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Welcome to the 17th ITS European Congress!

The European Commission looks forward to welcoming you to the 17th Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) European Congress, to be hosted in Istanbul, Türkiye, from 27 to 29 April 2026, under the motto *'Bridging innovation: integrated, safe and seamless mobility'*.

Organised by ERTICO - ITS Europe and hosted by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, the ITS Congress offers a number of opportunities for sharing innovative solutions and perspectives for cooperation, to shape the mobility services of the future. By advancing the digital, connected, and automated aspects of transport, ITS can help making European mobility safer, more efficient, sustainable, and inclusive. Emerging technologies can support important societal needs and expectations, also in the framework of the cities' Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans.

The host of the 17th ITS European Congress, Istanbul, is one of the 112 Mission Cities. Its potential for bridging European and Asian markets is well-tuned for presenting scalable mobility solutions that drive technological progress in the transport sector.

With the number of high-level plenaries, technical seminars, and demonstrations in the exhibition area, the Congress will be a great occasion for learning, sharing innovative solutions and networking.

I would like to reaffirm, also on behalf of my colleagues Kerstin Jorna, Director-General of DG GROW, Roberto Viola, Director-General of DG CONNECT, and Marc Lemaître, Director-General of DG RTD, the importance that the European Commission attaches to integrated, safe and seamless mobility, which is key in achieving the wider European objectives of sustainable, connected, and resilient transport.

We wish you fruitful debates, many insightful exchanges and the best collaborative experiences that focus on advancing the future of clean, resilient, and connected mobility!

Yours faithfully,

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