



UTC 2022:

Smart solutions for the Post-COVID era

The Urban Transport Conference will be held on **14th - 15th March 2022** (from lunch to lunch) in Frankfurt/Main, Germany. The conference will be a hybrid event from online and on-site depending on what the pandemic situation allows. The focus will be on smart solutions for the Post-COVID era with respect to inner-city freight and passenger traffic. The conference addresses national and international speakers & participants from different sectors: research, private companies, public administration and politics. The event is free of charge and the venue is within walking distance from the airport. Up to 200 participants are expected. More details are published on www.utc-frankfurt.com.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the mobility, shopping and working behaviour of many people has changed. Many employees no longer work in the office but from home. Online shopping became preferable to retail shopping. Restricted travel regulations meant that holidays were taken at home or in the local area. Travelling abroad was not allowed during the lockdown.

Due to the restrictions, people were and still are less mobile. Public transport was and is currently used less. Instead, people make their journeys by car, bicycle or walk. Many cities have reacted to the increased bicycle use. They have closed entire streets or lanes to motor vehicles and opened them only to bicycle traffic.

The new behaviour of citizens has also made itself felt in the logistics sector. Due to increased online shopping, delivery traffic has increased nationally and internationally. This poses a great challenge to the infrastructure in the landside and airside traffic areas. Freight traffic is reaching its capacity limits.

On the other hand, passenger air traffic recorded large declines as no trips could be made during the lockdown. However, even at times when travel is possible again, many citizens avoid travel by airplanes.

Besides the short-term effects due to the political measures and the changes in behaviour that are triggered by the fear of infection are the long-term effects which will persist after the COVID-19 pandemic. The increased use of home offices and the renouncement of business trips will probably have a lasting effect on commuter traffic and the face of inner cities. The trend

towards online shopping, which has been intensified once again by the pandemic, will increase delivery traffic in the areas where people live.

The focus of the UTC will be on smart solutions for the Post-COVID era:

1. How can cities respond to the new challenges (best practice examples)?
2. Measures and infrastructure to promote sustainable development
3. Recovery of the public transport
4. Measures to increase the sustainability of an ever-increasing delivery traffic
5. Recovery of the air traffic.

The conference will benefit from high-class speakers. The *Call for Speakers* is open from now on. The submission closes on **30th November 2021**. After the selection by the scientific committee, applicants will get a final feedback until **15th December 2021**.

Please send your application as a PDF by e-mail to orga@utc-frankfurt.com.

Specifications:

- Topic of the presentation
- Content of the presentation (max. 2,000 characters incl. spaces)
- Benefit for the audience (max. 500 characters incl. spaces)
- Details about the speaker:
full name, professional position, institution, e-mail, phone

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