

## WCTRS 50th Anniversary Manifesto Competition

COME, LET'S PARTICIPATE!!!

The *Manifesto for the Future of Transport Research* Competition marks the 50th Anniversary of WCTRS and aims to empower the next generation of scholars to shape the future of transport research. Participants are invited to articulate a **bold, interdisciplinary, and human-centered vision for the evolution of transport research over the next 50 years**, addressing its responsibilities, priorities, ethical foundations, and societal role. This initiative strengthens WCTRS's commitments to: (1) Engaging emerging researchers globally; (2) Reinforcing WCTRS's long-term identity and cohesion; (3) Producing a forward-looking narrative for the Society's 50th Anniversary.

### Eligible Participants

- Master's Students, Doctoral candidates, Postdoctoral researchers ( $\leq 5$  years post-PhD)
- Early-career professionals in industry, consulting, NGOs, or government

### Team Structure

- Teams of 3–5 members
- Interdisciplinary composition strongly encouraged

### Each manifesto must:

1. Identify major global transport challenges and emerging opportunities.
2. Propose a visionary, ethically grounded transformation pathway for the next 50 years.
3. Integrate perspectives on: Environmental justice; Social equity; Technological transitions;
4. Behavioural and cultural change; Institutional and governance frameworks
5. Define clear principles and actionable research directions.
6. Inspire both academic stakeholders and policy communities

**All participants must be under 35 years old**

**Travel Bursary Awards will be available only for winning teams,  
subject to WCTRS guidelines and funding availability**

# World Conference on Transport Research

Toulouse, France – July 6 – 10, 2026



## Deliverables

- Detailed Manifesto (Word/PDF/Powerpoint)
- 1-page Summary of Manifesto
- 10-minute long video explanation of manifesto



All submissions must be Entirely original, Properly cited, Produced solely by the registered team members and Free from plagiarism or uncredited AI-generated content. Teams must sign an Ethical Declaration Form affirming Originality of work, All members contributed, and No external writing or AI authorship. Violations result in immediate disqualification. By participating, teams grant WCTRS the right to: Publish the Manifesto on official platforms, Feature content in newsletters, press releases, and social media, and Use insights to support strategic WCTRS documents and statements. Teams retain full authorship and copyright.

## Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Weight	Description
A. Vision & Originality	25%	Creativity, boldness, and originality; ability to move beyond conventional paradigms
B. Societal Relevance & Ethical Grounding	25%	Alignment with equity, justice, accessibility; clarity on societal value
C. Interdisciplinarity & Integration	20%	Inclusion of diverse disciplinary perspectives; integration of technical, behavioural, and policy insights
D. Research Foundations & Feasibility	20%	Evidence-based reasoning; clear future research pathways and logical grounding
E. Communication & Presentation	10%	Clarity, persuasiveness, coherence; quality of oral and visual presentation



**Submission deadline: April 30th, 2026**



**EURO 1500 Award to the Winning Team**



**Presentation Opportunity at the WCTRS Plenary**



**Certificates to all participants**



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