

2019 Polis Conference

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The Egg, Brussels, Belgium

Call for Speakers

Innovation in Transport for Sustainable Cities and Regions

Submission Deadline: 19 May 2019

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About the conference

The 2019 Polis Conference takes place on **27 and 28 November 2019 at The Egg in Brussels.**

The annual Polis Conference provides an opportunity for cities and regions to showcase their transport achievements to a large audience, and for the wider transport community to engage with representatives of local and regional authorities on innovative transport solutions.

The conference will offer high-level plenary sessions, with prominent figures debating topical issues and emerging trends, as well as technical sessions showing innovation in policy and practice across the transport spectrum.

The **technical parallel sessions** feature in-depth presentations and discussions on urban transport solutions selected through this open **call for speakers** in view of their degree of innovation and their ability to meet the sustainable mobility policy needs of cities and regions. Each session will aim for a mix of contributions on current practice and future plans in cities and regions, academic research and industry initiatives.

The **call for speakers** prioritises contributions on transport topics which are high on the agenda of cities and regions and feature in today's international, European and local debates around urban transport innovation. These topics are listed on the next page.

The transport sector is far from gender balanced. Polis wants to make **women in transport** more visible and offer them a platform to share their work. We strongly encourage women in the transport sector to respond to our call for speakers in greater numbers!

Participants include members of Polis, i.e. transport practitioners and policy makers of local and regional authorities from across Europe; transport professionals and decision makers from other public authorities; representatives from the transport industry, SME's and start-ups, mobility service providers, transport researchers & consultants; and high-level representatives and experts from the European institutions. Last year's Polis conference in Manchester welcomed **around 550 participants.**

Event language: English

About Polis

Since 1989, European local and regional authorities have been working together within the Polis network to promote sustainable mobility through the deployment of innovative transport solutions. Polis fosters cooperation and partnerships across Europe with the aim of making research and innovation in transport more accessible to cities and regions. The presidency of the network is currently held by Transport for Greater Manchester.

We look forward to celebrating our 30th anniversary with you at the conference!

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Call for Speakers

Presentations are sought for the technical parallel sessions on the topics listed below. Abstracts should highlight the **innovative dimension, results achieved, and lessons learned**. Sessions will be delivered in different formats, including workshops, roundtable discussions and Pecha-Kucha-style presentations. Other new presentation formats are welcome! Please choose only one topic to define the scope of your abstract.

| ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH IN TRANSPORT | TRAFFIC EFFICIENCY & MOBILITY |
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| <p>Active travel & health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Designing accessible and shared streets for people, to accommodate the increasing demand for walking and cycling — Linking active mobility, road safety, and health — The micro-mobility revolution: Opportunities and challenges <p>Clean vehicles & Air Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Increasing emission-free deliveries through smart procurement — Clean energy and smart grids for electric vehicles — Linking electromobility with other policies: Parking, procurement of fleets, modal shift, shared-mobility, etc. — Measuring vehicle emissions: Vehicle emission standards or innovative measurement methods? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — The evolution of traffic management to optimise all modes of transport — Traffic management of the future: New approaches and what role for the traffic manager? — What role for public (transport) authorities in delivering improved modal integration and related information/payment services? — How to build local authority capacity to harness the potential of data? — Digitalisation of the infrastructure: How can it be done efficiently and for what purpose? — Making the case for road automation: Which services, infrastructure and business models? |
| ROAD SAFETY & SECURITY | ACCESS |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — New ways to incorporate road safety in SUMPs — Proven and innovative measures to increase the safety of pedestrians and cyclists — Road safety data: Accident data, performance indicators, risk assessment, road safety benchmarking for urban environments — e-Scooters: Benefits versus safety risks — Addressing the security of urban public space, people, transport infrastructures, and public transport systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Positive parking agenda in cities: Urban parking policies supporting sustainable mobility, economic & urban development — New developments in parking: Managing kerbside access, using parking data & technology for service and policy delivery — Improved access for all: New accessibility policies, public transport, demand responsive transport for specific target groups, social inclusion — Managing urban infrastructures: Dynamic space use, intermodal hubs, streetscaping and large transport infrastructures — Well-established urban freight consolidation concepts: Parcel lockers, micro-hubs & clean vehicles, combined and consolidated deliveries, construction consolidation centres. — Urban vehicle access regulations: Design, enforcement, acceptance, impacts and results |
| GOVERNANCE & INTEGRATION | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Smart cities: Upscaling pilots, innovative finance instruments, smart infrastructures, public-private partnerships and procurement — Shared and new mobility services: Regulatory frameworks, space management, data sharing, integration — Public private partnerships to improve mobility services: Filling the gaps — What do people want? Co-creation in urban mobility: Gamification, participation and consultation for a more inclusive urban transport system — Next generation SUMPs: Towards implementation of the updated European guidelines — Size doesn't matter: Transport innovation in Small and Medium-Sized Cities — Freight recognition schemes: Successful governance models for stakeholder engagement and towards corporate responsibility — Minimising the impact of urban deliveries: How can local authorities influence consumer behaviour and demand across the supply chain? | |

Abstract submission procedure

Please submit your abstract online by **19 May 2019** at <http://www.polisnetwork.eu/2019abstracts>

Authors will be informed about the outcome of the evaluation process in June. The draft conference programme will be available shortly afterwards on the Polis website. Online registration will also open in June. No conference fee will be charged for speakers.

Why attend the conference?

- Hear about the innovative transport projects and policies pursued by cities and regions
- Gain insight into emerging trends in urban and regional mobility
- Discuss European transport policies that impact urban and regional mobility
- Learn about current practices and future plans to:
 - Reduce the adverse impacts of transport on the environment and health;
 - More efficiently manage the movement of people and goods;
 - Enhance social and economic access to cities in a sustainable way;
 - Implement safer roads and a more secure transport network;
 - Adopt new governance approaches to integrate policy-responsive innovation.
- Gain understanding of the research needs for sustainable mobility in cities and regions
- Network with local and regional transport decision-makers from around Europe

Wish to exhibit or sponsor?

Enhance the visibility of your organisation or initiative through one of our **sponsorship and exhibition packages!** Our packages offer an excellent opportunity to meet both officers and elected officials of local and regional governments from around Europe. For more information, visit our conference webpage www.polisnetwork.eu/2019conference or contact Julie Lucca, jlucca@polisnetwork.eu, tel +32 2 500 56 83.

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