



15th International NECTAR Conference
Helsinki, Finland, 5 - 7 June 2019

Call for papers for the thematic session of Cluster 2 “Policy and Environment”

Planning the future of transport for sustainable, open and happy cities

Cluster 2 has a long-standing tradition on investigating the role of transport policy issues. The specific focus of the Cluster is on analyzing, forecasting, measuring and discussing policy direct/indirect impacts on the environment in its broader context. Moving toward human scale cities requires a shift from the traditional mobility paradigm, towards sustainable, efficient, and shared transport. In a context characterized by great uncertainty about the future of transport in our cities, the potential impact of innovative solutions capable of relieving cities from transport burden should be addressed.

Cluster 2 is planning to organize sessions (3 or 4 papers each) dealing with this topic at the International Conference in Helsinki in 2019. The Conference will bring together leading researchers from Europe and elsewhere. Arrangements for publication of the papers presented in Cluster 2 Sessions are under consideration.

Topics of interest

On this background the topics of interest for the special sessions might include, but are not limited to:

- how sustainable mobility plans (SUMP) should address equity, mobility and stakeholders' needs
- assessing environmental impacts of innovative solutions and transport policies: methods, models and case studies
- strategies to foster behaviour change in transport (e.g. gamification)
- innovative shared mobility solutions in cities: challenges and opportunities
- innovative transport solutions able to combine freight and passenger mobility

Deadline for abstract submission: January 21, 2019. Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the form available on the Conference website:

<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/towards-human-scale-cities-open-and-happy>

A copy of the abstract should also be sent to Deb Niemeier (dniemeier@ucdavis.edu) and Edoardo Marcucci (edoardo.marcucci@uniroma3.it)

Criteria for acceptance: scope, scientific quality and NECTAR membership. Authors of selected abstracts are invited to submit an extended abstract (1000 words) before April 30. The extended abstracts will be published on the conference page of the NECTAR website, accessible to NECTAR members only. The number of participants of this thematic cluster session will be limited to 8.

Venue:

The NECTAR conference will be organized by the University of Helsinki and Aalto University. The Venue is the main building of the University of Helsinki. Built in 1832 this historical building is located in the heart of Helsinki, easily reachable by public transport.

Participation and NECTAR membership

Registration, meals and accommodation for two nights will be offered to NECTAR members, for only one author per paper. Two nights of hotel accommodation will be offered to participants who have confirmed their participation by sending copies of travel tickets before April 30, 2019. 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 (2019-2020). 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: January 21, 2019.

Notification of acceptance: February 25, 2019.

Submission of extended abstracts: April 30, 2019

Confirmation of attendance: April 30, 2019

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