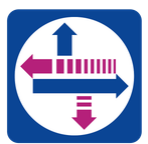


# CIVITAS FORUM 2026

15-17 SEPTEMBER 2026  
THESSALONIKI, GREECE



*Roots & Routes: Moving Forward  
to a Competitive, Connected and  
Resilient Urban Mobility*



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# CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The **CIVITAS Forum 2026** returns as a vibrant three-day conference and the flagship event of the **CIVITAS Initiative**. From **15 to 17 September 2026**, the CIVITAS community will gather in the coastal city of **Thessaloniki, Greece**, to exchange practical solutions and build partnerships that accelerate the transition to sustainable, smart and inclusive urban mobility across Europe.

Since its creation in 2003, the **CIVITAS Forum** has established itself as a leading platform where participants learn from mobility leaders and experts, share ideas grounded in real-world experience, and connect with the key actors shaping the future of urban mobility. The Forum brings together city authorities, policymakers, practitioners, planners, researchers, civil society and industry – all working to make urban mobility cleaner, safer and more resilient.

## Forum Theme

***Roots & Routes: Moving Forward to a Competitive, Connected and Resilient Urban Mobility***

## Umbrella Topics

■ Competitiveness	■ Resilience	■ Connectivity
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## CIVITAS Thematic Areas

■ Active Mobility	■ Clean Vehicles	■ Collective Passenger Transport
■ Urban Freight	■ Road Safety	■ Mobility Management
■ Public Involvement	■ Smart Mobility	■ Integrated Planning
■ Demand Management		

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

		Day 0 Monday , 14 Septem ber 2026	Day 1 Tuesday, 15 September 2026	Day 2 Wednesday, 16 September 2026	Day 3 Thursday, 17 September 2026					
	9:00-9:30		SIDE EVENTS							
	9:30-10:00			PEF						
	10:00-10:30	SIDE EVENTS			Plenary Resilient Urban Mobility	Plenary Tourism Mobility				
	10:30-11:00									
	11:00-11:30				Networking break	Networking break				
	11:30-12:00				Active Mobility	Data-driven	Incl & Access PT	Sustainable Tourism	Energy Mobility	CCAM
	12:00-12:30			Welcome lunch						
	12:30-13:00					Goodbye lunch				
	13:00-13:30			Opening Plenary Competitive urban mobility	Active Mobility		Data-driven	Incl & Access PT		
	13:30-14:00				Lunch					
	14:00-14:30					TOURISTIC VISIT	SIDE EVENTS			
	14:30-15:00			Short break	Safe Streets			Last Mile	PT Systems	
	15:00-15:30		Urban Mobility Innovation	Future EU MS	City- Region Connect					
	15:30-16:00			Networking break						
	16:00-16:30		Networking break	AGORA pitches	SUMPS/ NSSPS	Urban Freight	THESS			
	16:30-17:00									
	17:00-17:30		Mobility Skills	Shared & Micro- mobility	UAM					
	17:30-18:00									
	18:00-18:30			SITE VISITS	SIDE EVENTS					
	18:30-19:00									
	19:00-		Welcome cocktail	Networking dinner						

# CIVITAS FORUM 2026

Conference Schedule — Main Event

Thessaloniki Concert Hall | 15–17 September 2026

## DAY 1

Tuesday, 15 September 2026

from 11:00 **Conference Registration**  
Reception/Welcome Hall

12:15 – 13:15 **WELCOMING LUNCH**

### OPENING PLENARY — Competitive Urban Mobility: Scaling Innovation, Industry, and Investment Pipelines

*Plenary Session — Emiliios Riadis (Plenary Room)*

**MoC: Dan Sobovitz, European Start-up Prize for Mobility**

**Moderator: Ewa Ptaszynska (CINEA)**

**Keynote speeches:**

- Eric von Breska, DG MOVE
- Aggeloudis Stelios, City of Thessaloniki
- George Kotsiras, Greek Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport
- Vassilis Kappatos, Hellenic Institute of Transport (HIT), CERTH

**Speakers:**

- Karen Vancluysen (POLIS)
- Eric von Breska (DG MOVE)
- *Neil Valentine (EIB)*
- *EIC representative (tbc)*

13:15-14:30

NETWORKING BREAK · 14:30–14:45

### PARALLEL SESSIONS I

#### SMART MOBILITY

##### Fostering Urban Mobility Innovation: Start-ups and SMEs

**Moderator: Octavia Stepan, CINEA**

**Speakers:**

- Georgios Chatzargyros, Renel Energy *(tbc)*
- Yann Simon, EIT UM
- Ewa Ptaszynska, CINEA

14:45-16:00

#### INTEGRATED PLANNING

##### Future EU Member States: Innovation in Urban Mobility

**Moderator: Marcel Rommerts, DG MOVE**

**Co-Moderator: Dzvenyslava Tyslyukevych, CIVINET Ukraine**

**Speakers:**

- Mykola Vavryshchuk, CIVINET Ukraine
- Ilie Bricicaru, Technical University of Moldova
- Emir Hota, Sarajevo Canton, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Nedim Begović, Transport Community

#### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

##### City-Region Connectivity and TEN-T Urban Nodes: Integrated Planning and Cross-Border Coordination

**Moderator: Anne Charlotte Trapp, Eurocities**

**Speakers:**

- Carolina Ramos Fallù, Panteia
- Marianne Weinreich, Weinreich Mobility
- Oona Uusitalo, City of Turku
- *(tbc)*

### AGORA PITCHES

**AGORA PITCHES (5 pitches of 8 minutes each)**

*Market-ready solutions*

**MoC: Dan Sobovitz, European Start-Up Prize for Mobility**

16:00-17:00

### PARALLEL SESSIONS II

**MOBILITY MANAGEMENT**

**ACTIVE MOBILITY**

**CLEAN VEHICLES**

**Mobility Skills & Workforce for the Transition**

**Shared & Micro-Mobility Shift: New Mobility Services in Cities**

**Urban Air Mobility Strategies: City Perspectives and Lessons Learned**

**Moderator:** Don Guikink, BUAS

**Moderator:** CINEA

**Moderator:** Pia Peitl, DG MOVE

**Speakers:**

- Heather Allen, Median SRL
- Walter Dresscher, Townmaking Institute
- Kristine Hess-Akens, City of Aachen
- Phillip Freeman, European Transport Workers' Federation

**Speakers:**

- Meirav Sela, Dott
- Madis Sassiad, Tallinn Mobility Administration, City of Tallinn
- Áron Halász, City of Budapest

**Speakers:**

- Tom Curran, City of Dublin
- Denise Braemer, City of Hamburg
- Pedro Lopez, City of Madrid
- Renske Martijnse-Hartikka, City of Helsinki

17:00-18:15

WELCOME COCKTAIL · FROM 19:15

**DAY 2**

Tuesday, 16 September 2026

from 09:00

**Conference Registration**  
Reception/Welcome Hall

09:30-10:45

**PLENARY — Resilient Urban Mobility: Climate Adaptation and Service Continuity Under Disruption**

*Plenary Session — Emiliós Riadis (Plenary Room)*

**MoC:** Dan Sobovitz, European Start-up Prize for Mobility

**Moderator:** Marcel Rommerts, DG MOVE

**Speakers:**

- Francesco Rosella, THEMA Thessaloniki Metro Automatic
- Matias Volodymyr, Kharkiv City Council
- Mohamed Mezghani, UITP
- Marta E. Serrano Balbuena, RENFE (*tbc*)

NETWORKING BREAK · 10:45–11:15

PARALLEL SESSIONS III

**ACTIVE MOBILITY**

**SMART MOBILITY**

**COLLECTIVE PASSENGER**

**Active Mobility for Liveable, Healthy Cities — How Cities Make It Happen (Part I)**

**Data-Driven Mobility: AI, Digital Twins and Urban Transport (Part I)**

**Inclusive & Accessible Public Transport for All (Part I)**

**Moderator:** Isabel Cunha, ENTPE – University of Lyon

**Moderator:** Dimitrios Gkatzoflias, DG MOVE, European Commission

**Moderator:** Yannick Bousse, CINEA

**Speakers:**

- Suzanne Green, City of Gothenburg (*tbc*)
- Stephanie Keßler, City of Hamburg
- Vasileios Milias, Fondazione Transform Transport ETS
- Erzsébet Földes, Budapest Association of Persons with Physical Disabilities

**Speakers:**

- András Vágány, BKK Centre for Budapest Transport
- Simone Bosetti, LuxMobility
- Lottie Stainer, Transport and Urban Life Manager (*tbc*)

**Speakers:**

- Anne Patricio, MaaSLab
- Andre Santaya, vhh.mobility / Verkehrsbetriebe Hamburg-Holstein GmbH
- Stijn Vernailen, City of Antwerp
- Floridea Di Ciommo, CambiaMo

11:15 - 12:15

SHORT BREAK · 15 MIN

<p>12:30-13:15</p>	<p><b>Active Mobility for Liveable, Healthy Cities — How Cities Make It Happen (Part II)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Morgane Juliat, Rupprecht Consult, EU Policy Lab</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sofia Pires Bento, IMT Portugal</li> <li>• Angélica Caicedo-Mafla, CARNET-UPC</li> <li>• Ângela Fernandes, INOVA+</li> <li>• Achilleas Psyllidis, Delft University of Technology</li> </ul>	<p><b>Data-Driven Mobility: AI, Digital Twins and Urban Transport (Part II)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dimitrios Gkatzoflias, DG MOVE, European Commission</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria Kamargianni, MaaSLab (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• Geoffrey Scozzaro, Instant System</li> <li>• Ioannis Politis, Aristotle University Thessaloniki (<i>tbc</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Inclusive &amp; Accessible Public Transport for All (Part II)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Yannick Bousse, CINEA</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura López, Rupprecht Consult – Forschung &amp; Beratung GmbH (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• Yiannis Toskas, Independent Local Expert (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• Tim Neugebauer, City of Mannheim</li> </ul>
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**LUNCH 13:15-14:30**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS IV**

<p>14:30-15:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROAD SAFETY</b></p> <p><b>Safe Streets for All: Vision Zero in Urban Areas</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Kateřina Kührová, Eurocities</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evangelos Genitsaris, Q-PLAN</li> <li>• (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• Katerina Nikolopoulou, CIVINET Greece-Cyprus</li> <li>• (<i>tbc</i>)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>URBAN FREIGHT</b></p> <p><b>Future-Ready Last-Mile Logistics: Cycling, Micromobility and Urban Air Mobility</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>tbc</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polydoropoulou Amalia, University of the Aegean</li> <li>• Lorena Axinte, Bax Company</li> <li>• Live Hua Søråas Røsttsand, City of Oslo</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COLLECTIVE PASSENGER</b></p> <p><b>Transforming Public Transport Systems: Innovation, Markets &amp; Partnerships</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Isabelle Vandoorne, DG MOVE</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adrian Ulisse, UBER</li> <li>• Chiara Lepori, SRM</li> <li>• Martí Jofre, NEMI Mobility Solutions</li> <li>• Ioannis Chr. Panagiotidis, INFRAMIND Innovative Infrastructures Ltd</li> </ul>
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**NETWORKING BREAK · 15:45–16:15**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS V**

<p>15:45-17:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INTEGRATED PLANNING</b></p> <p><b>National and Local Cooperation for the Next Generation of SUMP</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Vanessa Holve, ICLEI Europe</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stavropoulou Evangelia, Greece Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport</li> <li>• Fergal Trace, EIB</li> <li>• Guido Mueller, Nordrhein-Westfalen Ministry (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• Sébastien Rabuel, Lyon Metropole (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• Tünde Hajnal, BKK Centre for Budapest Transport</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>URBAN FREIGHT</b></p> <p><b>Urban Freight Data Connectivity and System Operations: From Data Sharing to Measurable Outcomes</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Marion Cottet, ALICE, ETP</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annika Paul, City of Munich</li> <li>• Sergio Fernández Balaguer, EMT Madrid</li> <li>• Paola Astegiano, FIT Consulting</li> <li>• Maria Superbiola, Mobility Lab Vitoria-Gasteiz</li> <li>• Vasileios Giannoudis, CERTH</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEMAND MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p><b>Reclaiming Urban Space: Thessaloniki's Path to Climate-Neutral Mobility</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>tbc</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>tbc</i></li> </ul>
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<p>17:30-19:30</p>	<p>SITE VISIT</p>	<p>SIDE EVENTS</p>
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**NETWORK DINNER · 20:00**

# DAY 3

Thursday, 17 September 2026

from 09:00

**Conference Registration**  
Reception/Welcome Hall

## PARALLEL SESSIONS V

09:30-10:45

### CLOSING PLENARY — Connected Tourism Mobility: Managing Visitor Flows and Liveability in European Cities

**MoC: Dan Sobovitz, European Start-up Prize for Mobility**  
**Moderator: Nina Nesterova, BUAS**

**Speakers:**

- Stelios Angeloudis, City of Thessaloniki
- Cristina Nunez, NECSTouR
- Françoise Guaspere, Ile de France

## NETWORKING BREAK · 10:45–11:30

### MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

#### Sustainable Tourism Mobility

**Moderator: Maria Morfoulaki, CERTH - Centre for Research and Technology**

**Speakers:**

- Clémence Castell, Instant System
- Pascal Keiser, Bourges 2028 European Capital of Culture
- Laure Jacquet, Discovery Trains
- Jillis Mani, Province of South Holland

### INTEGRATED PLANNING

#### Powering the Transition: Deploying Investable Energy- Mobility Roadmaps for Cities

**Moderator: (tbc)**

**Speakers:**  
tbc

### SMART MOBILITY

#### CCAM for Cities: From Testbeds to Procured Services

**Moderator: Peter Staelens, Eurocities**

**Scene Setter: Anna-Maria Martyshchuk, DG MOVE**

**Speakers:**

- Matthieu Graindorge, City of Helmond
- Tim Asperges, City of Leuven

11:30-13:00

## LUNCH · 12:45–14:00

14:00-16:00

**TOURISTIC VISITS**

**SIDE EVENTS if needed**