



## Celebrating 20 Years of Achievements in Sustainable and Multimodal Mobility Research

November 15, 2023 | Palais des Académies, Rue Ducale 1, Brussels



**Opening doors &  
Registration**  
From 16:30

Welcome drinks and networking

*The event is moderated by Jacki Davis*

**Opening Speeches**  
17:30 – 17:50

**Welcome speech: Highlights on 20 years' of achievements**

**Ingrid Skogsmo**, President  
ECTRI

**Keynote speech (video)**

**Magda Kopczyńska**, Director General for Mobility and Transport  
European Commission

**Scientific Speeches**  
“How research can  
drive green and  
inclusive mobility”  
17:50 – 18:15

**Municipalities need Transformative Capacity to boost shifts  
towards active transport**

**Anu Tuominen**, Principal Scientist  
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland

**Rise of the machines? Innovation and policy design for future  
mobility**

**Roberto Palacin**, Professor, Chair of Transport Futures, Director of  
Mechanical Engineering and Marine Technology  
Newcastle University, United Kingdom

**Enough is enough – Sufficiency as guiding principle for mobility  
behaviour change**

**Alexandra Millonig**, Senior Scientist  
Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT)

**Panel discussion**  
“Transforming mobility  
– Making research count  
in transport policy”  
18:15 – 18:55

**Jane Amilhat**, Head of Unit Low Emission Future Industries, DG RTD  
European Commission

**Angel Aparicio**, Professor of Transport Planning and Economics  
Technical University Madrid (UPM)

**Magnus Blinge**, Research Manager  
SCANIA

**Jaqueline Grassl**, Head of the Department for Mobility and Transport  
Technologies  
Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action

**Stephen Perkins**, Senior Counsellor  
International Transport Forum at OECD

**Closing remarks**  
18:55 – 19:00

**Caroline Alméras**, Secretary General  
ECTRI

**Cocktail & Reception**  
19:00 – 22:30

Walking dinner and networking





**Ingrid Skogsmo**  
President  
ECTRI

**Ingrid Skogsmo** is President of ECTRI and senior research leader for future mobility at VTI, the Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute. Her experience includes 25 years in the automotive industry, within positions such as president Corporate Strategy at Volvo Group; Director, Volvo Cars Safety Center and manager positions at Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, USA. Ingrid has furthermore worked as seconded expert for automated driving at the European Commission, DG RTD, and been deeply involved in R&I projects, both as deputy director for the collaborative research platform SAFER Vehicle & Traffic Safety Research Center at Chalmers, and as a biomechanics specialist at Volvo Cars. Ingrid has a Master of Science from Chalmers, Sweden, where she was awarded a honorary doctorate for pioneering safety work in 2008.



**Magda Kopczyńska**  
Director General for Mobility and Transport  
European Commission

**Magda Kopczyńska** is the Director-General for Mobility and Transport within the European Commission, since 01/08/2023. Her Directorate-General is responsible for the EU policy on mobility and transport and aims to promote a mobility that is efficient, safe, secure and environmentally friendly and to create the conditions for a competitive European transport industry generating growth and jobs. After joining the European Commission in 2006, to work in the Directorate-General for Internal Market and Services, in May 2009 Ms Kopczyńska was appointed Head of Unit for Clean Transport and Sustainable Urban Mobility in the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE). In July 2011 she became Head of Unit dealing with Maritime Transport policy and Logistics, until taking up the post of Director for Sustainable and Innovative Mobility in May 2014 until 15 October 2016. Between 16 October 2016 and December 2022 she was Director for Waterborne transport until her nomination to the post of Deputy Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development which she occupied from January until July 2023.



**Anu Tuominen**  
Principal Scientist  
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland

**Anu Tuominen** (D.Sc.Tech.) is a principal scientist at the VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd. Prior to the present position she has worked for VTT as a research team leader and senior scientist and as a transport consultant in the private sector. Her professional experience lies in the fields of urban sustainable mobility transition, transport policy analysis, transport system-level impact assessment, socio-technical change, and foresight and in which areas, she has coordinated and participated in several national and international research projects during the past 25 years. Since 2014, she is the rapporteur of the ECTRI Transport Economics and Policy Thematic group.



**Roberto Palacin**  
Professor, Chair of Transport Futures,  
Director of Mechanical Engineering  
and Marine Technology  
Newcastle University, United Kingdom

**Roberto Palacin** is Professor at Newcastle University, has extensive expertise and background on decarbonisation of transport systems including the development of holistic evaluation frameworks for energy conservation and the reduction of GHG emissions through a combination of technological appraisal and operational strategies. He has led a range of national and international projects and is currently Co-Director of the Newcastle Centre for Research Excellence in Transport and Mobility as well as the National Research Hub for Decarbonised, Adaptable and Resilient Transport Infrastructures (DARE) co-funded by EPSRC and UK's Department for Transport (DfT).



**Alexandra Millonig**

Senior Scientist

Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT)

**Alexandra Millonig** is with the Digital Resilient Cities (DRC) team at the Center for Energy of the AIT Austrian Institute of Technology. As one of the key researchers of this interdisciplinary team comprising almost 40 scientists, Alexandra is responsible for the conceptual design, implementation and management of national and international research projects related to cross-sectoral topics in the area of (spatial) behaviour and sustainable behaviour change. In addition, she gives lectures on sustainable city development and behaviour change. Alexandra holds a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a PhD on pedestrian typologies from the Vienna University of Technology and has been involved as Expert Advisor in the implementation of the European Joint Programming Initiative "Urban Europe" and the development of the Urban Europe Strategic Research Framework. As of 2021, she leads the ECTRI Mobility Thematic Group.



**Jane Amilhat**

Head of Unit Low Emission Future Industries  
DG RTD

European Commission

**Jane Amilhat** currently serves as the Head of Unit for Low Emission Future Industries at the European Commission's Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD). She joined the European Commission in 2006, when she worked for the Directorate General for Environment (DG ENV), focusing on international climate change negotiations and sectoral climate policies. Later, at DG TRADE, she handled responsibilities related to Russia, the Eastern Partnership, Western Balkans, and Switzerland. Prior to her current role, she was Deputy Head of Unit in the Directorate General for Energy (DG ENER), overseeing Energy Infrastructures and Regional Cooperation. Before her positions in the European Commission, she worked in the industrial and energy sectors at companies like Danone, Gaz de France/Engie, and RWE Trading.



**Angel Aparicio**

Professor of Transport Planning & Economics  
Technical University Madrid (UPM)

A civil engineer, with a PhD in transport and city planning and a MA in Political Philosophy, **Angel Aparicio** worked for 20 years as a civil servant at the Spanish Ministries of Transport and Environment, and as a part-time associate professor in the fields of transport and urban planning. Between 2004 and 2009, Angel served as Director General of the National Research Centre of the Spanish Ministries of Transport and Environment (CEDEX). Since June 2009 he is teaching transport planning and policy at the Technical University of Madrid. He has participated as transport expert in the evaluation and implementation of several European transport research projects, and served as member of rapporteur of the FP7 Transport Research Advisory Committee. Until 2014, he contributed as transport expert to the European Topic Centre of Climate Change Adaptation of the European Environmental Agency. He is supporting both UN Development and Environmental Programmes in the design, implementation and evaluation of climate change mitigation projects in Africa, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Americas. As of 2023, he leads the ECTRI European Policy Task Force.



**Magnus Blinge**

Research Manager  
SCANIA

**Magnus Blinge** has since November 2018 worked as Research Manager for the area Future Transport Systems with a focus on Urban Logistics at Scania CV AB. He also holds a position as Adjunct Professor in Sustainable Logistics at The Division of Logistics and Quality Management at Linköping University, Sweden. From 2016 – 2018 Magnus worked as senior project manager at Lindholmen Science park, a platform for research cooperation. He helped to identify and articulate different stakeholders needs and from that forming project proposals and applying for research funds. He worked 2010 – 2016 at Chalmers University of technology as senior lecturer at the Division of Service Management and Logistics and also as Co-Director for Chalmers Area of advance. He also had a position as head of department from 2014 – 2016. 2007 - 2010, Magnus worked at VINNOVA – Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation as Head of the Transport Department and responsible for Vinnova's work with strengthening the Swedish innovation system for the transport sector.



**Jaqueline Grassl**

Head of the Department for Mobility  
and Transport Technologies  
Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action

Combining her passion for innovation and mobility, **Jaqueline Grassl** led the Innovation Development at the Austrian Federal Railways before joining the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action in September 2022. She is head of the Department for Mobility and Transport Technologies in the DG Innovation and Technology. Her goal is to foster Research, Technology & Innovation that has an impact on the mobility transition.



**Stephen Perkins**

Senior Counsellor  
International Transport Forum at OECD

**Stephen Perkins** is Senior Counsellor at the International Transport Forum. The ITF is an International Governmental Organisation for Transport Ministers with 66 Member countries, based at the OECD in Paris. Stephen supports the Secretary General of the ITF in directing economic research in support of policy development across transport modes. The object is to improve the evidence base for public policy making. He works on a broad range of transport policy issues including decarbonising transport, air pollution, road safety, managing congestion and improving the efficiency of public transport, railways and aviation. Central to the policy advice provided to governments are lessons learned from leading practice in strategic planning, infrastructure investment, project appraisal and public consultation. Stephen has worked in the transport sector for 25 years at the ITF and the OECD and previously worked in the International Energy Agency and in energy sector businesses. He has always been engaged in working on policies for more sustainable development and better regulation, in government, industry and consultancy.



**Caroline Alméras**

Secretary General  
ECTRI

**Caroline Alméras** is a senior European public affairs specialist with 25 years' experience in EU public relations, legal advising and advocacy in the transport research field. After working at the European Commission and at the French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME), she joined the European Conference of Transport Research Institutes (ECTRI) in 2003 in charge of developing the activities of the association. In 2009, she becomes a French civil servant at the French Institute for Transport Research (INRETS, now University Gustave Eiffel) and got appointed as Deputy Director for European and International affairs. The year after she is appointed Secretary General of ECTRI. From then, she is responsible for the strategic development, representation and overall management of the ECTRI Association. Since 2020, she is co-chairing TRB International Coordinating Council (A0020C).



**Jacki Davis**

Managing Director & Journalist  
Meade Davis Communications

**Jacki Davis** is an experienced journalist and moderator of high-level events; a regular broadcaster on television and radio news; and a Senior Adviser to the European Policy Centre think tank. She has been based in Brussels for more than 30 years, and was previously the EPC's Communications Director; editor-in-chief of the EU magazine E!Sharp; launch editor of European Voice, a Brussels-based newspaper on EU affairs owned by The Economist Group (now Politico); and Brussels correspondent of a British national newspaper.