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### Transport Research Arena 2026

From 18 to 21 May 2026, Budapest will host Europe's largest transport research and innovation event, the Transport Research Arena (TRA) conference and exhibition. TRA is a joint initiative of the European Commission and leading European organisations, which has been presenting the latest results and future developments in transport research and innovation every two years since 2006. The event is the most important meeting place for researchers and shapers (policymakers, industry representatives, professionals and researchers) of sustainable, safe and intelligent mobility, where the future of sustainable transport in Europe is shaped through collaboration and knowledge sharing.

The central theme of the 2026 Budapest conference, “Re-Generation in Transport”, emphasises the need for renewal and the involvement of the next generations. The event aims to provide a platform for ideas and developments that serve the transformation of transport in the face of environmental, social and technological challenges.

TRA 2026 focuses on four main areas:

- **user centered mobility**, which is built around new service models, the integration of multimodal transport systems and the development of personalised, smart solutions;
- **green mobility and decarbonisation**, which prioritises the implementation of electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles, alternative fuels, energy recovery systems and urban zero-emissions zones;
- **planning and operation**, which deals with systems-level planning, data-driven traffic management, predictive maintenance and integrated logistics solutions; and
- **transport digitalisation**, which includes the application of autonomous vehicles, IoT devices, digital twin-based systems and big data analytics for more efficient transportation.

TRA is not only a conference but a platform that celebrates researchers by recognizing their innovative contributions to transportation research. The TRA Visions awards are presented in 4 categories (young, senior, special honorary, host) in each (road, rail, airborne, waterborne, cross-modal: passenger transport and cross-modal: logistics) transport sub-sectors.

The TRA 2026 conference will cover four days of innovation, dialogue and collaborations. From forward-looking keynotes and high-level plenaries to scientific, strategic and technical sessions, innovative exhibitions, demonstrations, technical visits and networking events – the schedule is designed to inspire and connect.

The TRA 2026 organising committee is led by Tamás Bartal, the board consists of nine, Hungarian and international partners: Hungarian Public Roads, Institute for Transport Sciences, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Centre for Budapest Transport, Széchenyi István University, Hungarian Scientific Association for Transport, European FEHRL and ECTRI organisations and the University College Dublin.