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ERTICO – ITS Europe and 6G-IA strengthen collaboration to advance next-generation connectivity for mobility

Istanbul, 28 April 2026. ERTICO – ITS Europe and the 6G Smart Networks and Services Industry Association (6G-IA) have reinforced their collaboration at the 17th ITS European Congress in Istanbul on Tuesday 28 April 2026.

This partnership reflects the shared commitment to fostering closer cooperation between the intelligent transport and telecommunications sectors, with the objective of accelerating innovation and supporting the evolution of connected, cooperative and automated mobility systems.

Through shared areas of support and engagement, both organisations will promote the exchange of knowledge and expertise, contribute to joint initiatives, and support the uptake of advanced digital technologies, including the development of 5G and future 6G capabilities for transport applications.

In particular, the collaboration will focus on strengthening European and international cooperation, supporting joint communication activities, and enabling project collaboration and advisory roles. This includes promoting cross-border initiatives, co-organising outreach and dissemination efforts, and contributing to innovation projects to ensure the effective deployment of emerging solutions in the mobility and transport sectors.

Joost Vantomme, CEO of ERTICO – ITS Europe, says “Strengthening our collaboration with 6G-IA is a key step towards ensuring that future connectivity developments are fully aligned with the needs of the mobility sector. ERTICO is honoured to be participating in the Board of 6GIA, represented by Dr Nikolaos Tsampieris, and we look forward continuing to contribute towards their working items related to transport and logistics infrastructure, supporting the integration of next-generation connectivity into real-world mobility solutions.”

By aligning their activities, ERTICO and 6G-IA will further strengthen cross-sector engagement and contribute to building a more connected, efficient and sustainable transport system across Europe and beyond.

Dr. Colin Willcock, Chairman of the Governing Board of the 6G-IA, comments, “This partnership with ERTICO reinforces our commitment to engaging with key vertical sectors and accelerating the development and adoption of advanced connectivity technologies. By working closely with the transport community, we can ensure that future 6G innovations effectively address the needs of mobility systems and deliver tangible benefits for society.”

About ERTICO – ITS Europe: Co-founded in cooperation by 15 industry leaders and public authorities, and under the auspices of the European Commission, ERTICO accelerates the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in Europe and beyond. As a public-private partnership organisation with +120 members across eight sectors, ERTICO embodies thought leadership and stakeholder engagement through the development and delivery of European (co)-funded projects, innovation platforms, and mobility data spaces. ERTICO organises the ITS European Congress for two consecutive years, and the ITS World Congress in the EMEA region, every third-year rotating year between the regional ITS organisations.

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About 6G-IA: The 6G Smart Networks and Services Industry Association (6G-IA) is the voice of European Industry and Research for next-generation networks and services. Its primary objective is to contribute to Europe's leadership on 5G, 5G evolution and SNS/6G research. The 6G-IA represents the private side in the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU) and the European Commission represents the public side. The 6G-IA brings together a global industry community of telecoms and digital actors, such as operators, manufacturers, research institutes, universities, verticals, SMEs and ICT associations. The 6G-IA carries out a wide range of activities in strategic areas, including the positioning of EU digital technologies priorities, standardization, frequency spectrum, R&D projects, technology skills, collaboration with key vertical industry sectors, notably for the development of trials, and international cooperation.

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