottlenecks from building activity in city centres**
  Tim Sjouke, City of Rotterdam

4F. PEOPLE, POLITICS & PARTICIPATION

Moderator: Laurianne Krid, ECF

- **From backlash to buy-in: How to govern through citizen participation and adaptive approaches**
  Astrid Bjørgen & Marianne Ryghaug, SINTEF
- **How political champions navigate the hill of resistance in controversial urban mobility policy**
  Alexander Premm, The Lab of Thought
- **Participation: Key towards sustainable mobility**
  Fien De Smet & Tine Pillaert, Netwerk Duurzame Mobiliteit
- **The citizen factor in urban logistics: Influencing consumers' delivery choices through communication**
  Delphine Pernot, Transportøkonomisk institutt & Anne-Charlotte Trapp, Eurocities

4G. FROM RISK TO RESILIENCE

Moderator: Terry Albronda, City of Groningen

- **From ambition to action: Using modelling tools to support local climate-neutral mobility policy**
  Ivo Hindriks, CE Delft
- **Bridging the gap between climate goals and street-level change: Lessons from Stockholm**
  Martina Arnell, City of Stockholm & Jack Lu, Lindholmen Science Park
- **Planning EV charging and energy demand at district level: A data-driven approach for positive energy**
  Tiziana Delmastro & Agnese Branca, LINKS Foundation
- **Greening Ljubljana's public transport: A systematic approach to carbon-neutral urban mobility**
  Matej Cerar, Ljubljana Public Transport Ltd. & Vita Kontić Bezjak, City of Ljubljana

9.00 – 10.00

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4H. READY FOR ROLL-OUT. UPSCALING NEW MOBILITY SERVICES I

Moderators: Isabelle Prohn, Brainport Bereikbaar & **Pauline Charrier**, VOI Technology

- **New Mobility Services Community part of CIVITAS**
  Edwin Mermans, Province of Noord-Brabant
- **How can the deployment of New Mobility Services make cities better and how to speed it up?**
  Philippe Crist, Citizen Crist
- **Paying for impact: Outcome-based procurement of shared micromobility in suburban Norway**
  Erdem Ovacik, Mobility Impact Market & Eirin Aarem, AtB AS
- **How Brussels built mature data-driven shared mobility governance with Vianova in five years**
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  Thomas Geier, EMTA
- **Brainport challenge: hundreds of thousends new inhabitants without one more car**
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10.15 – 11.15

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5A. ACTIVE & AWESOME: BETTER CITIES THROUGH ACTIVE MOBILITY II

Moderator: Bonnie Fenton, Rupprecht Consult/EUI expert

- **The making of a car-free university campus**
  Yannick Fabbro, City of Hasselt
- **Love our laneways**
  Conor Geraghty, National Transport Authority - Dublin
- **Fantastic streets**
  Paolo Gandolfi, Municipality of Reggio Emilia
- **Assessing school streets through a spatial analysis of public space use**
  Joris Marrel, Cerema
- **A scientific approach to designing inclusive streets: Identifying the perceptions, concerns and need**
  Nick Tyler, Centre for Transport Studies, University College London

5B. BETTER BE READY: PREPARING TRANSPORT FOR MAJOR RISKS

Moderator: Yigyeong Oh, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

- **Heavy rainfall, floods & landslides: impacts on the transport system, and how we dealt with it (October 2026)**
  Cristina Pou Fonolla, Generalitat de Catalunya
- **From hazard to design requirement: A structured climate resilience assessment for a critical railway**
  Ahmet Gunduz, MOTT MACDONALD
- **Evaluating preparedness exercises for transport-based evacuations using the LFA**
  Corrado Rindone, DIIES University of Reggio Calabria
- **What If We Could Rehearse a Disaster Before It Happens?**
  André Barriguinha, Nova Cidade Urban Analytics Lab

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5C. PLUGGING THE GAPS: UPSCALING ELECTRIC CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderator: Sarah Walker, European Climate Foundation

- **From plan to plug: A step-by-step approach to equitable charging deployment in cities**
  Timothée Galvaire & Martin Baierl, Clean Cities Campaign
- **Alternative fuels in heavy-duty transport in the Uusimaa Region: A distribution network study**
  Heini Peltonen, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council
- **Battery swapping as complementary charging infrastructure for heavy-duty trucks**
  Philipp Müller, Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics IML
- **Improving accessibility of electric recharging infrastructure : Towards a just transition**
  Anne Larroque, Brussels Mobility

5D. INCLUSIVE BEYOND DESIGN

Moderator: Diogo Martins, Transport Accessibility Expert

- **On-demand transport services in the Île-de-France Region**
  Jonas Chupin, Île-de-France Mobilités
- **The Sneaker approach for user-centricity in mobility**
  Stella Aaltonen, City of Turku & Annika Kunnasvirta, Turku University of Applied Sciences
- **From incidents to systems: A gender-responsive approach to safety in public transport in The Hague**
  Marit Redeker, City of The Hague
- **Cycling inclusion: Inclusive cycling strategies to combat mobility poverty**
  Martina Hertel, Deutsches Institut für Urbanistik (Difu)

5E. FIXING LOADING ZONES, DIGITISING CURBSIDES

Moderator: Pauline Buosi, Interface Transport

- **Making urban freight data work across cities: Standardising statistics in the Netherlands**
  Stan de Caluwe, City of Utrecht & Robbert Janssen, DMI-ecosystem
- **ANPR Data as a tool for understanding urban logistics: A case study in Ghent**
  Lennert Eskens, MINT
- **Less space, smarter freight: Rethinking loading zones in inner-city Stockholm**
  Victoria Herslöf, City of Stockholm
- **Digitising loading zones – Dutch learnings from Utrecht, Groningen, The Hague and Amsterdam**
  Lukas Kolkowski, City of Amsterdam

5F. WHOSE STREET IS IT ANYWAY?

Moderator: Marianne Weinreich, Weinreich Mobility

- **Citizens as cogovernors of the street**
  Lilian Verkleij, Municipality of The Hague
- **Inclusive Spaces: Policies and frameworks for designing future-proof public spaces**
  Kathryn Bulanowski, European Passengers' Federation & Floridea Di Ciommo, cambiaMO
- **Seeing what planning misses: How everyday street experience becomes evidence for change**
  Reena Mahajan, Studio DiverCity
- **Walking & cycling is for everyone. How reciprocal value connects citizens, cities & local economies**
  Janine Hogendoorn, Ring-Ring B.V.

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5G. THE SHARED CAR

Moderator: Bram Seeuws, Way To Go

- **Carsharing as a complementary mobility solution**
  Cédric Aubouin, Île-de-France Mobilités
- **More car(sharing) for fewer cars?: Data-oriented carshare strategies in Dublin**
  Alex Pazuchanics, VIANOVA & Jennifer McGrath, Dublin City Council
- **The potential of carpooling to optimise car commutes in Vitoria-Gasteiz**
  Isabel Garnika, Environmental Studies Centre City of Vitoria-Gasteiz
- **Broadening carsharing adoption: Meeting the needs of families and promoting electric shared cars**
  Chris Roorda & Harold Habousha, Brussels Environment

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11.15 REFRESHMENTS

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

11.45 - 13.15

HOME IS WHERE THE CAR IS? CONNECTING HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

Moderator: Karen Vancluysen, Secretary General, POLIS

OPENING SPEECH

- **Marcos Ros Sempere**, Member of the European Parliament

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- **Rawad Choubassi**, Managing Director, Systematica

PANEL DEBATE

- **Jeffrey Matthijs**, Director, Way To Go
- **Sorcha Edwards**, Secretary General, Housing Europe
- **Adam Bodor**, CEO, BKK Budapest
- **Giuliano Mingardo**, Chair of the European Parking Association Scientific Committee and Senior researcher Urban and Transport Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- **Elise Moeskops**, Deputy Mayor for Mobility & Public Space, City of Amsterdam

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CLOSING

13.15 LUNCH + MEET THE EXHIBITORS

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6A. GOVERNING THE TRANSITION: ALIGNING STAKEHOLDERS AND FUNDING FOR ZERO-EMISSION MOBILITY

This session will showcase concrete examples of how public authorities coordinate operators, infrastructure providers, technology partners and investors. It will introduce an innovative, system-level approach to scaling zero-emission mobility that goes beyond technology deployment and funding instruments and focuses on how cities structure governance frameworks to align stakeholders, systems and financing across the full implementation pathway.

- Jeanett Bolther, PNO Innovation (Moderator)
- Tanja Ballhorn, City of Copenhagen
- Luca Bellinato, Municipality of Bologna
- Chris Van Maroey, City of Antwerp

PNO INNOVATION

6B. FROM DATA TO DECISIONS: HOW CITIES AND REGIONS TURN MOBILITY INSIGHTS INTO ACTION

This session will bring together public sector agencies alongside industry partners, to share how data-driven approaches are being applied in practice. The focus will be on real-world use cases across network operations and planning, including congestion monitoring, incident response, and infrastructure planning, and how agencies are leveraging data to support both day-to-day decision-making and longer-term strategy.

- Saurav Miglani, TomTom (Moderator)
- Pierre Maere, Geosquare (Moderator)
- David Conlon, NTA Ireland
- Pieter Morlion, MORE LION

Further speakers to be announced

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6C. ULTRAFINE PARTICLES AND (NON-) EXHAUST EMISSIONS: SUPPORTING CITIES WITH NEW AIR QUALITY CHALLENGES

The Ambient Air Quality Directive (AAQD) marks an important step forward by expanding monitoring requirements to include pollutants of emerging concern, such as ultrafine particles (UFP), as well as encouraging improving source apportionment approaches, thereby addressing critical gaps in understanding transport-related pollution. Innovations in monitoring options and experiences related to their implementation will be discussed. The relationship of such monitoring to, particularly exhaust/non-exhaust, will allow for an improved understanding of sources and thereby more effective mitigation options.

- Erika von Schneidemesser, Net4Cities (Moderator)
- Lucia Bernal Saukkonen, European Commission, Directorate General Environment
- Joonas Vanhanen, Aerosol CoE, ENVEA Global SAS
- Saskia Drossart van Dusseldorp, Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)
- Roel Vaneerdeweg, Flanders Environment Agency
- Markus Knoll, Technical University of Graz

6D. HOW CAN SMART CYCLING ACCELERATE THE MOBILITY TRANSITION? BUILDING ON THE KNOWLEDGE FROM MEGABITS, VERKKO AND MERIDIAN

The purpose of this session is to create a general understanding of smart cycling in all its aspects, including safety, comfort, flow and insights. Different implementations linked to smart infrastructure, smart bikes and smart cyclists will be presented through an interactive card game and will provide practical guidance on how to get started with smart cycling.

- Robin Kleine, Mobycon (moderator)
- Benjamin Groenewolt, Region Twente/Twente2050
- Luuk Misdom, City of Helmond
- David Brunner, City of Hamburg / NAPCORE CDT Cycling & Walking

6E. RETHINKING THE MOBILITY SYSTEM: PRICING, FAIRNESS AND THE END OF CAR-CENTRIC CITIES

Rotterdam is challenging a foundational assumption of European urban mobility: that a system built on subsidised public transport and underpriced private car use can be incrementally improved to be 'fit' for the coming decades. Travel patterns are becoming more diverse and less predictable, public budgets are under pressure, public space is increasingly contested, and transport poverty is rising alongside the cost of keeping the current system running. What would a mobility system look like if it were designed from principles around scarcity, efficiency and social fairness, rather than incrementally adapting a system that no longer fits demand?

- Carl Friedrich Eckhardt, BMW Group
- Vincent Joanknecht, City of Rotterdam

Further speakers to be announced

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6F. THE CHILD-FRIENDLY CITY ADVANTAGE: THE FASTEST ROUTE TO SAFER, GREENER AND MORE LIVEABLE STREETS

Across Europe, cities are grappling with a fundamental challenge: how to make the case for active travel in ways that resonate with the public, gain political buy-in and drive lasting change. This session argues that children hold the key and explores how narratives focusing on child-friendliness can help advance active travel in cities and regions.

Facilitator: Barbara Stoll, Clean Cities

Panel 1: Beyond the Backlash and Big Budgets: Quick Wins for Child-Friendly Cities

- Andréia Lopes Azevedo, POLIS (Moderator)
- Dan Lert, City of Paris
- Eugenio Patanè, City of Rome
- Petra Jens, Mobilitätsagentur Wien

Panel 2: Child-Friendly Cities: Small Changes, Big Benefits

- Tim Gill, Independent scholar (Moderator)
- Elliot Treharne, Greater London Authority
- Claire McDonald, Solve the School Run
- Sandra Gugerell, BikeBus Austria

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6G. FROM PLANNING TO ACTION: UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLANS (SUMPS)

This session introduces the updated SUMP Guidelines third edition and highlights the main changes practitioners should be aware of. It then splits into two interactive workshops focusing on upcoming SUMP reference documents. Participants first help validate and refine the forthcoming guidance on **land-use planning and SUMPs**, identifying where stronger coordination is most valuable within the SUMP process and where the guidance may need further adjustment. A second interactive exercise explores **tourism and SUMPs**, drawing on participants' experience to identify key planning challenges, relevant stakeholders, useful tools and methods, and promising examples from cities and regions. The session combines a concise policy and guidance update with hands-on stakeholder input that will directly feed into the further development of the two SUMP reference documents.

- Wolfgang Backhaus, Rupprecht Consult & Robert Szúcs, European Commission, DG MOVE (Moderators)
- Vanessa Holve, ICLEI
- Ralf Brand, Rupprecht Consult
- Carolina Ramos, PANTEIA
- Catarina Dinis Franco, PANTEIA

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6H. BUSES AND BEYOND: HOW TO ENHANCE AND PROMOTE EFFICIENT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS

This workshop will share and discuss recommendations from the eBRT2030 and UPPER projects for cities and regions to improve their public transport systems. Optimising public transport enhances user satisfaction and ridership growth, which in turn leads to less private car use – especially when combined with urban access regulations and public space reallocation policies. Building on the practical experience of the cities involved in these projects, the resulting tools are well-suited for diverse local contexts and ready for uptake.

- Marko Stančec, POLIS (Moderator)
- Hana Peters, Rupprecht Consult
- Eli Nomes, City of Leuven
- Flavio Grazian, UITP
- Vojtech Majer, DPP

14.15	POLITICAL GROUP MEETING (POLIS POLITICAL GROUP MEMBERS ONLY)

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