

## UITP SUMMIT 2025 | HAMBURG, 15-18 JUNE 2025

# Call for Abstracts Guidelines

### 1. Structure UITP Summit 2025 Programme

The programme of the UITP Summit is steered by a Programme Committee on behalf of the UITP Policy Board. To this end, the Summit Programme Committee (SPC) is launching the present **call for abstracts**.

In addition to this call, UITP releases independently and also for the Summit 2025, a call for Expo sessions and a call for the Innovation Guided Tours at the exhibition, dedicated to the Summit exhibitors.

It is our aim to offer various types of sessions for participants to enjoy a lively and engaging event. All types of sessions can take several forms. They can be organised as lecture or theatre sessions with presentations, Q&As and discussions involving the audience, roundtable sessions with a discussion around a topic, Power sessions, etc.

### 2. Call for Abstracts for the Congress Programme

The Programme Committee, together with the Secretariat of UITP, is identifying the focus of around 70% of the sessions of the Congress part of the event. The call for sessions has been launched for this purpose. The Committee is also identifying a number of high-level and headline speakers which will be featured in the programme.

Abstracts submitted for sessions for the Congress are expected to focus on the tracks listed and described below. **It should be noted that the number of abstracts which will be accepted is limited. Traditionally, there are a very**

**high number of submissions for this call while the number of slots available is relatively low.**

We invite proposals for speeches from individuals of any organization, regardless of their membership status in UITP. However, **priority will be given to UITP members**. The selected papers will be assigned to the appropriate sessions by the Summit Programme Committee.

### **UITP Summit 2025 tracks:**

- **Driving cities to net zero (Net Zero Cities)**
- **Operating according to local needs (Operations)**
- **Sustainable Mobility as a Lifestyle (Lifestyle)**
- **Focus on people and communities (People-Centricity)**
- **Aligning Mobility Planning with the SDGs (Sustainability)**
- **Technology for Change (Technology)**

#### **2.1 Driving policies to net zero (Net Zero Cities)**

Meeting international climate commitments for our cities requires an ambitious, multi-faceted set of policies that focus on transport, energy and infrastructure. These policies must contribute to reducing emissions and deploying new sustainable public transport models in terms of governance, financing or pricing.

#### **2.2 Operating according to local needs (Operations)**

Adapting services to the local context is an important action to best serve the needs of our passengers. By operating locally, public transport operators, authorities and industry can unite to propose operations that respond directly to local needs. From demand management and maintenance to deploying services, local and custom modes can be delivered directly to the passenger in a service tailored for their needs.

#### **2.3 Sustainable mobility as a lifestyle (Lifestyle)**

Sustainable urban mobility should be the mantra for all those who choose urban living as their preferred lifestyle. By encompassing different approaches to public transport that favour environmentally friendly, socially responsible and economically viable modes of travel, we can integrate convenient mobility options into our everyday lives. With options for all ways to travel, through on-demand



transport, MaaS, multimodality, active mobility, and more, we can create convenient, passenger-centric travel as the inclusive way to move for everyone.

#### **2.4 Focus on people and communities (People-Centricity)**

It is the people within public transport that make our sector the vital service it is to our communities. By placing a focus on individuals and communities we can refer directly to the values, needs and well-being of passengers and employees. Mobility is an essential aspect of social inclusion, as well as an important pillar of public transport services. The people- and community-centered approach takes into account social aspects such as workforce management, diversity and inclusion, safety and affordability.

#### **2.5 Aligning mobility planning with the SDGs (Sustainability)**

Public transport contributes directly to 14 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the positive impact our sector has by helping our cities achieve their sustainability targets. Climate action is crucial, and public transport can play a leading role in contributing to more resilient and adaptable cities for everyone. With thoughtful land-use planning, the necessary tools can be provided to implement the SDGs at the local level. This alignment is facilitated by resilient infrastructure, intramodal hubs, urban planning and public spaces, as well as ongoing adaptation to climate change.

#### **2.6 Technology for change (Technology)**

With emerging technologies, public transport can adapt to the latest challenges and the newest opportunities for society, the economy, and our climate. Technological innovations are transforming the sector by examining the latest developments and their potential impact. With the conversation growing around Artificial Intelligence, we need to focus on cybersecurity, fleet electrification and the challenges around climate change adaptation, ticketing and new lifestyle trends.



### 3. Milestone

- Call for congress abstracts for the UITP Summit opens on **26 September 2024** and closes on **31 October 2024 23:00 CEST**.
- Speakers will be notified whether their abstracts are selected or not by the **beginning of 2025**.

### 4. Submissions' Rules

Applications for abstracts must comply with the following rules:

1. Applicants are requested to submit their applications online via the dedicated platform **STOVA**. Applications made through other channels will not be evaluated.
2. Applicants are **highly encouraged to submit a video presentation of their abstract's summary**:
  - Formats available : MP4, AVI, MOV
  - Length: 2 min maximum
  - Language: English
3. Important to note: **we only allow one submission per person – this also means one submission per account**
4. If papers have more than one author, only one of them can benefit from the preferential conditions granted to speakers to attend the Summit.
5. A selected speaker is not allowed to designate a substitute in case he/she is not available. It is up to the Programme Committee or UITP Secretariat to make such a decision if relevant.
6. All applications are to be submitted in **English only**.
7. UITP does not cover travel and accommodation costs; however, speakers will benefit from a **special discounted rate**: free-of-charge registration for the speakers attending the UITP Summit for the day of their presentation only; If speakers wish to attend additional days of the Summit, the **Exchange** special rate will apply.



8. Selected speakers must commit to promoting the Summit using the communication tools provided by the UITP Secretariat.
9. UITP has the exclusive copyright of all selected applications (abstracts and full presentations).
10. The conflict-of-interest policy requirements applies to all abstract authors. Any potential conflict of interest must be indicated online upon abstract submission. It is the responsibility of the Presenting Author to obtain disclosure information from all co-authors and to provide disclosure of all interests and relationships.
11. Speakers must be aware that the Summit Programme Committee reserves the right to cancel their participation if they do not adhere to the speakers' guidelines, which will be provided upon their selection.

### **Consideration for the evaluation of applications**

The programme to be defined by the Programme Committee will combine sessions and papers in a way to reach the expected quality and range to cover the priority topics of the call. When evaluating applications, the Programme Committee will pay particular attention to the following aspects:

1. The Summit audience is made primarily of transport professionals, policy officials and decision makers involved in urban and public transport. Preference will be given to applications focusing on systems, actions and policies of practical value with results and/or effects which can be measured.
2. Applications promoting specific commercial products will only be accepted for Expo Sessions.
3. UITP is eager to promote a diversity of profiles. The Summit Programme Committee will give consideration to geographical and gender balance in building the programme. Indeed, UITP is committed to taking concrete steps to promote a gender balance for all UITP events. This applies to the UITP Summit, and is in good standing with [Goal #5](#) of the United Nations [Sustainable Development Goals](#).



4. The public transport sector offers attractive career paths for the youth. The Summit programme aims at providing opportunities and visibility for a diverse range of professionals, in particular young professionals. Submission from professionals under the age of 35 are therefore encouraged.

## **5. Data Protection and Sharing of Contact Details**

The UITP Summit 2025 is organised by UITP in collaboration with VDV.

To manage participant registration, abstract submission, and participation in this event, UITP collects and processes personal data. This data is used for the purposes of organising and promoting the event, evaluating submissions, and producing statistics related to participation.

### **5.1. Legal Basis for Data Processing**

The collection and processing of personal data are based on:

- The performance of a contract (management of your participation in the Summit),
- Legitimate interest (promotion of the event), and
- Your consent for any publication of personal data such as photos and biographies on the website or social media channels (Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.).

### **5.2. Categories of Personal Data Processed**

UITP may collect personal data including but not limited to:

- Contact details (name, email, etc.)
- Abstract submissions,
- Photos and biographies,
- Videos or other materials uploaded for abstract evaluation.

### **5.3. Data Retention Period**

Personal data will be retained for the duration of the event and for a reasonable period thereafter, in line with reporting and statistical purposes. Afterward, the data will be anonymised or deleted unless otherwise required for compliance with legal obligations.



## 5.4. Data Sharing

Personal data may be shared with third parties involved in the organisation of the event (e.g., the event platform provider STOVA), and data such as photos or biographies may be shared publicly on UITP's website and social media platforms. If data is transferred outside of the European Economic Area (EEA), appropriate safeguards will be in place, such as standard contractual clauses.

## 5.5 Your Rights

Under GDPR, you have the right to access, correct, delete, or restrict the processing of your personal data, as well as the right to data portability. You may withdraw your consent to the publication of personal data at any time. To exercise your rights, please contact our Data Protection Officer at [GDPR.UITP@uitp.org](mailto:GDPR.UITP@uitp.org)

## 5.6. Privacy Policy

For more information on how your personal data will be processed, please refer to [UITP's Privacy Policy](#)

## 6. Disclaimer

Applicants must acknowledge that UITP does not undertake any commitment to the proposals submitted but commits to review and assess applications via a Programme Committee.

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