



EUROPEAN CITIES AND REGIONS NETWORKING
FOR INNOVATIVE TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS



European Economic and Social Committee

First announcement and call for speakers

2011 Conference Polis & the European Economic and Social Committee

Innovation in transport for sustainable cities and regions

Brussels, 29-30 November 2011

Learn about the innovative transport projects and policies pursued by cities and regions.

Gain insight to the future direction of urban and regional mobility.

Discuss European transport policies for urban and regional mobility.

Learn about current practices and future plans to:

- Reduce the environmental impact of road transport;
- More effectively manage the movement of people and goods;
- Deliver safer roads and a more secure transport network;
- Finance transport systems and improve accessibility and social conditions.

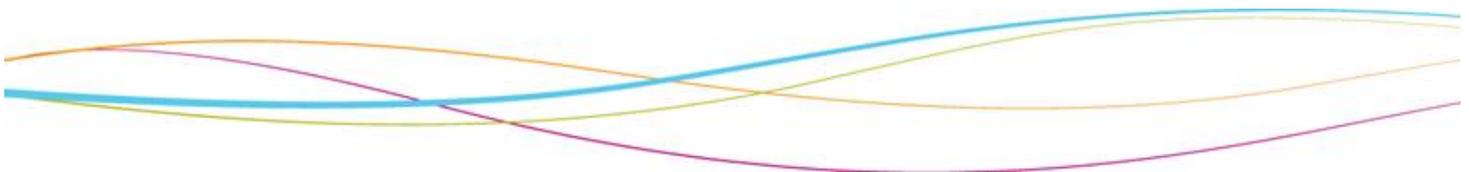
Gain understanding of the research needs for sustainable mobility in cities and regions.

Network with local and regional transport decision-makers, officers from around Europe and civil society representatives.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

Transport professionals from public authorities;
Decision makers at local, regional, national and EU level;
Civil society in Europe;
Transport industry;
Researchers;
Employer and employee representatives.

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Innovation in transport for sustainable cities and regions

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 city and regional authorities on innovative transport solutions. The conference offers a mix of high-level plenary sessions, with prominent figures debating topical issues, and a wide selection of technical sessions showing innovation in policy and practice across the transport spectrum.

Partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee

This year's conference is being organised in partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee, a consultative body of the European Union representing civil society across the EU. Polis is cooperating with the Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society (TEN), which covers the full range of issues relating to the various transport modes, the different forms of energy production, major infrastructure networks, the information society and services of general interest. The conference will therefore provide further opportunities to dialogue on innovation with employers and employees representatives from the transport sector.

Priorities of the 2011 conference

Innovation is at the heart of Polis' mission. Special emphasis will be placed on innovation at this year's conference through the showcasing of innovative transport solutions and niche applications across a wide variety of areas. These will also be discussed in the context of European transport policy and their ability to contribute to the improvement of economic and social conditions.

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

The following list shows the topics on which presentations are sought for the technical sessions. All abstracts should highlight the **innovative dimension** as well as **results achieved** and **lessons learned**. Interested speakers are requested to prepare an abstract using the **template** which can be downloaded from the [conference page of the Polis website](http://www.polisnetwork.eu) (www.polisnetwork.eu)

Traffic efficiency & mobility

Towards coordinated control of urban and interurban roads

Partnerships for delivering traffic and travel information services

Innovative ITS to promote public transport and soft modes

Economic & social dimension of transport

Accessibility and social inclusion

Value for money? Raising quality in public transport

Innovation in parking management (partnership with EPA)



Innovation for local freight delivery

Reinventing the bus: Bus with High Level of Service (partnership COST BHLS project)



Road safety

Road safety campaigns and education

Improving road safety for vulnerable road users (cyclists, pedestrians and powered two wheelers,)

Environment & Health

Clean vehicles, including electro-mobility
Active transport for health

Reducing noise in road transport

Horizontal topics

Social dialogue in the transport sector

Stakeholder partnerships for a more efficient urban and regional transport system

Tools and methods to steer innovation for local transport (procurement, competition, funding innovation, etc.)

Abstract submission procedure

Please send an abstract (using the **abstract template** indicated above) before **17 June 2011** to: Suzanne Hoadley, Polis, email: shoadley@polisnetwork.eu or fax: +32 (0)2 500 56 80.

Please note that technical sessions will be conducted in English only.

Authors will be notified in August of the outcome of the evaluation process. The draft conference programme will be available in August on the Polis website (www.polisnetwork.eu) along with practical information.

Eltis award for the best paper

An award and prize for the best paper will be offered by the Eltis - the urban mobility portal (www.eltis.org) during the conference.

