



## ERTRAC Annual Conference 2025: Which Research Agenda for Road Transport in FP10?

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ERTRAC invites you to its annual conference 2025 that will take place in Brussels on 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

The event will serve as a milestone on the way towards the new EU Research Framework Programme FP10: stakeholders will express and discuss their priorities for road transport research in the timeframe 2028-2035. Experts from the ERTRAC community will present their proposed topics for the new ERTRAC Strategic Research Agenda.

- **Timing:** Tuesday 1 July 2025, 09:30 - 16:00
- **Location:** Palais des Académies, Rue Ducale 1, 1000 Brussels
- **Setup:** full day conference with keynote speeches and panel debates

The event is supported by the EU project STREngth\_M.\*

### Draft programme:

*09:00 – Arrival of participants*

Morning session chaired by Stephan Neugebauer, ERTRAC Chairman, BMW Group

**09:30 - Opening session:** FP10 is on the horizon: what place does road transport research have in it? How can the research agenda of ERTRAC, 2Zero, CCAM and other relevant Partnerships be handled in the future? How can large flagship initiatives bring a tangible impact on European competitiveness?

- **Keynote 1:** Jane Amilhat, European Commission, DG RTD, Head of Unit *Clean Transport Transitions*
- **Keynote 2:** Stephan Neugebauer, BMW Group, ERTRAC & EGVIafor2Zero Chairman

### 10:00 - Energy & Environment (E&E) session

- **Keynote:** Helene Niklasson, Volvo Group, Vice-President Innovation Ecosystems and Partnerships, Head of CampX, EUCAR Chair 2026
- Uros Salobir, ELES, EGVIafor2Zero Vice-Chairman from the smart grids industry
- Gerhard Meister, AVL, Business Field Leader and Vice President for Electrification
- Rod Williams, Shell, Expert Diesel & Gasoline Application, Fuels Technology Group
- **Moderator:** Adrian Velaers, Concawe, Fuels Quality and Emissions Science Associate, ERTRAC E&E WG Leader

### 10:45 - Circularity and Competitiveness (C&C) session

- **Keynote:** Gladys Moréac-Njeim, Renault Group, Air Quality & Pollutant Footprint Expert
- Anna Rossi, Forvia, Group Technology Sustainability & Partnerships Director
- Markus Seidel, BMW Group, ERTRAC C&C WG Leader
- Sandrine Baudry-Wintrich, Bosch, Design for Environment Raw Materials Life Cycle Management
- **Moderator:** Thilo Bein, Fraunhofer LBF, Head of Knowledge Management, ERTRAC C&C WG Leader.



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### 11:30 - Urban Mobility (UM) session

- **Keynote:** Koen Kennis, Deputy Mayor in charge of mobility, city of Antwerpen
- Françoise Guaspere, Senior Policy Advisor, Île-de-France Europe, Île-de-France Mobilités Representative in Brussels, ERTRAC Vice-Chairwoman
- Merja Penttinen, Principal Scientist, Transport Systems and Services, Technical Research Centre of Finland, VTT
- Johan Leveque, Director of R&D, La Poste Group, ALICE Urban Logistics Co-chair
- **Moderator:** Karen Vancluysen, Secretary General, POLIS, ERTRAC UM WG Leader

12:15 - Lunch break

Afternoon session chaired by Simon Edwards, ERTRAC Vice-Chairman, Ricardo

### 13:30 - Long Distance Freight Transport (LDFT) session

- **Keynote:** Manasa Sridhar, IVECO Group, Innovation – Funding and Cooperation
- Graham Major-Ex, sender, Senior Director Green Business & eMobility
- Franziska Schmidt, Université Gustave Eiffel, ERTRAC LDFT WG Leader
- **Moderator:** Isabelle Schnell, Volvo Group, ERTRAC LDFT WG Leader

### 14:15 - Road Safety (RS) session

- **Keynote:** Tjark Kreuzinger, Toyota Motor Europe, Senior Manager Safety Research & Technical Affairs
- Oihana Otaegui, Vicomtech, Director Transport & Security Division
- Heike Martensen, SWOV, Senior Researcher
- Emilia Silvas, TNO, Senior Scientist Integrated Vehicle Safety
- **Moderator:** Peter Urban, RWTH Aachen, Vice Director Institute for Automotive Engineering (ika), ERTRAC RS WG Leader

### 15:00 - Connectivity and Automation (CCAM) session

- Opening by Pierfrancesco Maran, Member of the European Parliament
- **Keynote:** Christian Merkt, BMW Group, Chairman of the CCAM Association
- Jean-Baptiste Burtscher, Valeo, Group External Affairs and R&D Partnerships Director
- Kristof Rombaut, Advisor Innovation PMO, Flemish Agency for Roads and Traffic, CEDR CAD
- Margriet Van Schijndel, Program Director Responsible Mobility, Eindhoven AI Systems Institute, TU Eindhoven
- **Moderator:** Christoph Weigand, Continental, Vice-Chairman of the CCAM Association

### 15:45 – Conclusions and next steps for new ERTRAC Strategic Research Agenda

- Simon Edwards, Global Director, Technology, Ricardo, ERTRAC Vice-Chair

16:00 End of conference



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To register for the event, please apply by filling the following [form](#).\*\*

For any question, please contact the ERTRAC office at [info@ertrac.org](mailto:info@ertrac.org)



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**\*\*Registration is mandatory. This event is limited to companies and organisations involved in European road transport research. ERTRAC has the right to reject applications not fitting the research activities of the platform.**