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Mobility and Accessibility after the Pandemic: Emerging Trends and Policy Challenges

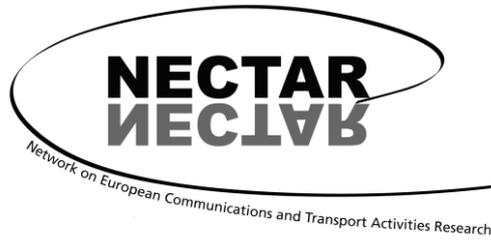
**Joint Meeting JRC-NECTAR Cluster 4 & 6
Seville (Spain) 5-7 October 2022**

Call for Papers

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission is planning to organise a joint workshop with Cluster 4 (Travel, Migration, Housing and Labour Markets) and Cluster 6 (Accessibility) of NECTAR (Network of European Communications and Transportation Academic Researchers). The meeting will take place in **Seville, Spain (5-7 October 2022)** and will be dealing with the topic of **“Mobility and Accessibility after the Pandemic: Emerging Trends and Policy Challenges”**. This meeting will bring together leading researchers from different disciplines and countries in a friendly environment to debate the recent developments on the study of mobility and accessibility in the post-pandemic context – and related policies.

Topics of Interest

The COVID-19 pandemic has triggered or amplified significant changes in people's mobility patterns: reduced mobility as an effect of teleworking, reduced use of public transport for fear of contamination, and development of cycling, cars, etc. However, we do not yet know whether these new changes will be permanent or transitory. Furthermore, some municipalities have taken advantage of this event to accelerate their plan to fight against the private car, with tactical urban planning, especially in favour of cycling. The emerging 15 minute-city concept provides a paradigm shift from mobility to accessibility planning in which land use planning, walking and cycling are highly important. Finally, researchers and public decision-makers are wondering how to make cities more resilient in the face of shocks of this type (and of other types) which mainly implies putting the question of accessibility and connectivity back at the heart of the discussions, which was particularly crucial during the periods of confinement that took place in many countries. The question of network accessibility/connectivity therefore



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seems more central than ever to develop sustainable and inclusive transport and needs to be revisited in the light of the lessons of the pandemic.

Therefore, topics of interests of this joint JRC-NECTAR workshop are (not exhaustively):

- Evolution of mobility practices in the post-COVID context
- Accessibility for policy making
- Tactical urban planning
- Planning by and for accessibility
- Modelling accessibility
- Network accessibility and connectivity: implications for resilience and vulnerability
- Network accessibility and mobility hubs
- Network resilience and vulnerability of transport hubs
- Impact of accessibility on land use and house prices
- Accessibility and territorial cohesion

We seek an open discussion about each presentation

Submitting an Abstract

Colleagues interested in presenting a paper are kindly invited to send at their earliest convenience a long abstract of maximum 700 words by email to: Oliver Bonin (olivier.bonin@univ-eiffel.fr) and Aura Reggiani (aura.reggiani@unibo.it), **by 31 May 2022**. Please, also indicate, title, author(s), affiliations, corresponding contact, and three keywords. A maximum of three bibliographic references is allowed.

Travel and Accommodation Expenses

Up to 30 NECTAR Members are invited to present a paper. The participation of one author per paper is free as JRC offers reimbursement of travel expenses and accommodation (certain JRC rules apply). NECTAR membership for the year 2022 (€70 or, for those under the age of 30, €40) is required in order to attend the meeting. Non-members can find details on how to join the association on the 'Membership' page of NECTAR's website: <https://www.nectar-eu.eu/membership/>



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Deadlines

Please, submit an abstract as soon as you can, and possibly not after the following deadline.

Abstract Submission: **31 May 2022**

Abstract Accepted Notice: **4 July 2022**

Meeting Dates: **5-7 October 2022**

The Venue

The meeting will be hosted at JRC-Seville that is located at C/ Inca Garcilaso 3, E-41092 Seville, Spain.

The mission of European Commission's JRC is to provide support to the EU policy-making process by developing science-based responses to policy challenges that have both a socio-economic as well as a scientific/ technological dimension.

Publication

Finally, publication of the works presented (in either a journal special issue or a book) will be discussed.

The Organising Committee

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