

POLIS26

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2 - 3 December 2026
Brussels, Belgium



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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								
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 infrastructure	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 stakeholders 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. Curious cities - Enhancing active mobility through the lens of children	6G. From planning to action: Updated guidance for developing Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMP)	6H. Buses and beyond: How to enhance and promote efficient public transport solutions	
14.15	Site visit				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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Environment & Health



Governance & Integration



Safety & Security



Smart Mobility

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PARALLEL SESSIONS 1

1A. WALKING FIRST

- **Making walking work: From strategy to everyday experience**
Sofia Pires Bento, Institute for Mobility and Transport
- **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**
Manon Proisy, Lille Metropole
- **Integrating walking into mobility systems: From blind spot to priority**
Bertrand Gervais, Someware

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10.30

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

- **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, 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

- **V2G, V2B: How to use the city's electric cars as energy resources**
Eva Sunnerstedt, City of Stockholm
- **From pilot to system: Integrating (shared) electric cars into local mobility and energy ecosystems**
Nathalie Neiryneck, 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

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1D. FROM BABY TO BOOMER. MOBILITY ACROSS GENERATIONS

- **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**
Grace Roberts, Donkey Republic
- **Built for kids, better for all: The case for child-centred mobility**
Dries Janssens, Mobiel 21
- **Planning inclusive CCAM: Evidence from underrepresented users in Sweden**
Kristina Larsson, VTI - Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute

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

- **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
- **FLEKS, an innovative tool for residential parking regulation**
Anne-Séverine Lay, City of Munich
- **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

- **From reactive to predictive road safety - Using vehicle data to identify traffic hazard hotspots**
Cornelia Diehl, 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**
Stephanie Chaufon, TISA
- **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

1G. THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF SUMPS

- **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

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- **Rightsizing urban mobility: The L-Category integration guide for European cities**
Neus Armenjach, ACEM - European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers
- **Resident engagement in Sustainable Urban Mobility planning in the Helsinki Region**
Hanna Eriksson, Helsinki Region Transport & Sakari Saarinen, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council
- **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

- **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

HUMAN OR NOT? GOVERNING AI AND AUTOMATION FOR BETTER MOBILITY

LUNCH

13.00 -
14.30

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

2A. INNOVATIVE CYCLING: FROM BASICS TO BITS

- **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**
Marina Gentil Muñoz, 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)

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16.00

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

- **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 Tausin, 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 Bonnacerrere, Uber
- **Integrating autonomous vehicles into urban mobility: Why taxi operators are key deployment partners**
Inés Aranguren Idigoras, Taxis 4 Smart Mobility (T4SM)

2C. TURNING DATA INTO DIRECTION

- **From data points to decisions: Building a data-driven mobility culture in Budapest**
Bettina Szelezsan, 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**
Lukas Ambühl, Transcality AG
- **Addressing data quality, the secret to navigating complex ITS and data ecosystems**
Tu-Tho Thai, enRoute

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

- **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**
Rob Tobin, National Transport Authority - Dublin

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

- **Mobility monitoring and governance: Preparing cities for UMI implementation**
Hana Peters, Rupperecht Consult
- **Advancing inclusive mobility governance: From strategy to implementation in Île-de-France**
Maximiliano Teke, Île-de-France Mobilités
- **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
- **Planning High-Speed Rail stations as TEN-T Urban Nodes to integrate passenger mobility**
Giuseppe Musolino, DIIES University of Reggio Calabria

2F. SAFE SPEEDS, SAFER STREETS

- **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
- **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**
Eduardo Pompeo Martins, Global Designing Cities Initiative (GDCI)

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

- **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

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- **A down-to-earth approach to sustainable urban logistics in Le Havre Seine Métropole**
Lorena Axinte, Bax Innovation
- **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

- **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, Ruter AS
- **From city core to region: Delivering equitable micromobility at scale - Lessons from Utrecht**
Sofie Staelraeve, Lime
- **Inclusive micromobility: Designing shared mobility systems that work for everyone**
Haya Doudri, Bolt

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REFRESHMENTS

INFO SESSION: [Get to know POLIS and join!](#)

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16.45 -
18.15

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

- **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**
Laurence Vivet, Ville de Paris
- **Active travel & health: Streets, places, spaces**
Pedro Fernandez Lopez, Madrid City Council

3B. DIGITAL TOOLS CREATING BETTER MOBILITY CHOICES

- **Mobility hubs: Inclusive wayfinding in the digital and physical world**
Stijn Vernailen, City of Antwerp
- **MaaS: A corporate tool enabling sustainable personal and business travel in Lisbon**
Maria Zuzarte, EMEL - Empresa Municipal de Mobilidade e Estacionamento de Lisboa

- **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

3C. ZERO-POLLUTION CITIES

- **New clean air standards for Europe: Implications for cities**
Gautier Rolland, ClientEarth
- **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

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

- **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

- **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, 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

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3F. RULING REGIONS: INNOVATIVE MOBILITY GOVERNANCE APPROACHES

- **Coordinating success: The role of governance in cycling highways**
Chris Bruntlett, Dutch Cycling Embassy
- **From shared bikes to super-cycle paths – How regional collaborations create a coherent cycling ecosystem**
Anders Kirkedal Nielsen, 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
- **'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

- **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
- **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?

- **The largest public bike sharing concession in the Netherlands: A regional system for 1.3 million inhabitants**
Rinse Gorter, City of The Hague
- **An 11-year exclusive concession for shared mobility in the Brainport Region**
Bas Kramer, 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**
Maxim Romain, 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 Dinner
22.00	POLIS After-Party, sponsored by Uber

8.00 WELCOME COFFEE

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9.00 – 10.00
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4A. ACTIVE & AWESOME: BETTER CITIES THROUGH ACTIVE MOBILITY I

- **From pilots to systems: Scaling active mobility through integrated measures in European cities**
Ana Francisca Jijon, European Urban Initiative & Bonnie Fenton, Rupprecht Consult
- **A scientific approach to designing inclusive streets: Identifying the perceptions, concerns and need**
Nick Tyler, Centre for Transport Studies, University College London
- **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

- **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

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

- **How to procure and implement a zero-emission construction site: Experiences from Stockholm**
Paul Fenton, 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

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10.00

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

- **Disrupting the routine: Events as drivers of modal shift**
Ester Dewil, City of Leuven
- **Always on stage: Preparing and monitoring urban mobility for ongoing large-scale events in Budapest**
Bettina Szelezsan, 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

- **Shared transshipment spaces for urban logistics**
Olivier Starckenmann, 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
- **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**
Jos Streng, City of Rotterdam

4F. PEOPLE, POLITICS & PARTICIPATION

- **From backlash to buy-in: How to govern through citizen participation and adaptive approaches**
Astrid Bjørgen, 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, 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

- **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
- **Planning EV charging and energy demand at district level: A data-driven approach for positive energy**
Tiziana Delmastro, 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

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10.00

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

- **How can the deployment of New Mobility Services make cities better and how to speed it up?**
Edwin Mermans, Province of Noord-Brabant & Philippe Crist, Citizen Crist
- **Providing innovation ecosystems and startups better access to cities**
Justus Löbler, EIT Urban Mobility
- **How Brussels built mature data-driven shared mobility governance with Vianova in five years**
Katell Guillou, VIANOVA & Martin Lefrancq, Brussels Mobility
- **Paying for impact: Outcome-based procurement of shared micromobility in suburban Norway**
Karina Maynard, Impact Market & Eirin Aarem, AtB AS

Further contributions to be announced

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

- **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 Grelat, Cerema

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

- **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

Further contributions to be announced

5C. PLUGGING THE GAPS: UPSCALING ELECTRIC CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

- **From plan to plug: A step-by-step approach to equitable charging deployment in cities**
Timothée Galvaire, Clean Cities Campaign
- **Alternative fuels in heavy-duty transport in the Uusimaa Region: A distribution network study**
Pasi Kouhia, 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

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5D. INCLUSIVE BEYOND DESIGN

- **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
- **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**
Victoria Reichow, Deutsches Institut für Urbanistik (Difu)

5E. FIXING LOADING ZONES, DIGITISING CURBSIDES

- **Making urban freight data work across cities: Standardising statistics in the Netherlands**
Stan de Caluwe, City of Utrecht
- **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?

- **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 & Florida 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.

5G. THE SHARED CAR

- **Carsharing as a complementary mobility solution**
Claire Gohet, 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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HOME IS WHERE THE CAR IS? CONNECTING HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

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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
- Silvia Bartoloni, Municipality of Bologna
- Chris Van Maroey, City of Antwerp

Further speakers to be announced



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.

- David Conlon or Barry Colleary, NTA Ireland
- Pieter Morlion, MORE LION
- Saurav Miglani, TomTom
- Pierre Maere, Geosquare

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.

Speakers to be announced



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.

- Benjamin Groenewolt, Region Twente/Twente2050
- Luuk Misdom, City of Helmond

Further speakers to be announced



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



6F. CURIOUS CITIES - ENHANCING ACTIVE MOBILITY THROUGH THE LENS OF CHILDREN

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.

- Barbara Stoll, Clean Cities

Further speakers to be announced



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

This session provides an overview of the EC's updated Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) guidelines and associated reference documents that support integrated, people-centred urban transport planning. Participants will explore the core principles, phases, and methodologies of the updated guidelines, including stakeholder engagement, data-driven decision-making, monitoring and evaluation, and alignment with climate and sustainability goals.

- Robert Szúcs, European Commission, DG MOVE
- Wolfgang Backhaus, Rupprecht Consult

Further speakers to be announced



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

This session will share 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.

Speakers to be announced



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