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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr Angelos Amditis is Chairman of ERTICO – ITS Europe and Research Director at the Institute of Communication and Computer Systems (ICCS) in Athens. With a long-standing background in coordinating EU-funded projects on intelligent transport systems, automation, and connectivity, Dr Amditis brings extensive experience in deploying digital mobility solutions across Europe.

Liburn Aliu, Minister of Environment, Spatial Planning, and Infrastructure of Kosovo, has overseen major infrastructure reforms aimed at aligning national policies with European standards. With a strong commitment to sustainable mobility and digital innovation, Minister Aliu plays a central role in driving Kosovo's transformation toward an integrated and intelligent transport system.

Eric von Breska worked in various capacities within the European Commission on matters of regional and urban policy and development of financial instruments for regional development in the EU. Before joining DG Move, Eric von Breska was a Director for Revenue and Multiannual Financial Framework in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Budget. Right now he is Director for Investments, Innovative & Sustainable Transport in DG MOVE. Overseeing TEN-T development, digital mobility, urban mobility, innovation, social issues, etc.

Emese Lalic Urban, Secretary of State at Serbia's Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, has been actively involved in regional transport cooperation. With experience managing Serbia's contributions to EU-aligned projects, she brings valuable insight into harmonising legislative and technical frameworks for smart mobility.

Merab Kadjaia serves as Deputy Head of the Transport and Logistics Development Policy Department at Georgia's Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development. With a background in EU integration processes, he has played a key role in Georgia's efforts to modernise its transport sector through digitalisation and policy alignment.

Matej Zakonjšek is an experienced public and private sector leader dedicated to integrating Western Balkans' transport markets into the EU. He began his career in EU diplomacy, focusing on enlargement and EU-Asia relations during the 2008 Slovenian Presidency. He joined DG MOVE in 2019, focusing on Western Balkans transport relations, and was appointed the first Director of the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat in 2020.

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SESSION 1: REGULATORY & INSTITUTIONAL ENABLERS FOR DIGITAL MOBILITY

Gilles Carabin DG Mobility and Transport, unit “Sustainable and Intelligent Transport”, Team leader for Intelligent Transport Systems, working on the ITS Directive and other digital files.

Timo Hoffmann is a transport geographer and has dealt with traffic and mobility data for more than 20 years. He worked for companies headquartered in Germany and Canada before joining the German Federal Highway and Transport Research Institute (BAST) 8 years ago. Here he is co-managing the German National Access Point and is General Secretary of NAPCORE – the National Access Point Coordination Organisation for Europe.

SESSION 2: AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES & SMART ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

Martin Boehm is a leading expert in connected and automated mobility. As Managing Director of AustriaTech, he oversees national strategies for C-ITS deployment, autonomous vehicle integration, and innovation in smart road infrastructure. His work supports Austria’s role in shaping future-oriented transport systems in Europe. Martin Boehm is Technical Director at AustriaTech and has been with the company since 2006. For 25 years, he has been involved in the digitalisation of the mobility system from both a public and industrial perspective. His focus is on the areas of connected intelligent mobility systems, travel information systems and mobility as a service with a clear focus on the potential of digitalisation to make the mobility system more sustainable. His main expertise is bringing research in the field of Intelligent Transport Systems and Services to real deployments. As General Secretary of the European C-Roads Platform he is aiming at harmonised and interoperable deployment of C-ITS services across Europe.

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Ricardo Tiago has a degree in Civil Engineering - Roads and Transport from ISEL - Instituto Superior de Engenharia de Lisboa.

He began his professional life in 2004 at EP - Estradas de Portugal, working in road safety area. Between 2008 and 2012, he worked in InIR - Institute of Road Infrastructures, in road safety, contract management of road concessions, more specifically in monitoring and following up maintenance activities of road managers.

With the merger of the 3 institutes InIR / IMTT / IPTM, he joined IMT - Institute for Mobility and Transport, in the Contracts and Concessions Management Department.

Since 2016, his career has been more focussed on the international area, and he is currently IMT's Senior Advisor in Intelligent Mobility (ITS, C-ITS, CCAM).

Within IMT, he is responsible for the overall monitoring and coordination of various European ITS & C-ITS Projects.

He is also appointed as a national representative and expert in various European groups and forums representing Portugal and/or IMT.

- C-ROADS Platform.
- European ITS Committee and various expert groups.
- CEDR - WG Connectivity, Automation and Data.
- HLM Connected and Autonomous Driving Meetings
- PIARC - T.C. 2.5 - Road infrastructure for Connected and Automated Mobility.
- CCAM SRG State Representative Group
- ERTICO
- PAVE Europe

Osama Al-Gazali specializes in cooperative intelligent transport system and mobility platforms at the German national motorway company. His current work addresses the challenges of deploying C-ITS – as an eco-system - in traffic management systems and the cybersecurity challenges posed by increasingly connected and digitalised road networks.

As the chair of working group (Operation and C-ITS Deployment Strategy) of C-Roads, he plays an important role in establishing a common European operational framework of C-ITS based on the European trust model.

He moderated recently a technical session at the ITS Word congress in Dubai in September 2024 under the title “Security, trust and resilience”.

Pedro Barradas is Director of Innovation at ARMIS, where he leads projects focused on applying artificial intelligence and advanced data analytics to transport systems. His work supports smarter, safer, and more sustainable mobility through AI-driven solutions for road safety monitoring, traffic prediction, and automated enforcement. With experience across both public and private sectors, Pedro plays an active role in advancing digital transformation in European transport.

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SESSION 3: SMART MOBILITY: DIGITAL INNOVATION AND INTEGRATION IN MULTIMODAL URBAN MOBILITY

Nedim Begovic is a policy expert working at the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat, where he leads initiatives on sustainable and digital mobility in the Western Balkans. His work focuses on aligning regional transport systems with EU standards, particularly in areas such as clean fleet deployment, alternative fuel infrastructure, multimodal connectivity, and transport innovation. He is also actively involved in shaping strategic frameworks that promote climate resilience and institutional reform in the transport sector.

David Schoenmaekers has been working for 15 years at the Federal Public Service of Mobility and Transport of Belgium. He is leading the service responsible for ITS, multimodal and active mobility. In the current NAPCORE project, he contributed mainly regarding the topic on multimodal travel information services and as MaaS ambassador.

Vladimir Vorotovic holds a Master of Engineering in Transport Planning and Traffic Engineering from the University of Belgrade, Serbia, and a Master of Business Administration from Cardiff Metropolitan University, in the United Kingdom. Before joining ERTICO in 2020, where he is an expert in urban mobility, transport planning, traffic engineering and MaaS, Vladimir was involved in numerous traffic modelling and visualisation projects in the UK and globally, including the first shared space project in Exhibition Road, the 2012 Olympic Games in London and the East West Cycle Superhighway project. He has been responsible for the delivery of TfL's Traffic Modelling Guidelines and updates of TfL's Model Auditing Process. A British and Serbian national, Vladimir speaks English, Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian and Russian.

Zornitza Dimitrova-Hoffmeister, DG MOVE: Lawyer; studied at Sofia University "St Kliment von Ochrid" (Bulgaria) and at Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg (Germany)
Works at the EU Commission since 2007 (experience in the fields: free movement of capital, public procurement, passengers' rights, digital mobility platforms).

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SESSION 4: SMART ROADS AND CONNECTED RAIL – THE BACKBONE OF DIGITAL TRANSPORT

Dr Kire Dimanoski has been serving as a Rail Officer at the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat since 2020. Prior to his current role, he played important role in the rail transport sector, notably as the Regional Business Development Manager for SEE at DB Schenker and as a Member of the Management Board of Macedonian Railways Transport JSC. With a diverse background, he has accumulated extensive expertise in freight and passenger rail transport, logistics, forwarding, and the successful execution of internationally funded projects. Kire holds a PhD degree in railway traffic and transport, which has further enhanced his profound understanding of the field. His passion for advancing rail transport knowledge is evident through his publication of 12 scientific papers and authorship of 5 textbooks, all centered around various aspects of rail transport.

Leonid Vukovic, Corridors of Serbia – Project Manager - E761 Highway, Pojate - Preljina ("Morava Corridor") Project Manager - E761 Highway, Pojate - Preljina ("Morava Corridor"), Project Manager - Highway E75, Corridor X Sector South Sep 2018 - Jan 2020, Deputy Project Manager - Highway E75, Corridor X, Sector South, Jan 2016 - Sep 2018, Civil Engineer by background and formal education, with an overall experience of 17 years in the construction industry with 10 years specifically in Koridori Srbije.

Euripides Sakellariou holds a diploma (MEng) in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Transportation Engineering, both from the Aristotle University. He has also completed an Executive Management Programme for Shipping Industry Talents at the Shanghai Maritime University in China while he is a PhD candidate in Maritime Economics at the University of Antwerp. Before joining ERTICO in February 2025, Euripides worked as a Project Officer of the European Commission under CINEA CEF Transport. He maintains a track record of coherent and intensive professional experience in the field of research and implementation on European transport policy since 2012 including involvement as an external evaluator/expert for SHIFT2RAIL Joint Undertaking (S2R JU), while he held several transport and logistics senior positions in international companies. From 2022 to 2024 he was elected as an Executive Member of the Board of the Hellenic Institute of Transportation Engineers (SES) while for the same period, he held the Chair for the Scientific Committee E6 for Freight Transport.

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Juan Jose Bermejo, IDOM. Corporate Director of IDOM's Telecom, ITS & Security Business Area. He holds an MSc in Electrical Engineering with and an Executive MBA. Having developed his whole career (38 years) at IDOM, his professional activity and core competences have been focus in the fields of Information Systems (ICT), Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), Smart Cities, Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN), Technology, Security & Emergency, Communication Networks (operators, private), Data Centers, Transportation and Automation. He is Partner of the Company and a member of the Board of Directors, and has held several positions and developed several businesses for the company, such as IT Systems, Security, Telecommunications, Smart Cities, ITS (Roads, Rail & Ports), Digital Airports and Data Centers. He has wide experience in different sectors such as: Roads, Railways, Airports, Ports, Telecom, Utilities, Government, Security, Industry, etc.

SESSION 5: FREIGHT & LOGISTICS DIGITALISATION

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Kire holds a PhD degree in railway traffic and transport, which has further enhanced his profound understanding of the field. His passion for advancing rail transport knowledge is evident through his publication of 12 scientific papers and authorship of 5 textbooks, all centered around various aspects of rail transport.

Miroslav Petrovic is Master of Electrical Engineering and Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). He has 30 years of professional experience in various digitalization projects in more than 20 countries, acting in various roles, from Engineer to Project Manager and in all project stages, from Strategy Development to Supervision, mainly in Digital Infrastructure and Digitalization in all modes of Transport. He is currently Key Expert for Digital Future in the CONNECTA 2 project – TA for Connectivity in the Western Balkans and Chair of ITS Serbia.

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Jop Spoelstra is Innovation manager for system integrator Technolution, based in the Netherlands. He is responsible for design and execution of the Technolution innovation roadmaps over all markets including mobility, there Technolution provides traffic management software and system integration.

Through that role Jop is a member of the ERTICO Strategy Committee and Steeringbody member of the ERTICO TM2.0 innovation platform, and actively involved in several European innovation projects such as the MODI project. In this project, Technolution and partners enable CCAM level 4 automation with heavy duty trucks on public road and private logistical terrains.

Dr. Eusebiu Catana is a Senior Consultant for Innovation and an advisor to CXOs on disruptive technologies related to transport&logistics. He serves as a member of the DTLF Steering Committee, founder of the FENIX 2.0 Cross-Border Data Sharing Worldwide Association, and a key contributor to the development of data spaces. He is also a member of ISO/TC 204, IEEE and AIOTI and has published research papers and research book chapters.

In 2023, Dr. Eusebiu Catana received the European Innovation Award in Brussels for his contributions to digital transformation in the transportation industry. He was also honoured with the ICTStand 2023 Award by the European Commission for his role in the global development of ICT standards and has been also awarded the 2024 IPv6 Hall of Fame. In 2002, he was awarded the Best Award for ITS Project Development Platform by the European IT industry in Munich.

As member of the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda 2022-2027, Dr. Catana is advocating for a major shift from IPv4 to IPv6, along with the adoption of related technologies. This includes the integration of emerging technologies such as information-centric networking and support for non-unicast transport mechanisms within Content Delivery Networks (CDNs), paving the way for the widespread deployment of IPv6 applications in transport&logistics.

Additionally, Dr. Catana contributes to the EU Horizon O-CEI Project, which accelerates the adoption and scaling of Cloud-Edge-IoT solutions, enhances strategic autonomy, promotes multi-sided marketplaces, and supports open standards for virtualization and interoperability in CCAM. He holds a PhD in Information Technology, Master's Degrees in Engineering and Operations Research-AI, as well as a Postgraduate Master's in Industrial Management.

Juergen Drnec, Gebrueder Weiss. Supply Chain Management & Logistics enthusiast. Mindset based on systemic approach and lifelong learning. Thriving to become an effective manager and empowering my colleagues in the best way day by day. Jürgen Drnec, 33 years old, living in Austria – married, 2 children. Experiences in Management Consultancy (focus: Supply Chain Management), transport & logistics (formerly DB Schenker)

Currently: Head of Operations Management at Gebrüder Weiss GmbH, responsible for all Operational units of Gebrüder Weiss in Europe (55 branch offices).

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