

**Workshop on Bridging Research & Innovation in the Western Balkans  
and EU Neighbouring Regions**

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Road Technical Committee**

Transport Community Permanent Secretariat

**19 May 2026**

Hungexpo Budapest Congress and Exhibition Centre, Budapest, Albertirsai út 10

Pavilion H, room 101.

**09:00 – 09:15 | Registration**

**09:15 – 09:30 | Opening Remarks**

**Speaker:**

Matej Zakonjsek, Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat

Máté Verdes, Head of Intelligent Transportation Systems Department, Hungarian Public  
Roads, Chair of Management Committee of TRA 2026

**09:30 – 10:00 | Keynote presentation on improving transport innovation and digitalisation in  
Southeastern and Eastern Europe**

**Speaker:** Nedim Begovic, Green/Multimodal/Innovative transport solutions Desk Officer

Nerejda Hoxha, Road Coordinator

**10:00 - 10:15 | Coffee break**

**10:15 – 11:40 | Bridging Research & Innovation in the Western Balkans and EU  
Neighbouring Regions**

**Moderator:** Nedim Begovic, Green/Multimodal/Innovative transport solutions Desk Officer

Possible Discussion Points:

## **Current State of Play & Challenges**

### **Guiding questions**

- What are the current innovative projects (digitalisation, sustainability, etc) that you are involved with?
- What are the main Research & innovation gaps across WB and OP?
- Is there formal cooperation framework between different stakeholders (academia, ministries, private sector) in execution of innovative projects?

## **Opportunities & Way forward**

### **Guiding questions**

- How to overcome the main identified gaps (such as lack of capacity, skillset, resources etc.)?
- What are the opportunities to improve innovation ecosystem and to boost innovative transport solutions in WB and OP?
- What could Mechanisms for bilateral & multilateral research partnerships in place to support transport innovation?
- How to leverage existing EU programmes (Horizon Europe, CEF) for innovation?

## **11:40 – 12:00 | Digitalisation in Transport – From Data to Impact in Cross-Border Networks**

**Moderator:** Nerejda Hoxha, Road Coordinator

- **Speaker:** Attila Molnár – CTO, Cooperation Is the Architecture, how regulators, universities, and industry build digital mobility together,

## **12:00 – 14:00 | Lunch break**

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### 14:00 – 14:10 | Opening Remarks and Administrative matters

Matej Zakonjsek, Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat

Adoption of the Agenda

### 14:10 – 14:50 | Cooperation with universities/project of interest

- **Speaker:** Nedim Begovic, Green/Multimodal/Innovative transport solutions Desk Officer

University representatives

### 14:50 – 15:10 | Update on Technical Assistance

- Multimodal travel information system
- AFIR
- **Speaker:** Nedim Begovic, Green/Multimodal/Innovative transport solutions Desk Officer

### 15:10 – 15:30 | ITS Deployment in Hungary

- **Speaker:** Róbert Tóth, Hungarian Public Roads

### 15:30 – 16:00 | Progress in the implementation of EU Acquis and Road Action Plan – Western Balkans and Observing Partners

- **Speaker:** Nerejda Hoxha, Road Coordinator

Darko Miceski, Road and Road Safety Desk Officer, PIU

**Tour de table**

### 16:00 – 16:30 | TEN-T Reports for the Western Balkan and Observing Partners – State of play

- **Speaker:** Ljubinka Ivanovic, Road Projects Officer

Darko Miceski, Road and Road Safety Desk Officer, PIU

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### 16:30 – 17:00 | Conclusions

