NECTAR 2024 International Conference
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Transport Policy and decarbonisation: the role of participation and stakeholder involvement

Call for papers for the thematic session of Cluster 2 – Policy and Environment

Transport continues to pose challenges for decarbonisation and whilst emission reduction dominates much of the policy, it is also evident that increasing resilience of our transport systems, especially in urban areas is becoming critical and increasingly urgent. Cluster 2 of NECTAR focuses on policy and environmental issues and is planning to organize sessions (3 or 4 papers each) dealing with this topic at the International Conference in Brussels in 2024. The Conference will bring together leading researchers from Europe and elsewhere. Arrangements for publication of the papers presented in Cluster 2 Sessions are under consideration.

Topics of Interest

In line with the general call on Stakeholder Involvement in Transport: Who, why, how and with what impact our sessions will focus on: 1) approaches that impact behaviour and encourage change, 2) transport modes and technologies that have the potential of supporting decarbonisation, 3) resilience and transport policy and 4) policy-making processes based on stakeholder involvement methodologies and participatory decision-support methods and models.

Topics of interest include:

- Participatory planning tools for transport decarbonisation policies
- Stakeholders' preference elicitation methods,
- Identification of jointly acceptable compromise solutions,
- Innovative communication, and dissemination tools for transport decarbonisation policies
- Transport decarbonisation: policies, measures and evaluation;
- Behaviour change for sustainable transport policies
- Sustainable transport technologies and services
- Economic, environment and social consideration in transport system development
- Alternative transport modes (cycling, walking, car-sharing, para-transit);

- The environmental implications of automated vehicles, e-mobility, drones, automated deliveries

Deadline for abstract submission: January 31, 2024. Abstracts (max. 500 words) should be submitted electronically, using the form available on the conference website and following the instructions found there: https://mobilise.research.vub.be/nectar-conference-2024-general-call-for-papers

A copy of the abstract should also be sent to: Maria Attard (maria.attard@um.edu.mt) and Edoardo Marcucci (edoardo.marcucci@uniroma3.it)

Criteria for acceptance
Criteria for acceptance are scope, scientific quality, NECTAR membership and the possibility to fit the presentation in a coherent conference session. The number of participants of this thematic session will be limited to 8.

Important dates:
Abstract submission: Jan 31, 2024
Notification of acceptance: Feb 29, 2024
Confirmation of attendance: April 30, 2024

Venue:
The NECTAR conference will be organized by the Vrije Universiteit Brussels and hosted on its campus.

Participation and NECTAR membership
Registration, meals and accommodation for one night will be offered to NECTAR members, for only one author per paper. One night of hotel accomodation will be offered to participants who have confirmed their participation before 30 April 2024. One night of hotel accommodation might be charged inn case of late cancellationns. All practical details will be communicated through the conference website. In order to participate in the Conference, a consecutive and current two-year NECTAR membership is necessary. Non-members can find details of how to join the association on the "Membership" page of NECTAR's website: www.nectar-eu.eu/membership

Looking forward to meeting you in Brussels!

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