



TRANSPORT
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18-21/05/26

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

TRB EXECUTIVE
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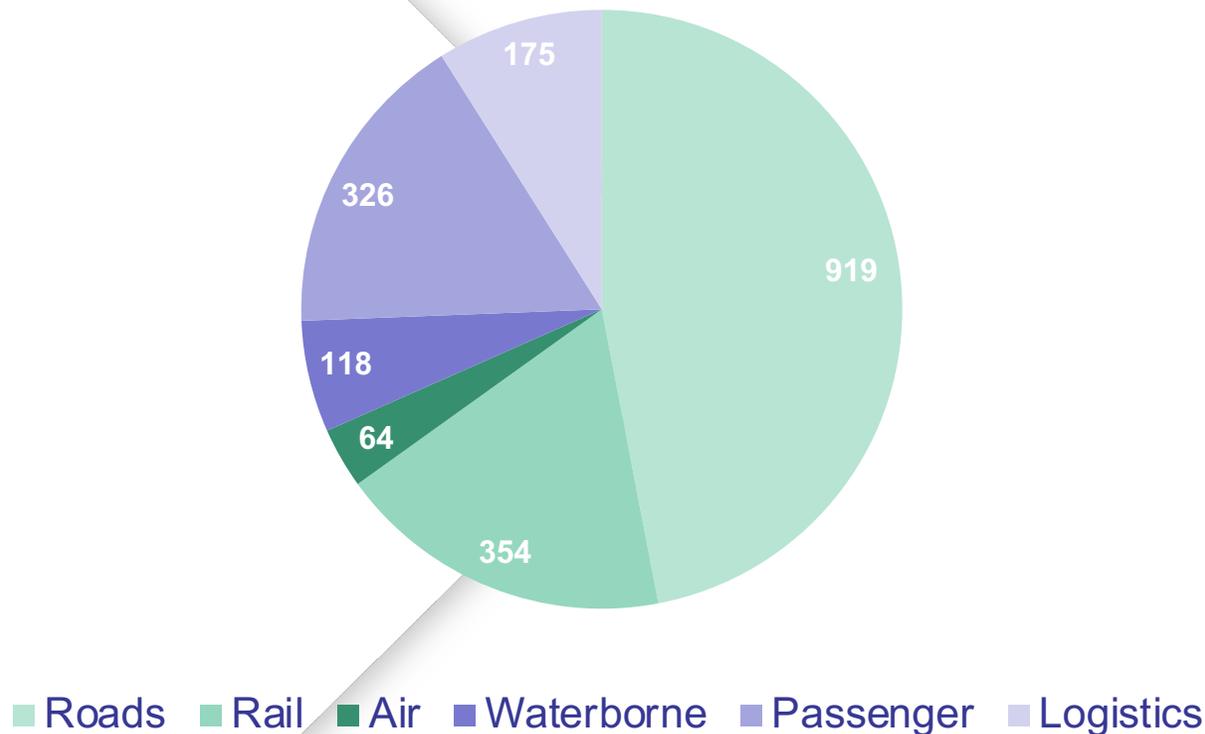
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TRA IN NUMBERS

Abstract submission statistics

- 1573 submissions
- 1352 proceedings
- 1111 special issue
- 453 Visions young researcher
- 165 Visions senior researcher
- 4088 authors
- 69 countries

Submissions per mode



FULL PAPER STATISTICS

- 1274 submissions
- 3000+ requests sent
- 50% of reviewers accepted

TRA IS TRULY GLOBAL

- Over 3,000 researchers from companies and universities
- Representing more than 70 countries
- The exhibition welcomes more than 10,000 visitors over the four days of the event



HIGH LEVEL PROGRAM



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
09:00-10:30 Technical session 1 / Special session 1	09:00-10:00 Plenary session 2	09:00-10:00 Plenary session 3	09:00-10:00 Plenary session 4
10:00-10:45 Welcome coffee	10:00-10:30 Coffee break	10:00-10:30 Coffee break	10:00-10:30 Coffee break
10:45-12:00 Opening ceremony + Exhibition opening	10:30-12:00 Strategic session 2	10:30-12:00 Strategic session 3	10:30-12:00 Strategic session 4
12:00-13:00 Lunch	12:00-13:00 Lunch	12:00-13:00 Lunch	12:00-13:00 Closing session
13:00-14:00 High level industrial round table	13:00-14:00 Poster presentation 1	13:00-14:00 Poster presentation 2	13:00-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:00 Plenary session 1	14:00-15:30 Technical session 3 / Special session 2	14:00-15:30 Technical session 5 / Special session 4	14:00-15:00 Poster presentation 3
15:00-15:30 Coffee break + High level exhibition tour	15:30-16:30 Coffee break	15:30-16:00 Coffee break	15:00-16.30 Technical session 7 / Special session 6
15:30-17:00 Strategic session 1			
17:00-17:30 Coffee break	16:00-17:30 Technical session 4 / Special session 3	16:00-17:30 Technical session 6 / special session 5	
17:30-19:00 Technical session 2 / Special session 1			
19:00-22:00 TRA Stakeholders and Young researchers evening 20:15-22:00 High-level dinner	19:00-22:00 Gala dinner	19:00-22:00 B2B events and social dinners	

4 PLENARY SESSIONS

High-level speakers from industry, public authorities and academia.

12 STRATEGIC SESSIONS

Three sessions per day, focus on major innovation fields and convey policy messages and critical industrial issues linked to the specific theme of each day.

70 SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL SESSIONS

420+ oral presentations and 600+ posters. Experts presents their research work and/or application in the transport sector. Presentations are selected based on the abstract/papers reviewing process.

30 SPECIAL SESSIONS

Discussion panels, standard sessions or special types of workshops organised by the TRA Supporting Organisations, tackling topics of interest in their sector. Those are open to all participants.



PLENARY SESSIONS

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Sustainable Mobility



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Rosalinde Van der Vliet
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DAY 1

Governance of transport research and innovation: from basic research to market deployment and scale-up

- How can we address current challenges linked to transport R&I in the EU in both the short and long term?
- Which governance models are best to deliver on future of transport R&I? How can we tackle the gap between the fundamental research to deployment?
- What funding mechanisms to put in place including public-private or public-public to stimulate investments?



DAY 2

Competitiveness of the European transport sector towards the green transition

- How can Europe regain or maintain leadership by focusing more on competitiveness and less on competition?
- What is the added value of involving outside countries into European research programs?
- How to maintain the European strategic autonomy, technology sovereignty and reduce dependencies from other countries?



DAY 3

Resilience of transport systems

- How can we adapt our transportation infrastructure to the effects of climate change?
- What kind of adaptation strategies do we need in order to make the whole system resilient?
- What are the main barriers to achieve this?
- How multimodal transportation companies and shippers respond to transport disruptions, and which are the implications for climate?



DAY 4

Digitalisation of the transport sector

- What are the next big advancements in transport digitalisation?
- How to address the fast-paced changes brought by digitalisation and make sure they best serve the EU's transportation system?
- How to certify AI for mission-critical applications? Is digitalisation an enabler or a driver?
- How can digitalization support mobility management and law enforcement and what are the barriers of cybersecurity?
- Which fundamentals will be transformed in the system in terms of use of infrastructure, resilience and competitiveness? How can digitalisation contribute to the competitiveness of European sectors?

DAY 1 - INDUSTRIAL ROUND TABLE

The primary focus of the Industrial Round Table will be on how the European industry can establish a direction for progress leading up to 2030 and onward to 2050. Four high level industrial stakeholders will have a dialog with the EC commissioner for Transport and the host of TRA 2026, the Hungarian Minister for Transport.

The discussion should mainly focus on 3 questions:

- What is the status of Europe's global leadership in the transport and mobility sector?
- How can research and innovation enhance the competitiveness of the sector?
- What are industry representatives' expectations vis-à-vis the EU's research and innovation activities for the sector in view of the next EU Framework for R&I?

STRATEGIC SESSIONS

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A SAFER, MORE SURE

DAY 1

- Tackling transport poverty through seamless and sustainable mobility
- From research to the deployment of safety measures in road transport system
- Future skills and workforce for a green, digital, and competitive transport sector

DAY 2

- Accelerating the deployment of recharging infrastructure for electric vehicles: challenges and opportunities
- Clean ports and airports: sustainable alternative fuels and energy hubs
- Zero emission mobility in urban areas - pathways to sustainable urban mobility



DAY 3

- Strategic imperatives for Europe's transport infrastructure in a changing hazards landscape
- Accelerating the circular transformation of transport industries in the EU
- Multimodal mobility services for passengers and goods in suburban and rural areas

DAY 4

- Integration of automated and connected vehicles in the transport system
- Leveraging the power of digitalization for efficient logistics
- The role of Artificial Intelligence for smart mobility systems



SUPPORTING PROGRAMS



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TECHNICAL VISITS

Budapest Transport Centre (BKK) - Urban Mobility in a Smart City

A guided tour of Budapest's central traffic management and mobility systems, including smart city applications and public transport integration.

Liszt Ferenc International Airport - Smart and Sustainable Mobility

A tour of Hungary's largest airport with a focus on transport innovations, autonomous mobility, and smart parking systems.

Rail Cargo Terminal - Innovation in Green Logistics

A behind the scenes look at multimodal freight solutions, digital rail operations, and sustainable logistics hubs.



ZalaZone Autonomous Vehicle Test Track & Research Centre

An exclusive visit to one of Europe's most advanced autonomous vehicle testing facilities, featuring live demonstrations and expert briefings.

BME Vehicle Technology Laboratory - Research and Innovation in Motion

A visit to one of Hungary's leading university-based vehicle research labs, showcasing the future of engineering and mobility development.



ZalaZone





Pesti Vigadó – gala dinner

NETWORKING & SOCIAL EVENTS

- The Gala Dinner will be held in the city center of Budapest along the Danube River
 - Young Researchers Rooftop Party
 - Side events and business meetings
- All designed to foster meaningful connections.



EXPERIENCE BUDAPEST



Set in the heart of Europe, Budapest offers the perfect blend of history, culture, and innovation.

Beyond the conference, enjoy a city of world-class architecture, riverfront views, and famous hospitality — from its thermal baths and gourmet cuisine to its vibrant nightlife and creative energy.

VENUE

Hungexpo Budapest Congress and Exhibition Center

Hungexpo offers over 75,000 square meters of indoor and outdoor space, including a 2,000-seat plenary hall, 21 multifunctional conference rooms, and state-of-the-art exhibition pavilions.



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WHY EXHIBIT AT TRA 2026

Whether you are a research institute, a mobility startup, or an established global company, exhibiting at TRA 2026 gives you the platform to demonstrate your expertise, build strategic partnerships, and reach new markets in a dynamic international setting.

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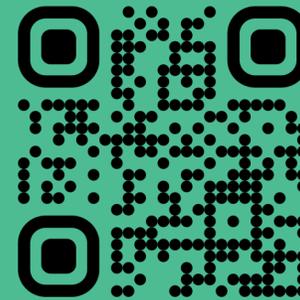
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