



NECTAR 2017 International Conference
May 31 – June 2, 2017, Madrid, Spain

**Call for papers for the thematic session of
Cluster 2 – Policy and Environment**

Sustainable Transport Policy

In 2016, the World Health Organisation (WHO) released country estimates on air pollution exposure and health impacts. It identified transport as a main contributor to outdoor air pollution thus emphasizing the importance of good transport policy that prioritizes the environment. Cluster 2 of NECTAR focuses on policy and environmental issues and is planning to organize sessions (3 or 4 papers each) dealing with this topic at the International Conference in Madrid in 2017. 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

In line with the general call on Transport in a Networked Society our sessions will focus on: 1) behavioural levers capable of modifying the present trends and pro-actively responding to sustainability challenges, 2) new technologies that limit the impact of transport on the environment and foster sustainable mobility, 3) transport policy and 4) policy-making processes based on stakeholder involvement methodologies and participatory decision-support methods and models.

Topics of interest include:

- Behaviour change for sustainable urban freight transport policies
- Sustainable transport technologies
- Sustainable urban transport (in the context of smart cities)
- Economic, environment, and social consideration in transport development
- Alternative transportation modes (cycling, walking, car-sharing, para-transit, etc.);
- Climate change and transportation: policies, measures and evaluation;
- Pricing policies vs. command and control for the internalisation of external costs of transport;

- New transport technologies and their impact on the environment (e.g. autonomous vehicles, e-mobility)

This should *not* be considered as an exhaustive list but rather be interpreted as a broad indication of topics of interest.

Deadline for abstract submission: 30 January 2017.

Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the form available on the Conference website:

<http://eventos.ucm.es/go/nectar2017conference>

Criteria for acceptance: the scientific quality of the abstract and NECTAR membership. The number of participants of this thematic session will be limited to 8.

A copy of the abstract should also be sent to: Maria Attard (maria.attard@um.edu.mt) and Edoardo Marcucci (edoardo.marcucci@uniroma3.it)

Notification of acceptance: 26 February 2017.

Venue:

The NECTAR conference will be organized by three institutions: Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (JRC), University Complutense of Madrid (UCM) and the Polytechnic University of Madrid (UPM). Venue is the Polytechnic University of Madrid (UPM), Madrid, Spain.

Participation and NECTAR membership

Registration, meals and accommodation for two nights (May 31, June 1) will be offered to NECTAR members, for only one author per paper. 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. Non-members can find details of how to join the association on the “Membership” page of NECTAR’s website:

www.nectar-eu.eu/membership

Looking forward to meeting you in the spring of 2017 in Madrid!

NECTAR Cluster 2 co-chairs

Maria Attard, Wafa Elias, Edoardo Marcucci, Deb Niemeier

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