CALL FOR SPEAKERS

CIVITAS Forum Conference

1 – 3 October 2024

Parma, Italy

About the CIVITAS Forum Conference

The **CIVITAS Forum** makes its return with a dynamic three-day conference, serving as the flagship event of the **CIVITAS Initiative**. Since its creation in 2003, the CIVITAS Forum has become an essential platform for participants to learn from leaders and experts of sustainable and smart mobility. It also promotes the sharing of ideas and helps build relationships among important players involved in transforming urban mobility across Europe.

The **CIVITAS Forum 2024** will take place in the picturesque **city of Parma**, Italy, from **1-3 October 2024.** It will focus on how the CIVITAS community is shaping the future of urban mobility and contributing to the *mobility renaissance*! Typically attracting around 600 attendees, the conference will see participation from a diverse group of stakeholders including city representatives, policymakers, practitioners, planners, academics, and mobility enthusiasts.

Keep an eye on the [CIVITAS Forum 2024](#) page on our website for upcoming details about speakers and additional information, as updates will be posted in the coming months.

Conference theme and streams

The topics guiding the CIVITAS Forum 2024 are in line with the main theme of the event *"Mobility Renaissance: a holistic approach to urban transformation"*.

Just as the Renaissance redefined cultural and societal norms, today's urban environments need a similarly innovative approach to mobility. This involves moving beyond traditional transportation models to embrace a holistic perspective on urban development. It is about integrating sustainability, inclusivity, technology, and community engagement to build a transportation system that is not just for travel, but also supports a thriving future.

This comprehensive approach to mobility underpins the conference, which is organized into **three vertical streams**, each delving into different aspects of this complex landscape

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Stream 1: Climate-neutral and resilient mobility

In this stream, innovative strategies and technologies aimed at achieving climate-neutral mobility in urban environments, including initiatives undertaken by the 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities, will be explored. Examples of topics in this stream include: the promotion of active transportation modes, the adoption of clean energy vehicles, and the implementation of sustainable infrastructure.

Stream 2: Smart, connected and efficient mobility

This stream will delve into the transformative potential of smart, connected and efficient mobility solutions in shaping the future of urban transportation. Examples of topics in this stream include: the integration of advanced technologies, like artificial intelligence and digital twins, optimization of traffic management systems, and enhancement of urban connectivity.

Stream 3: Inclusive and safe mobility for all

Within this stream, an emphasis will be placed on participatory and inclusive methodologies in urban mobility planning and design. Examples of topics in this stream include, urban space design, enhancing public involvement in decision-making processes, and tackling equity concerns in transportation access.

If you're interested in presenting at the CIVITAS Forum 2024, please ensure your proposal fits into one of the above outlined streams, as well as aligns with one of the below mentioned sessions. Your presentation should reflect the Forum's main themes and provide new ideas and solutions to urban mobility challenges. A broad approach is suggested. Please note, it is necessary to be present in Parma, should you wish to be a speaker.

Sessions open to abstract submissions

Stream	Session	Topics to be addressed in the session
Climate-neutral & resilient mobility	**Multimodal Passenger Hubs:** Efficiently connecting rural, peri-urban and urban transport	▪ Connecting urban, peri-urban, and rural areas transport systems. ▪ Enabling sustainable mobility through public transport (including road and rail), active, and shared modes. ▪ Strategies and business models for sustainable multimodal passenger hubs (MPHs). ▪ Governance and technological solutions for integrating transport modes at hubs. ▪ Utilizing MPHs to manage urban congestion and optimise space. ▪ Approaches for integrating MPHs into the urban fabric.
	Becoming Active: Walking and cycling for liveable cities	▪ Integrating active modes in mobility planning and regulation. ▪ The holistic benefits of active mobility. ▪ Urban design models to facilitate active mobility. ▪ Inspirational large-scale transformations. ▪ Contribution of active mobility to reducing congestion and enhancing urban life. ▪ The EU Cycling Strategy.
	Charging Ahead: Electrifying Urban Mobility	▪ Advancements in electrification technology. ▪ Challenges in building e-hubs: From grid management to business models. ▪ Policy and governance for electric mobility. ▪ Success stories in urban mobility electrification.
	Planning for Low Emission Mobility: Integrating Land Use and Transport Planning	▪ Urban planning and transport regulations supporting climate-neutral mobility. ▪ Exploring the effectiveness of urban concepts/models such as 15-min city and superblocks in reducing transport emissions. ▪ Strategies for implementing "avoid, shift and improve" framework. ▪ Lessons learnt from implementations.
Smart, connected & efficient mobility	**The Next Frontier:** Integrating Urban Air Mobility in Future Cityscapes	▪ A forward-looking perspective on Urban Air Mobility (UAM). ▪ Navigating regulatory pathways for UAM. ▪ The role of cities in integrating UAM with urban and peri-urban mobility.

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		▪ Advancements in UAM (technology, safety, regulation, and integration challenges. ▪ Urban use cases for UAM. ▪ Innovative solutions to enhance connectivity and sustainability in UAM.
	The Smart Shift: Redefining Urban Mobility and Enhancing Traffic Management with Digital Twins and AI	▪ AI in traffic management and logistics. ▪ Digital Twins as planning and decision-making tools in smart mobility. ▪ Urban case studies of smart mobility solutions. ▪ Implementation of multimodal traffic management systems. ▪ Public-private cooperation in ITS collection *(also applicable for the following session)*
	Smart Mobility Services: Leveraging Data Integration for Seamless Mobility	▪ Applications for integration of mobility services through MaaS. ▪ Urban use cases of the common European Mobility Data Space (EMDS). ▪ Data management challenges in smart mobility: sharing, formatting, standards, ownership and platform integration. ▪ Enhancing user experience and bridging the digital divide. ▪ Lessons learnt from implementations.
Inclusive and safe mobility for all	**Universal Design for Urban Mobility:** Breaking Barriers, Building Access	▪ Principles of universal design. ▪ Technological innovations for accessibility. ▪ Policy and planning for inclusive mobility. ▪ Case studies of universal access in action: best practices and outcomes.
	Together We Move: Community-Driven Innovations in Mobility	▪ Principles of participatory design. ▪ Success stories of community engagement. ▪ Tools for effective co-creation. ▪ The impact of co-designed mobility.
	Mobilizing Change: How Culture Shapes Our Transport Futures	▪ The influence of cultural norms on mobility patterns. ▪ Strategies for promoting sustainable mindsets and behaviour in mobility. ▪ The role of policy, regulation, and technology. ▪ Case studies of behavioural change in initiatives.
	Safety First: Building Safe Urban Mobility for Everyone	▪ Inclusive safety and accessibility. ▪ Innovative safety technologies. ▪ Policy and planning strategies for inclusive safety. ▪ Success stories in safe and inclusive mobility initiatives.

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Types of Sessions

Applicants can propose one of two main types of sessions:

- **Panel Session:** This is a structured discussion moderated and featuring multiple speakers. Each speaker should share unique insights and perspectives on the specified topic. Short presentations accompanied by effective visuals are recommended to enhance the discussion. Please ensure visuals are clear, professional, and support the conveyed messages.
- **Interactive Session:** These sessions are designed to engage the audience, and is suitable for workshops, roundtable discussions, or interactive presentations. Applicants are encouraged to propose innovative formats that facilitate participant interaction and engagement. The final format for these sessions will be confirmed by the organizing committee based on feasibility and conference goals.

Please note, support for session design and technical needs will be provided by the conference organizers. Further details on the implementation of interactive sessions and any necessary adjustments will be communicated to the speakers ahead of the event.

Submission Guidelines and Process

Please review the following guidelines carefully to ensure your proposal aligns with the expectations and standards of the CIVITAS Forum 2024

- **Joint submissions:** If you choose to collaborate with others for a joint presentation, please coordinate with your fellow contributors to submit a single, cohesive proposal. Ensure that the roles and contributions of each participant are clearly defined.
- **Avoid repeating speakers:** To bring fresh perspectives to the Forum, we encourage avoiding repeat appearances by the same speakers across different sessions. This helps maintain a diverse and engaging program.
- **Highlight diverse contributors:** We strongly encourage presentations from cities and technology providers involved in your projects, rather than project coordinators. This approach showcases the practical applications and innovations directly from those who implement and benefit from them.

Disclaimer: It's important to note that the organizing committee reserves the right to request adjustments to proposed session types and content. This may include suggestions to modify the session format or merge its content with another proposal for better coherence or coverage of thematic areas.

Tip!: Keep your proposal clear and focused.

Timeline

Deadline	Description
29 April 2024	Launch of the Call for Speakers
30 May 2024	**Deadline to submit your proposed contribution**
28 June 2024	Announcement of the selected speakers
July-September 2024	E-meetings to brief those organising and those involved in a session or activity. Confirmation of the details of the contributions to the Forum conference
1-3 October 2024	CIVITAS Forum Conference

Criteria

In terms of **criteria**, the following aspects will be considered:

- Alignment between the session description and your proposed contribution.
- Innovation embedded in the abstract presented, including solutions, methodologies, and strategies being presented.
- Relevance to the goals and endeavours of the CIVITAS Initiative and the CIVITAS Community, as a whole.
- Proficiency in communication and/or demonstrated speaking skills and experience.
- While participation from individuals involved in sustainable urban mobility initiatives beyond the CIVITAS network is encouraged, priority will be given to stakeholders associated with the CIVITAS Community (CIVITAS projects, CIVINETs, members of the CIVITAS Network of cities, etc.).

Evaluators

All submitted applications will be evaluated by the CIVITAS Programme Committee (formed by the main organisers, in cooperation with the European Commission).

Should you have any questions, please contact the CIVITAS Forum Conference organising team at forum@civitas.eu.

Proposal Form

Mandatory questions are marked with *

PART I – YOUR CONTACT DETAILS[1]	
Name *	
Organisation *	
Email *	
Telephone *	
CIVITAS Affiliation *	☐ Member of the CIVITAS Network of Cities ☐ CIVINET: if you checked this box, Indicate here the name of the CIVINET you are representing ☐ CIVITAS Project: if you checked this box, Indicate here the name of the CIVITAS Project you are representing ☐ Official Partnership/Collaboration with the CIVITAS Community: if you checked this box, Indicate here the name of the partnership you are representing ☐ Non-CIVITAS personality

PART II – YOUR CONTRIBUTION	
Presentation title *	
Session you want to submit your abstract for * (select only one)	**Stream 1: Climate-neutral and resilient mobility** ☐ Multimodal Passenger Hubs: Efficiently connecting rural, peri-urban and urban transport ☐ Becoming Active: Walking and Cycling for liveable cities ☐ Charging Ahead: Electrifying Urban Mobility ☐ Planning for Low Emission Mobility: Integrating Land Use and Transport Planning

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[1] Here you should indicate the contact information of the main contact person to approach regarding the application (please only indicate one, even if you are proposing more than one speaker in your contribution).

	Stream 2: Smart, connected, and efficient mobility
	☐ The Next Frontier: Integrating Urban Air Mobility in Future Cityscapes
	☐ The Smart Shift: Redefining Urban Mobility and Enhancing Traffic Management with Digital Twins and AI
	☐ Smart Mobility Services: Leveraging Data Integration for Seamless Mobility
	Stream 3: Inclusive and safe mobility for all
	☐ Universal Design for Urban Mobility: Breaking Barriers, Building Access
	☐ Together We Move: Community-Driven Innovations in Mobility
	☐ Mobilizing Change: How Culture Shapes Our Transport Futures
	☐ Safety First: Building Safe Urban Mobility for Everyone
Type of presentation[2] *	☐ Panel Session ☐ Interactive Session
Abstract * [max. 500 words]	

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[2] Please note that the programme may change and therefore session types will be decided at a later stage. You can indicate the types of presentation you think best suited to your content, but please note that the final decision will be made by the CIVITAS Programme committee in order to ensure the best fit into the final programme.

In case of joint application, please identify which is the type of collaboration [list all collaborators' names, roles/projects, and contributions]	10 / 12
Speaker Information* [for each speaker, provide a short biography focusing on their relevant experience and expertise. Max 200 words per speaker]	Speaker 1: (name, title, organisation, project) Short Bio:
	Speaker 2 (if applicable): Short Bio:
	Speaker 3 (if applicable): Short Bio:

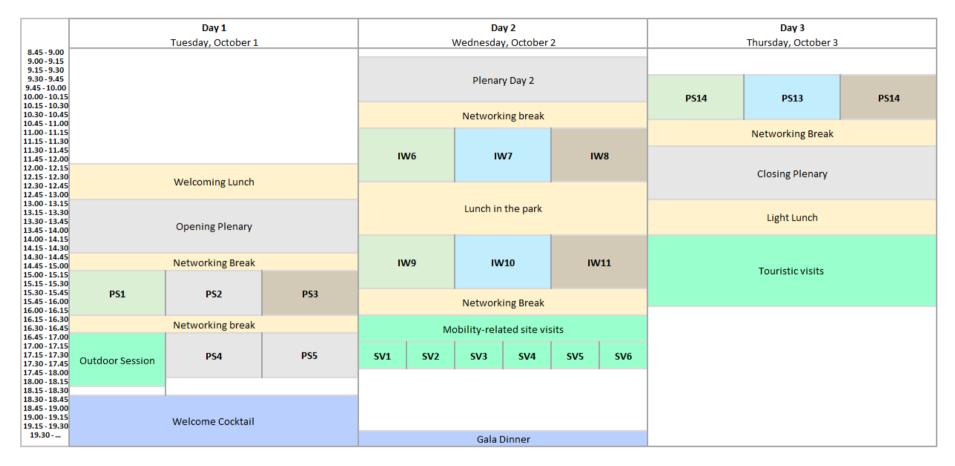**Completed forms should be sent to <u>forum@civitas.eu</u> by <u>30 May 2024</u>**

Figure 1 - Overview of the CIVITAS Forum programme

Time	Day 1 — Tuesday, October 1	Day 2 — Wednesday, October 2	Day 3 — Thursday, October 3
8.45 - 9.00			
9.00 - 9.15		Plenary Day 2	
9.15 - 9.30			
9.30 - 9.45			PS14 / PS13 / PS14
9.45 - 10.00			
10.00 - 10.15			
10.15 - 10.30		Networking break	
10.30 - 10.45			
10.45 - 11.00			Networking Break
11.00 - 11.15		IW6 / IW7 / IW8	
11.15 - 11.30			
11.30 - 11.45			Closing Plenary
11.45 - 12.00			
12.00 - 12.15	Welcoming Lunch		
12.15 - 12.30		Lunch in the park	
12.30 - 12.45			
12.45 - 13.00			
13.00 - 13.15	Opening Plenary		Light Lunch
13.15 - 13.30			
13.30 - 13.45			
13.45 - 14.00			
14.00 - 14.15		IW9 / IW10 / IW11	
14.15 - 14.30			
14.30 - 14.45	Networking Break		Touristic visits
14.45 - 15.00			
15.00 - 15.15	PS1 / PS2 / PS3		
15.15 - 15.30		Networking Break	
15.30 - 15.45			
15.45 - 16.00			
16.00 - 16.15			
16.15 - 16.30	Networking break	Mobility-related site visits	
16.30 - 16.45			
16.45 - 17.00	Outdoor Session / PS4 / PS5	SV1 / SV2 / SV3 / SV4 / SV5 / SV6	
17.00 - 17.15			
17.15 - 17.30			
17.30 - 17.45			
17.45 - 18.00			
18.00 - 18.15			
18.15 - 18.30			
18.30 - 18.45	Welcome Cocktail		
18.45 - 19.00			
19.00 - 19.15			
19.15 - 19.30			
19.30 - ...		Gala Dinner	

Legend:
- Plenaries/Transversal Sessions (not open for abstract submission)
- Stream: Climate-neutral & resilient mobility
- Stream: Smart, connected & efficient mobility
- Stream: Inclusive and safe mobility for all
- Breaks/Lunches
- Social Events
- Outdoor Activities

- PS — Parallel Session
- IW — Interactive Workshop
- SV — Site Visit