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### **ETRA, European Transport Research Alliance.**

*The European Transport Research Alliance (ETRA) is a voluntary collaborative platform of surface transport research Associations that aims at supporting the European Research Area in Transport (ERA-T).*

*ETRA provides a forum for collaboration between the partners. This provides the ETRA partners a more powerful collective voice, allows cross-fertilization and helps them in achieving high visibility for the transport research community.*



## ONLINE EVENTS

### **CHTS MMM Webinar #5 on “Re-Imagining Integrated Mobility Management Systems” is available for replay!**

**ECTRI** together with the **US Transportation Research Board**, **ERTICO - ITS Europe**, and **COTA** have joined CHTS to co-organise the 5th webinar on “Re-Imagining Integrated Mobility Management Systems”, focusing on new mobility schemes and concepts and how they can better address the needs and demands of today’s societies on April 2029.

You can watch the recording: <https://lnkd.in/eXT6GKF>

Or look at presentations: <https://lnkd.in/ebZPQfj>

### **ITF Pre-Summit Research Days 2021, took place virtually on May 11-12 under the topic of Transport Innovation for Sustainable Development: Re-shaping Mobility in the Wake of Covid-19**

The objective of the Pre-Summit Research Day is to foster better linkages between research and policy making by bringing a research perspective to the ITF Summit. Over the course of two days, the online event brought together top academics researchers and practitioners to present and discuss topics relevant to the Summit’s theme. It provided an opportunity to exchange ideas not only between researchers, but also with representatives from governments, cities, and other decision makers.

The Pre-Summit Research Day covered four topics, with special sessions dedicated to discussions on how transport innovation can support Covid-19 recovery. The discussions focus on how to:

- Seize the opportunities offered by micromobility and active transport;
- Connect remote and rural areas with innovative sustainable transport solutions;
- Stimulate adoption of low-carbon vehicle technologies;
- Use innovation to promote sustainable urban mobility in post-Covid-19 recovery.

These issues were discussed with presenters joining from Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan and New Zealand and USA.

[See complete video recordings from the Pre-Summit Research Days](#)

[Download the full agenda and background information \(PDF\)](#)

The ITF 2021 ITF Pre-Summit Research Day is organised by the ITF, together with ECTRI, the US TRB and the WCTRS.

## The BE OPEN project successfully held its final event, helping to move Open Science forward in the transport domain

The BE OPEN project is a H2020 coordination and support action (CSA), which aims to promote, regulate and standardise Open Science in transport research. More information: <https://beopen-project.eu/>

The BE OPEN final event took place on June 9, 2021, online, gathering over 100 participants, and attracting interest from experts from more than 40 different countries across the 5 continents.

We believe that presentations and discussions were helpful for a better understanding of open science and how the BE OPEN project helped to move the concept forward in the transport domain.

We are hopeful that the event brought many insights on how open science will benefit the transport sector and that it triggers interest to embrace open science culture and practices.

All presentations are available on the page event: <https://lnkd.in/dAcV6gn>

As well as the recording: <https://lnkd.in/dFmC6Fv>

At the event we have also premiered the BE OPEN video, a stirring 3-minute animation summarizing the main project's achievements. Go have a look !

ECTRI is involved in the BE OPEN project as Dissemination and Engagement WP leader together with FEHRL, EURNEX and HUMANIST.

## TRB International Coordinating Council Mid-Year meeting, July 15, 2021

The TRB ICC Mid Year meeting will take place on July 15 from 13:00 – 16:00 CEST and is open to the Council Members, Partners and Friends.

Registration is mandatory: [https://nasem.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtcu6hrT8pG9INtxlfMQVA-3\\_BULZ-PDW\\_C?\\_x\\_zm\\_rtaid=n2CYmGDDTdytAZQJDWPRRw.1623770775940.6f3c6617a95f3e2180d2c4de-c99a614b@\\_x\\_zm\\_rhtaid=819](https://nasem.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtcu6hrT8pG9INtxlfMQVA-3_BULZ-PDW_C?_x_zm_rtaid=n2CYmGDDTdytAZQJDWPRRw.1623770775940.6f3c6617a95f3e2180d2c4de-c99a614b@_x_zm_rhtaid=819)

## Young Researchers Seminar 2021, September 15-17, 2021

The 10th Young Researchers Seminar will be held on September 15-17, 2021 (NEW DATE) in Portorož, Slovenia and hosted by the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport of the University of Ljubljana.

The event co-supported by ECTRI, FEHRL and FERSI, offers the opportunity to a network of young transport researchers from Members of ECTRI, FEHRL and FERSI as well as from research organisations across the US to gather and interact during the three-day seminar, where young researchers are able to improve their presentation skills in written and oral scientific communication by tutorial means. The tutoring is done by senior researchers who themselves are acting in a truly international scientific culture.

More information is available on the [YRS 2021 website](#)

## Series of Thematic Groups Webinars

Webinars are regularly organised by ECTRI thematic groups. Participation is only opened to ECTRI Members, but presentations are publicly available on the ECTRI Website ([www.ectri.org](http://www.ectri.org)) under the news and TG pages.

## FERSI online symposium: 14 October 2021, 13:30 – 15:30 CET

On 14 October 2021 (13:30-15:30 CET) FERSI will organise an online symposium: [Implementing evidence-based road safety measures, removing barriers and enhancing public support](#).

The symposium is a prelude to a [physical conference](#) on the same topic that will be held in the autumn of 2022.

### Effective but controversial measures

The October 2021 symposium will consist of three presentations on vulnerable road users, speed and road safety management. Practitioners/decision makers who have been successful in implementing effective but sometimes controversial road safety measures will share their experience. How did they manage? How important was the scientific evidence? What can others learn from their experience?

### From an international, European and scientific perspective

A panel consisting of Nhan Tran (Head Safety and Mobility, Department of the Social Determinants of Health, WHO), Matthew Baldwin ((Deputy Director-General DG MOVE and European Coordinator for Road Safety and Sustainable Mobility, EC) and Astrid Linder (Research Director Traffic Safety at VTI and Adjunct Professor at Chalmers University of Technology), together with the speakers and the audience will put the issues in an international, European and scientific perspective.

### Further updates

Information about the online symposium on 14 October 2021 as well as on the physical conference in autumn 2022 is available at the [FERSI website](#). To stay updated: [follow FERSI on LinkedIn](#) and/or [subscribe to the conference newsletter!](#) For now: save the date!

## HUMANIST Conference: Human Factors challenges of Vehicle Automation and Smart Mobility - 26 & 27 October 2021, Rhodes, Greece.

The [7th International HUMANIST Conference](#) will bring together researchers, experts and stakeholders from several multidisciplinary communities that are active in the field of Human Factors in Transport. It is a unique and attractive forum to present current and planned activities as well as to share ideas and experiences.

- How is the road users behaviour, safety and mobility affected by new traffic scenarios including automated vehicles, novel vehicle types, car-sharing schemes and Mobility as a Service?
- What concerns, needs and expectations do people have in relation to these emerging technologies and services? How do people see themselves in the digital transport epoch? How can inclusion and accessibility be promoted and ensured?
- Which are the priorities and technological solutions to be envisaged and adopted within a smart cities transportation environment?
- Which directions should ergonomic designs evolve in so as to ensure adequate passive safety in the changing environments?
- How and to what extent should current HMI (Human Machine Interaction) concepts and tools be adapted to address the evolving technologies?
- How to integrate non-connected and potential socially excluded citizens within future transport systems.
- The call for extended abstracts re-opens!

Abstracts submission re-opening: 22 June 2021

Extended abstracts submission deadline: 29 August 2021

Review of abstracts and acceptance notification: 6 & 7 September 2021

All information, submission and registration available at: <https://www.humanist-vce.eu/major-activities/conference/rhodes-2020-conference-postponed-to-26-27-october-2021/>

HUMANIST actively participates in the Drive2theFuture project. The project currently conducts [a survey on Remote operation of driverless trains as a fall-back system](#), aiming at collecting and evaluating public opinion of remotely operated driverless trains.

## FEHRL INFRASTRUCTURE RESEARCH VIRTUAL MEETING 2021 (FIRM 2021) 7-8 December 2021

The theme will be “ Innovative roads for everyone’s mobility”. Key highlights will include:

- The presentation of FEHRL’s new Strategic European Road and cross-modal Research and Implementation Programme (SERRP) (2021-2024),
- Key addresses from FEHRL key stakeholders,
- Several interactive sessions about current R&D&I activities in the field of transport infrastructures.

The registration is free of charge and includes two days of the virtual conference.

More information and programme will come soon.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### New ECTRI Strategy is out!

The new ECTRI Strategy 2021-2030 was published in December 2020. You can access it there: [https://www.ectri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2020-12-07\\_ECTRI-STRATEGY\\_2021-2030\\_Final.pdf](https://www.ectri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2020-12-07_ECTRI-STRATEGY_2021-2030_Final.pdf)

### Latest 3 ETRR topical collections published – One in preparation

3 topical collections have been published in ETRR, the ECTRI sponsored Journal.

- Highlights of TRA2020 - <https://www.springeropen.com/collections/TRA2020>
- Transport in the COVID-19 Era - <https://www.springeropen.com/collections/etrrcovid19>
- Developing Mobility as a Service – User, operator and governance perspectives - <https://www.springeropen.com/collections/maas>

A new topical collection is in preparation on the theme “Towards collaborative and more inclusive transport systems” – It will include a set of articles from the 2020 European Transport Conference which will be available there <https://www.springeropen.com/collections/etc2020>

More information about ETRR: <https://etrr.springeropen.com/about>

Submission of papers and registration as reviewers: <https://www.editorialmanager.com/etre/default.aspx>

Sign up for articles alerts: <https://www.springeropen.com/login?journalId=12544&action=signup>

If interested in proposing a topical collection, feel free to reach out the ECTRI Secretariat.

### ECTRI position papers

ECTRI issues regular position papers on transport or research policies. Those are available there: <https://www.ectri.org/publications/position-papers/>

## MORE?

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