17th International NECTAR Conference
Brussels, Belgium, 3 - 5 July 2024

The role of urban mobility transitions in sustainable futures

Call for papers for the thematic session of Cluster 4 – Urban Mobility Transitions

Nectar Cluster 4 has a focus on mobility transitions such as micromobility, shared mobility, vehicle automation and their interplay with streetscape design, urban forms, mobility practices and sustainability. The emergence of the shared economy and shared mobility services has disrupted the transport sector, by decoupling vehicle ownership and usage. There exists an evolving demand for new shared modes, such as ride-sourcing, ride-pooling, bike-sharing, scooter-sharing, which are combined in either complementary and/or competing way with traditional transport modes to satisfy mobility needs. Several issues about the social, environmental and economic sustainability of these modes are still heated topics of debate and research for the academic literature and for practitioners and regulators around the world.

Submissions for the Nectar Cluster 4 thematic session include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Social effects of new shared modes
- Environmental effects of new shared modes
- Accessibility effects of new shared modes
- Vehicle automation and travel behavior
- Impact of new shared modes on public space
- New shared modes and urban forms
- Street experiments and mobility transitions
- Evidence of new mobility cultures among young generations

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: Alejandro Tirachini (alejandro.tirachini@utwente.nl)

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.

Venue

The NECTAR conference will be organized by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel 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 accommodation will be offered to participants who have confirmed their participation before April 30, 2024. One night of hotel accommodation might be charged in case of late cancellations. 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 (2023-2024). Non-members can find details of how to join the association on the "Membership" page of NECTAR's website: www.nectar-eu.eu/membership.

Important dates:

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

We look forward to seeing you in Brussels!

Cluster 4 co-chairs

Olivier Bonin, LVMT, France
John Östh, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway
Cecília Silva, University of Porto, Portugal
Alejandro Tirachini, University of Twente, The Netherlands

NECTAR is a European-based scientific association. The primary objective is to foster research collaboration and exchange of information between experts in the field of transport, communication and mobility from all European countries and the rest of the world. It is a multidisciplinary social science network bringing together a wide variety of perspectives on transport and communication problems and their impacts on society from an international perspective. For further information on NECTAR, use the link: http://www.nectar-eu.eu.