



# Assembly of Members Meeting

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## Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering

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# The NTUA Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering





# The NTUA Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering

The Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering ([www.transport.ntua.gr](http://www.transport.ntua.gr)), established in 1982, is a **Center of Research and Innovation Excellence** in Transportation, with global recognition

[ranked: 9th in Europe and 39th worldwide (ShanghaiRanking's 2017), scientific citations: 3rd in Europe and 19th worldwide (Pulse 2017), road safety research: 2nd in Europe and 6th worldwide (AAP 2018)]

within the **School of Civil Engineering**

(one of the five Departments) [ranked: 3rd in Europe and 11th worldwide (ShanghaiRanking's 2019), 11th in Europe and 42nd worldwide (QS 2018)]

of the **National Technical University of Athens**

(the oldest of the eight engineering Schools)

[the oldest (since 1837) and most prestigious Greek Technical University]



# Mission

The **Mission** of the NTUA Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering is:

- to **educate scientists** engineers and
- to **promote science**

in the field of transportation planning and engineering

**High scientific standards and performance** are key objectives in all education and research activities of the Department



# Vision

The Vision of the NTUA Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering is a future with highly **efficient, green and safe** transport systems in Greece, in Europe and globally,

through high level **scientific research** and technological development supporting evidence based decision making in all aspects of all transport modes and types





# Department People

A dynamic team of more than 65 renowned scientists

- Faculty **7**
- Special Lab & Teaching Staff Member **4**
- Post Doctoral Researchers **10**
- PhD Candidates **30**
- Technical and Administrative Staff **7**
- Research Assistants **10**



# Department Faculty



**Andreas Loizos**  
Professor



**Ioannis Golias**  
Professor



**George Yannis**  
Professor, Director



**Athanasios Ballis**  
Professor



**Eleni Vlahogianni**  
Associate Professor



**Christina Plati**  
Associate Professor



**Stergios Mavromatis**  
Assistant Professor





# Transportation Engineering





# Transport Infrastructure in Greece

- **42.000 km** Interurban Road Network
- **2.500 km** Railway Network
- **40** Major Airports
- **60** Major Ports
- **>100.000 km** Urban Road Network

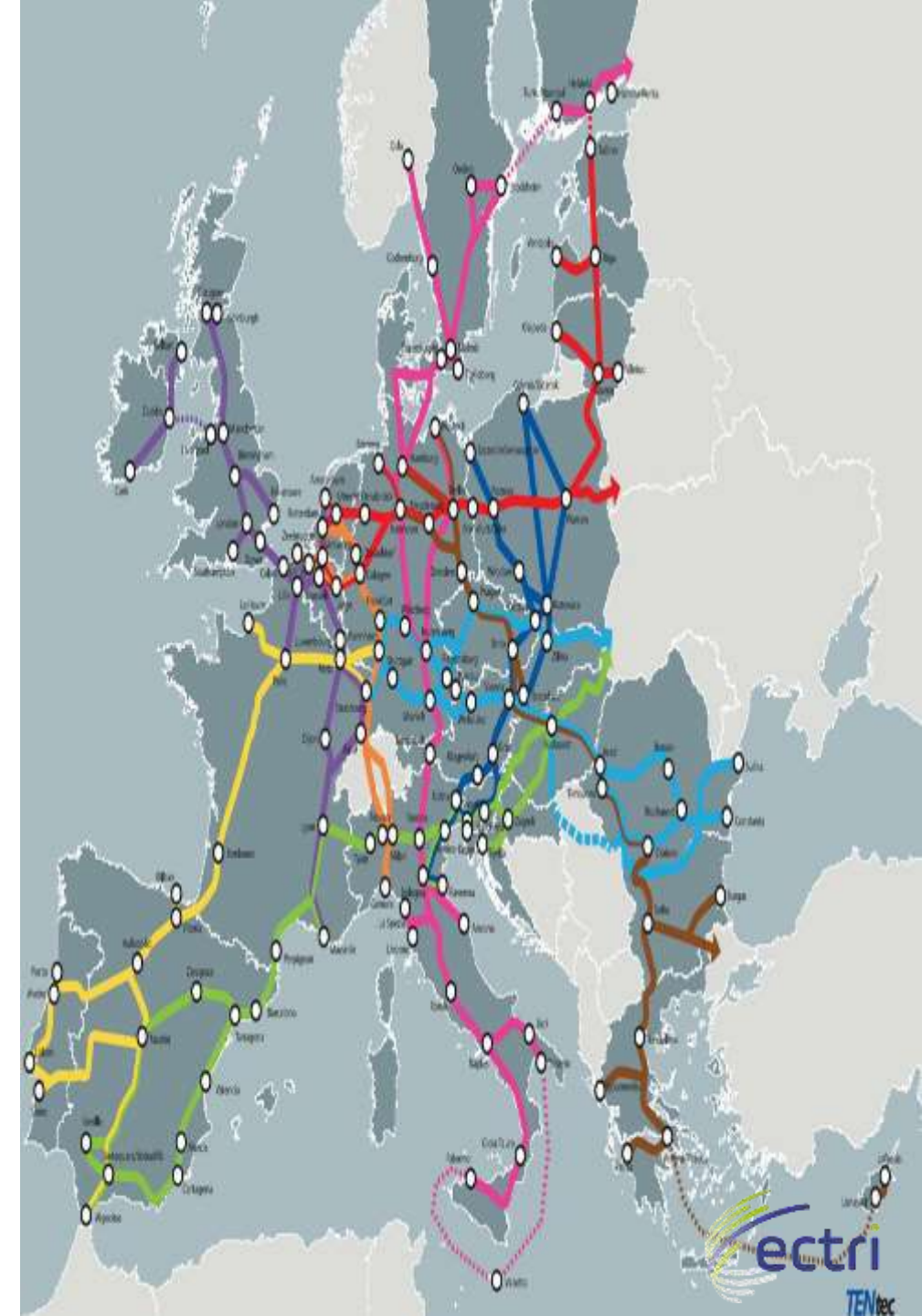




# Transport Infrastructure in Europe

The Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) comprises:

- **> 7.200.000 km** Main Road Network
- **> 330.000 km** Main Railway Network
- **> 850** Major Airports
- **> 3.000** Major Ports



# Transportation Engineering Scope (1/2)

## Transport modes

- Road transport
- Rail transport
- Water transport
- Air transport
- Combined transport

## Transport Types

- Transport of people and goods
- Urban and interurban transport
- National and international transport
- Terminals





# Transportation Engineering Scope (2/2)

## Transportation projects in all phases

- Planning
- Design (Conceptual, Preliminary, Final General and Detailed)
- Tendering
- Construction
- Delivery for operation
- Operation
- Management
- Maintenance



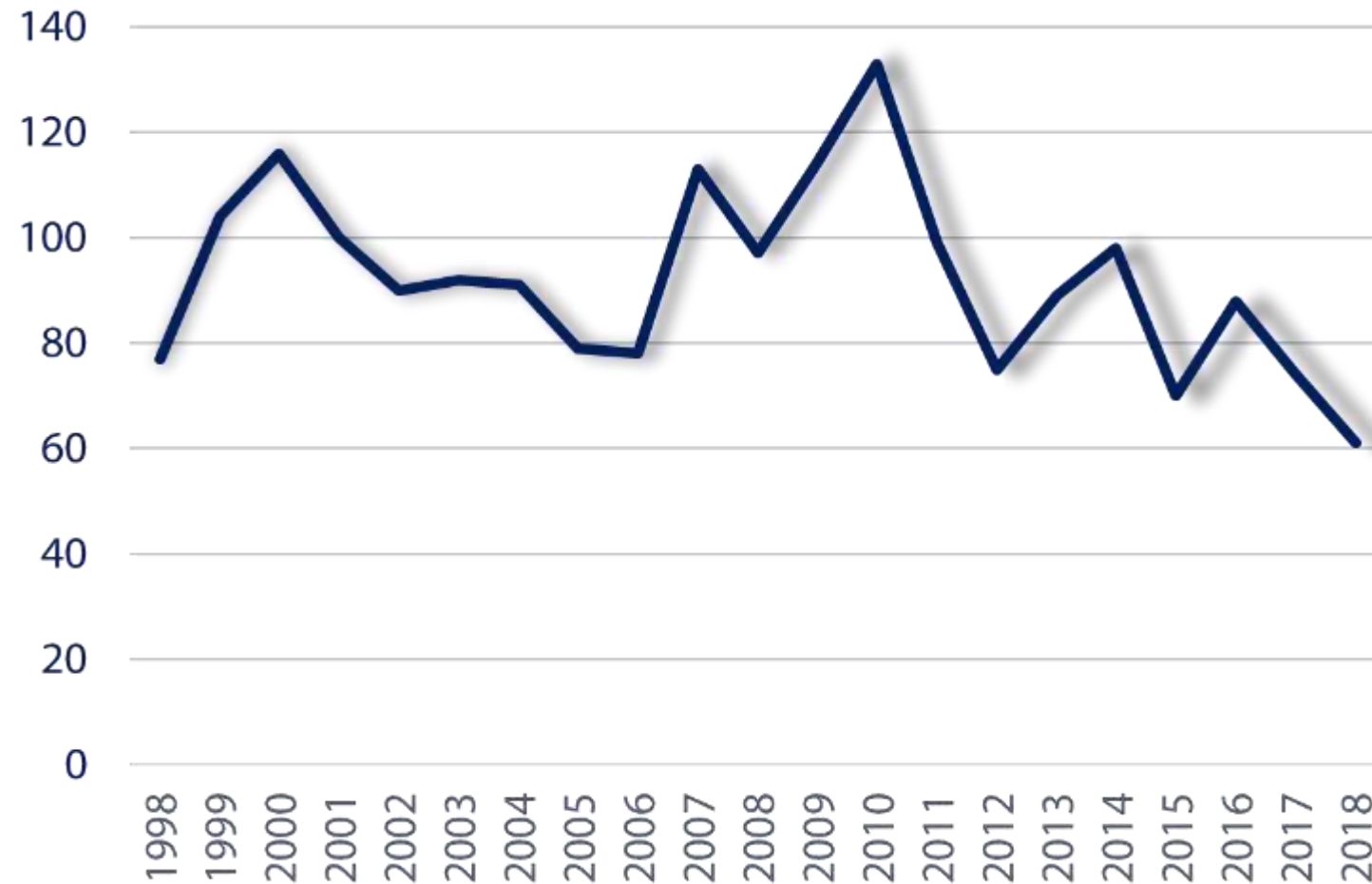
# Education





# Civil Engineering - Transportation Cycle Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate Students / Year



# Courses offered

- The Department offers:
  - **17 undergraduate courses** at the School of Civil Engineering  
(compulsory and elective for all civil engineering students and all students of the transportation cycle)
  - **6 undergraduate courses** at NTUA Engineering Schools





# Courses - Transportation Cycle

- Roads Geometric Design
- Roads Construction
- Transportation Systems Planning
- Traffic Flow
- Design of Road and Airfield Pavements
- Urban Road Networks
- Railway Engineering
- Advanced topics on Roads Geometric Design
- Public Transit Planning
- Pavement Evaluation and Maintenance
- Traffic Management and Road Safety
- Airport Planning and management
- Analysis Methods in Traffic Engineering
- Pavements - Special Topics
- Quantitative Methods in Transportation
- Integrated Project in Transportation Engineering
- Combined Transport - Advanced Systems



## Courses - Other

## Courses at the School of Civil Engineering and other Schools

- Laboratory on Materials
- Technology of Building Information Modeling (BIM)
- Environmental Impacts
- Practical Training
- Highway Engineering IV, SRSE
- Environment and Development, NTUA

## Contribution to MSc Programs

- Shipping and Maritime Transport, **Water resources science & technology**
- Optimization of Infrastructure Networks, **Water resources science and technology**
- Transport and Traffic - non-conventional vehicles, **Energy Production and Management**
- Urban Transport systems, **Architecture - Spatial Design**
- New technologies in the design of complex infrastructure systems with focus on airports, **Architecture - Spatial Design**
- Data driven models in civil engineering problems, **Data science and machine learning**





# Integrated Transport Planning Project

## Greek Island Transport Plan Development

Exploitation of real data in a project that covers all transportation engineering disciplines, combining all different transport and development objectives in a **comprehensive and integrated approach**

- Full **analysis** of current transportation situation
- **Transportation** (Internal and external transport analysis, Planning passenger / cargo ports and airports)
- **Traffic Engineering** (Traffic Analysis, Identification of high risk sites, Urban Mobility Plan)
- **Road construction** (Configuration of critical junctions, Pavement upgrade program)
- **Technical and economic** analysis of the overall plan of transportation development (cost-benefit)



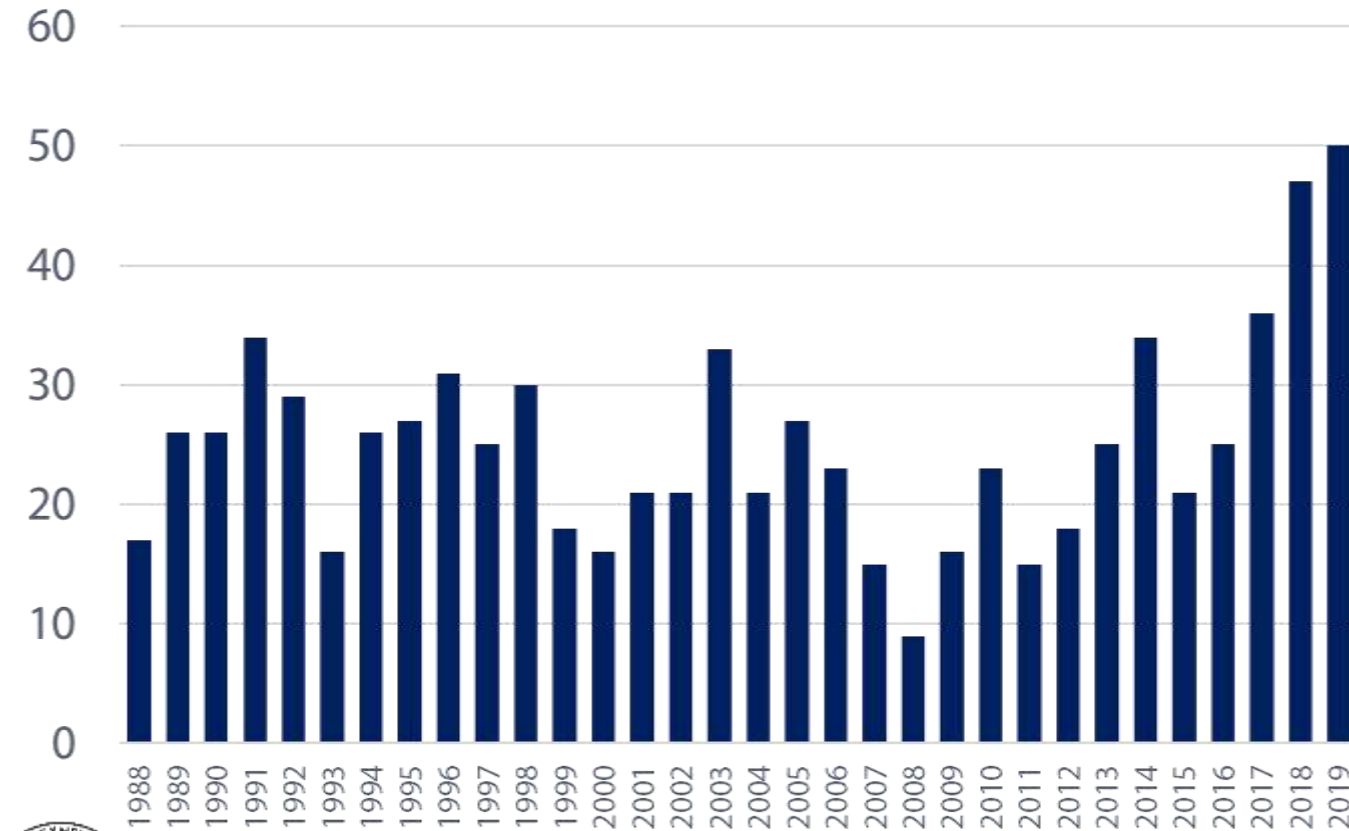
# Diploma Theses (10<sup>th</sup> semester)

**1111** Diploma Theses  
since 1977

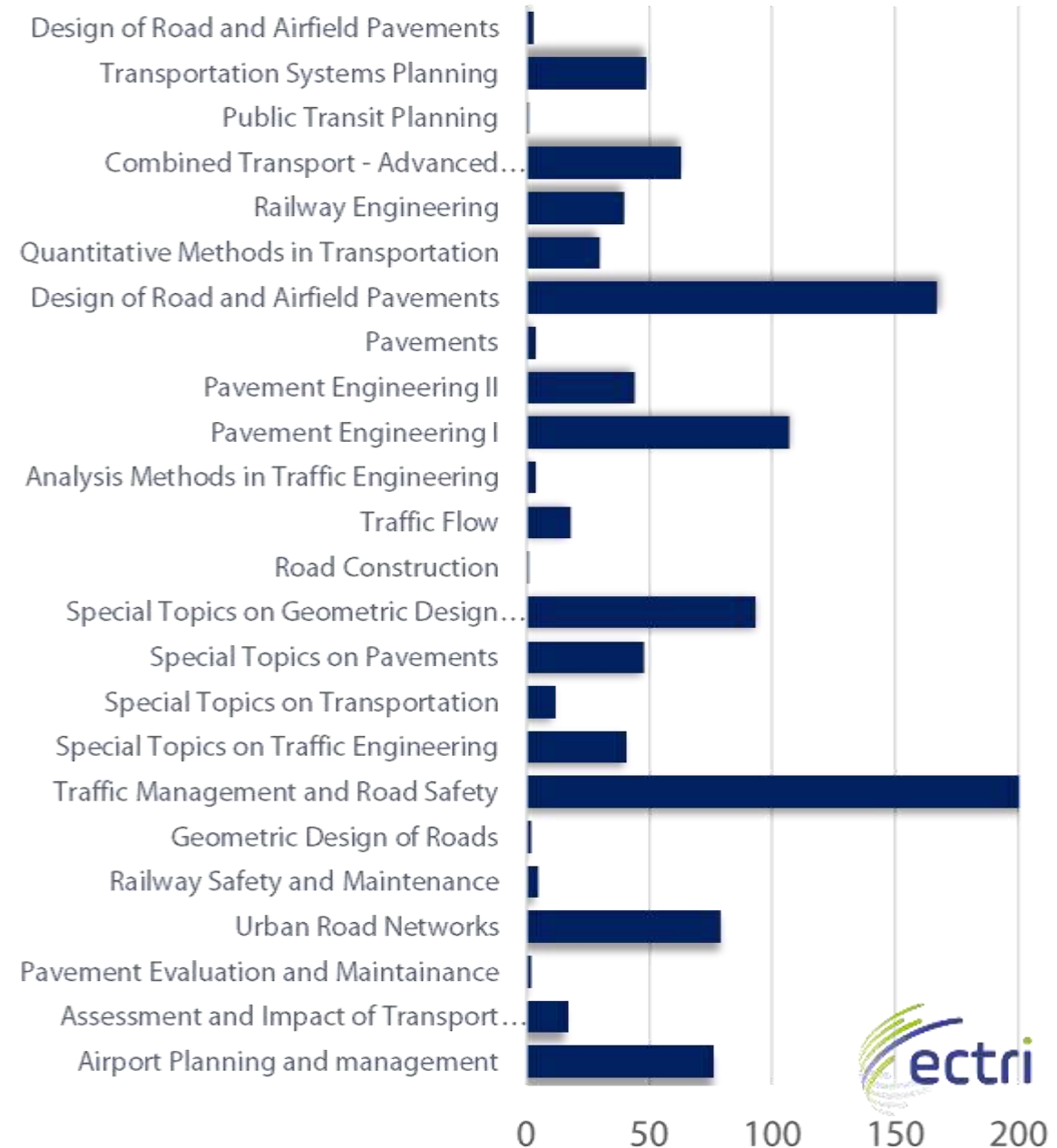


**27** Diploma Theses  
per year

Diploma Theses / Year



Diploma Theses / Course

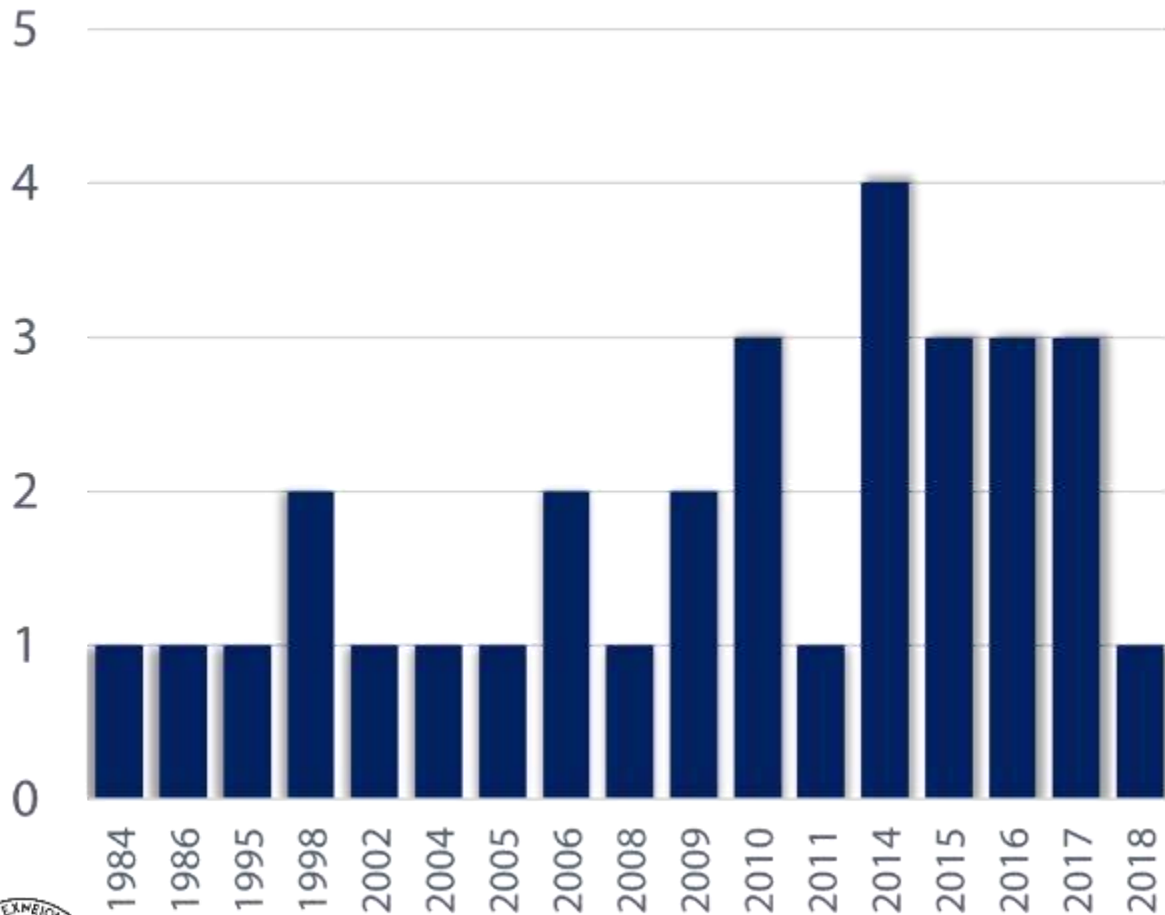




# PhD Theses

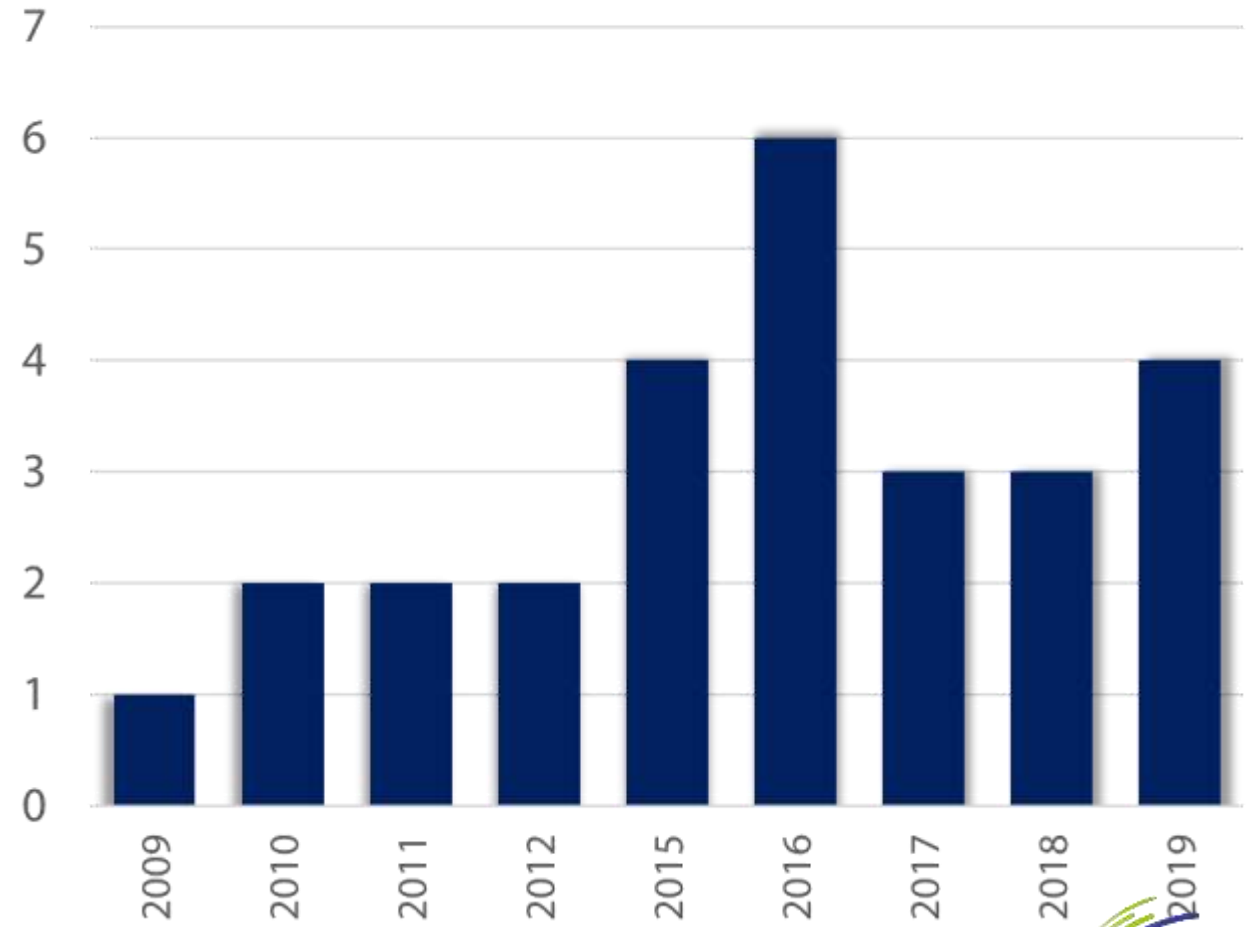
**32** PhD Theses Completed

Completed PhDs / Year



**30** PhD Theses Under Preparation

Phd Start / Year



# Conferences – Workshops

- **Digitalisation and Road Safety** Research Workshop, NTUA, 17/5/2019
- Training course on the use of the **Aimsun Next Traffic Simulation** Program, AIMSUN / NTUA / TUMunich, 4/11/2018
- hEART2018 - 7th Symposium of the European Association for **Research in Transportation**, NTUA / TUMunich, 5-7/9/2018
- 10th International Conference on the **Bearing Capacity of Roads**, NTUA / TU Delft, 28-30/6/2017
- The **Future of Road Safety Research** Workshop, NTUA, 15/5/2017
- **Cognition, Behaviour and Driving** Inter-disciplinary Conference, NTUA / UOAthens, 26/6/2015
- 6th Pan-Hellenic Conference on **Road Safety**, NTUA / Hellenic Institute of Transportation Engineers, 12-13/3/2015
- **Road Infrastructure Safety Equipment** Technical Conference, NTUA / European Road Federation / HITE, 12-13/2/2015





# Research





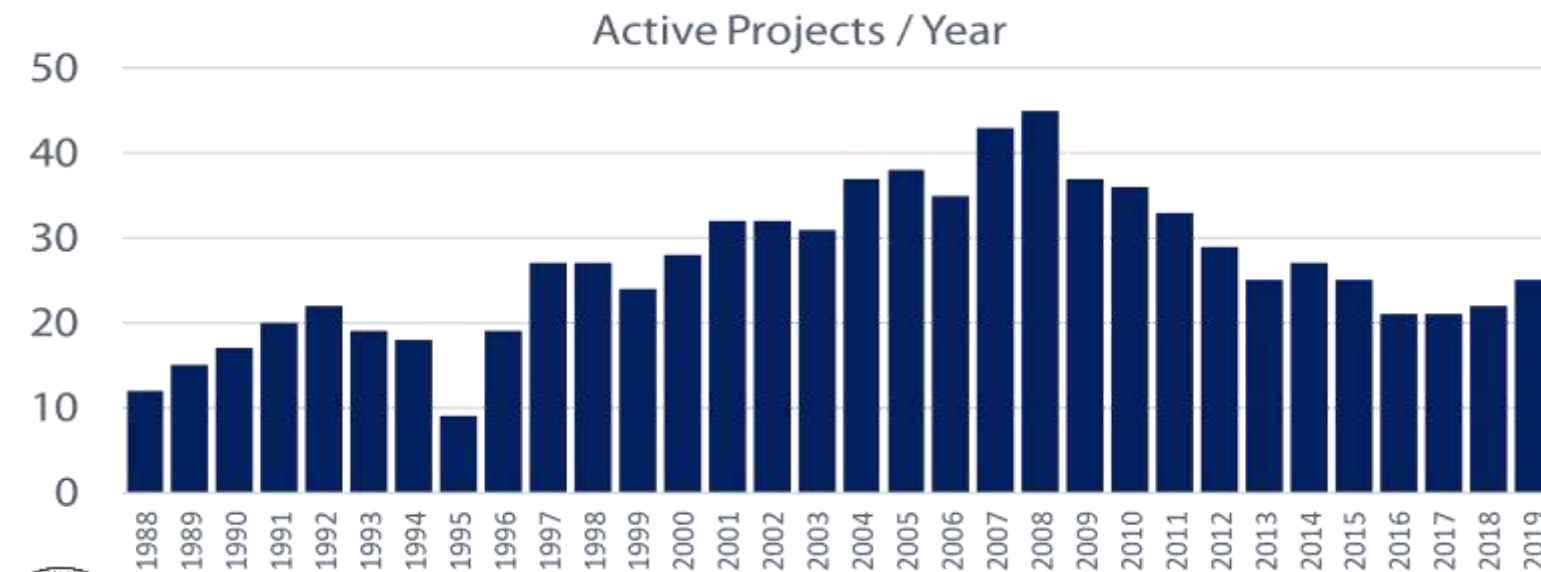
# Research Projects

More than **325** Research Projects

- > **115** International
- > **210** Greek

With more than **500** international partners

More than **175** through highly **competitive** procedures





# Scientific Publications

Publications in Journals **> 400**

Publications in Conferences **>1.000**

Presentations in Conferences **> 500**

Citation Index Scopus **> 20**

Citation Index Google Scholar **> 30**



# Cooperations and Partners





# Our Cooperations - Greece



# Our Cooperations - Europe





# Our Cooperations - Worldwide



# Our Partners - European Universities





# Our Partners - Universities Worldwide



# Our Partners - Research Institutes





# Laboratories





# Laboratories





# Laboratory of Pavement Engineering Scientific Disciplines

*Established in early '60s*

**Section of Pavement Materials,  
Testing and Characterization**

**Section of in-situ  
pavement testing and evaluation**



**Education  
Research**

**National and International collaborations**



# Laboratory of Pavement Engineering Research Infrastructure and Priorities

## Section of Pavement Materials, Testing and Characterization

- Evaluation and proportioning of raw materials
- Materials (bound or unbound) testing and mechanical characterization
- Compaction
- Low-energy mixes testing and evaluation
- Assessment of alternative materials for pavement construction

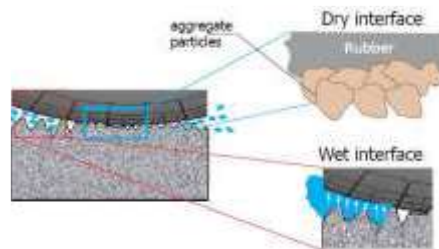
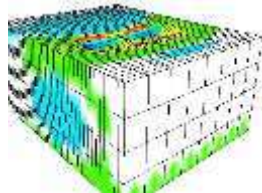
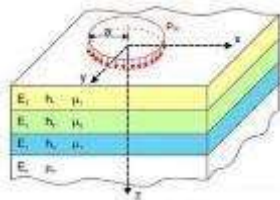




# Laboratory of Pavement Engineering Research Infrastructure and Priorities

## Section of in-situ pavement testing and evaluation

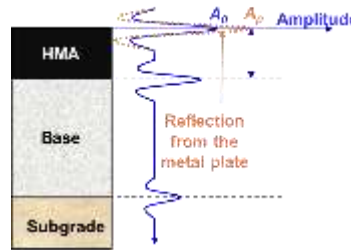
- Non Destructive Testing (NDT) in the field
- Pavement instrumentation (fiber optics)
- In-situ performance evaluation of pavement materials
- Pavement evaluation (structural and functional)
- Bearing capacity of roads and airfields



# Laboratory of Pavement Engineering Research Infrastructure and Priorities

## Section of in-situ pavement testing and evaluation

- Geophysics applications using Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)
- Dielectric properties of pavement materials
- Pavement structure inspection (layers, cracks, moisture)
- Railway ballast assessment using GPR
- Post compaction assessment – Quality control
- Thermal camera use - Quality control





# Laboratory of Pavement Engineering

## Key Research Priorities

### Section of Road Design

- Safety assessment of road design guidelines through **vehicle dynamics – 3D road** surface interaction
- Infrastructure design for **Autonomous and Connected Vehicles**
- **ADAS** deployment in vehicle automation environment
  - stopping sight distance
  - passing sight distance
  - speed adaptation
- Safety and operational assessment of **heavy vehicles**



# Laboratory of Pavement Engineering

## Key Research Goals

- Sustainable and innovative pavement materials – adaptation on **climate changes**
- **Remote and automated systems** for pavement rehabilitation
- Advances in **systems assessing** pavement condition
- Using **vehicle communication** systems for assessing pavement performance
- Pilot studies for assessing the performance of pre-fabricated pavements that contain **sensors**
- **Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)** of pavements





# Laboratory of Railways & Transport Research Areas

## Simulation & Prototyping of Innovative Handling Systems

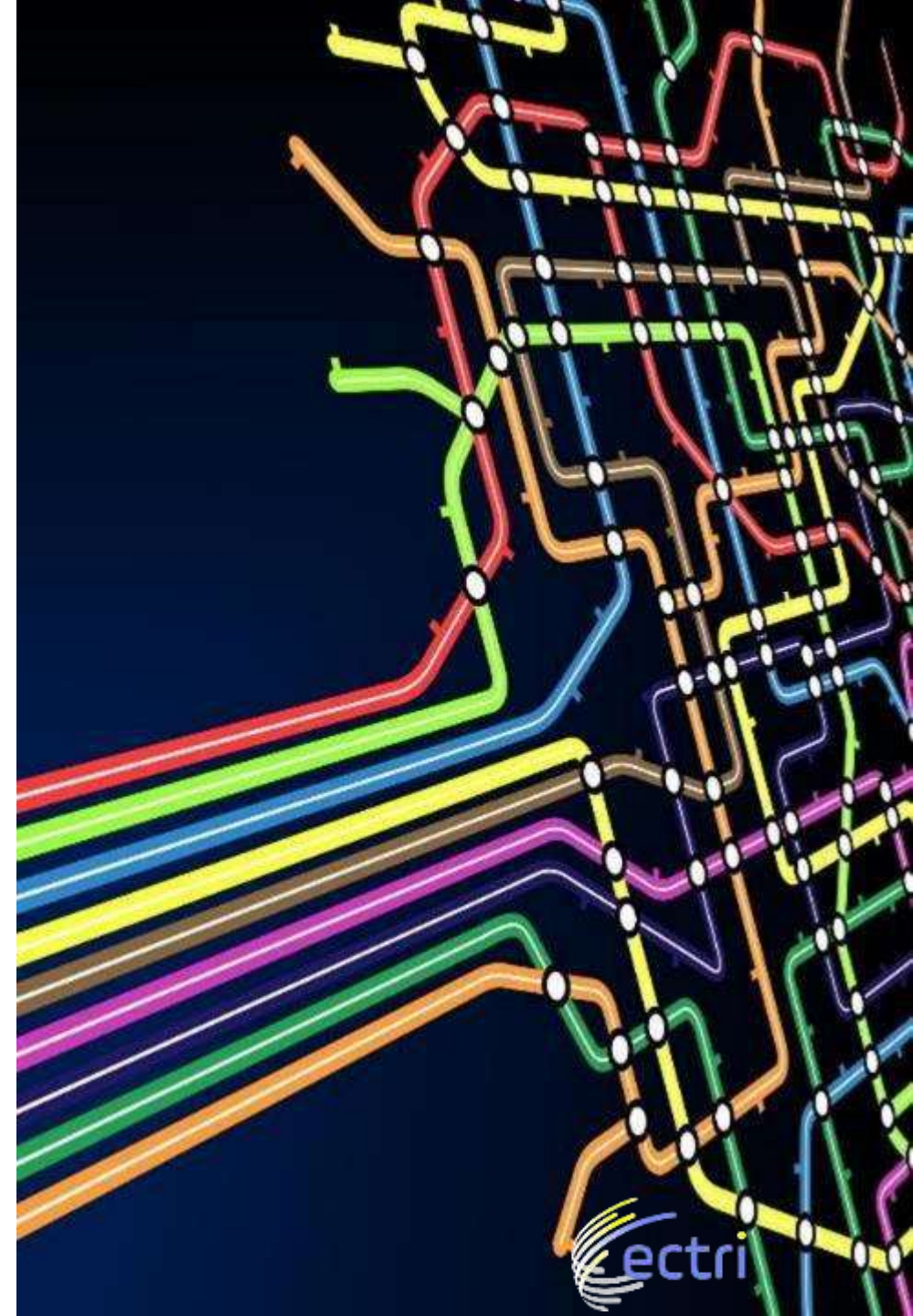
- AGV/ASC (Rotterdam port)
- Moving Train (Krupp)
- ISU handling system for conventional semitrailers

## Information Systems for Transport Infrastructure

- ETIS (European Transport Information Systems)
- ENIRRIST (research infrastructure for transport & logistics)

## Transport System Simulation & Optimization

- Intermodal container transport
- Wagon fleet management
- Urban Freight Truck routing
- Water airports & Seaplane Services
- Gas pipelines and LNG ports

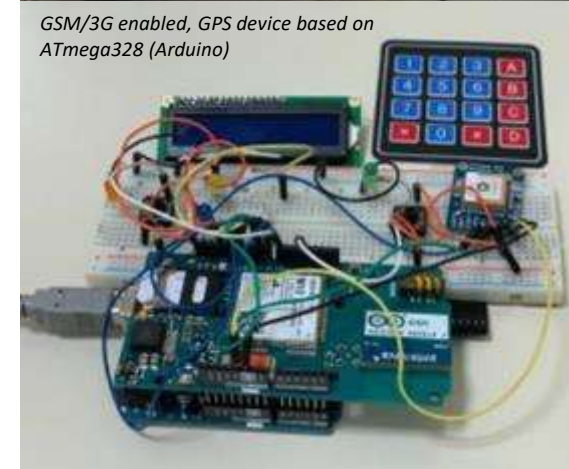


# Laboratory of Railways & Transport Research Infrastructure

- Rail strain measuring sensor
- Endoscope Cameras
- Camcoder, Long duration videocamera
- Oscilloscope , digital multimeter, microcontroller development tools
- Sound meters and acoustical calibrator
- Traffic count recorder
- Server of Athens real-time traffic congestion map
- Server for GIS applications



GSM/3G enabled, GPS device based on ATmega328 (Arduino)





# Laboratory of Railways & Transport – Example Key Projects

## Impulse, ITIP, CREAM

### ➤ Simulation & Prototyping of Innovative Handling Systems

- AGV/ASC container handling equipment
- Moving Train
- ISU handing system for conventional



## F-MAN, iCS

### ➤ Wagon fleet management ➤ Intermodal transport

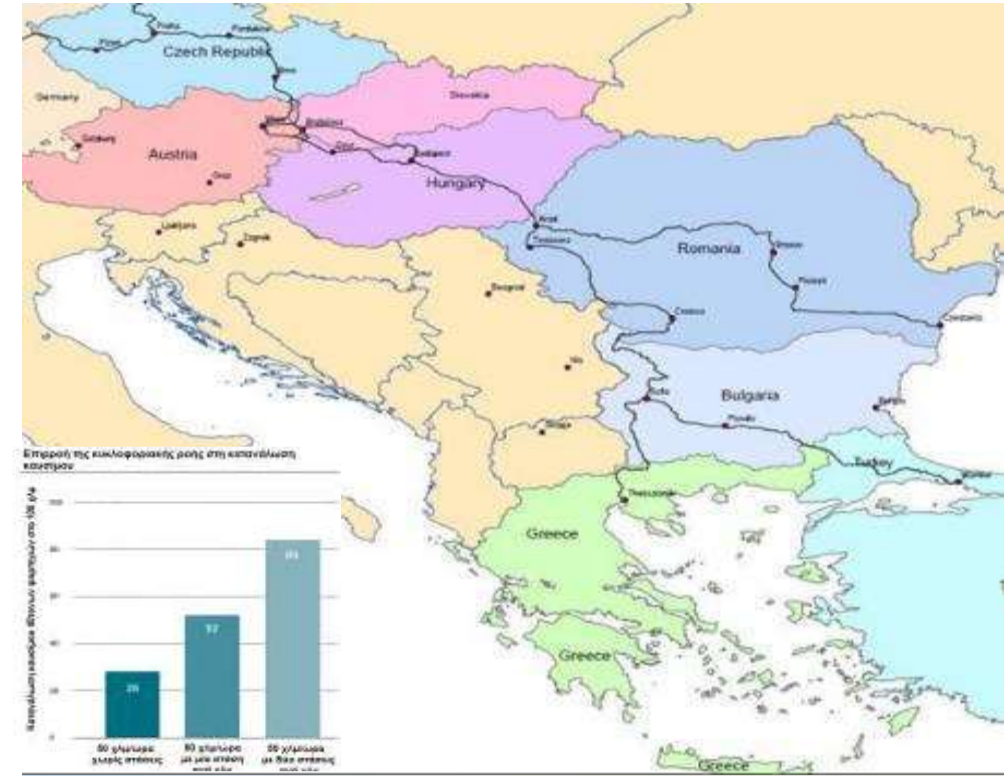
- Development of iCS service (Athens – Thessaloniki)
- Wagon loading algorithm
- Decision support for truck dispatching



# Laboratory of Railways & Transport

## Key Research Priorities

- Development of **research infrastructure** for transport & logistics (*8 Greek Universities & 3 Research Institutes*)
- **Wagon fleet management** (focus on Balkan countries, development of smart OBD)
- Analysis of Greek **coastal shipping** and air services
- **Urban Freight** Truck routing (Athens ring road)
- **Freight villages** (legislation modernization)
- **Water airport** and Seaplane Services (passengers, freight, synergies with cruise sector)
- **Gas energy** security (model development)
- **Virtual pipeline** for gas distribution in small Greek islands





# Laboratory of Traffic Engineering

## Research Areas

### Traffic Management

- Data driven traffic flow analysis and forecasting
- Mobility as a service, electromobility, connected/shared mobility
- Network level traffic prediction and management
- Design and operation of traffic management & parking systems

### Traffic Safety

- Driver Safety Behaviour & Telematics
- Road Infrastructure Safety
- Road Safety Data, Knowledge & Management Systems

### Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Smartphone sensing and analytics, driving telematics & analytics
- Traffic Automation
- Impact assessment of ITS, mobility, environment and safety



# Laboratory of Traffic Engineering Research Infrastructure

- **Driving Simulator** (Foerst 1/4 cab, moving base) for driver behavior experiments
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (**Drones**) for traffic monitoring
- On-Board Diagnostics Devices (**OBD**) for driver behavior monitoring
- **Cameras** for traffic monitoring
- **Other devices** for traffic counts, speed monitoring, position monitoring (GPS)





# Laboratory of Traffic Engineering Data and Knowledge Systems

## Information Systems

- NTUA Road Safety Observatory >1.300 items, > 3.000 visits/month
- Digital Road Safety Library > 5.000 key Reports
- International Bibliography databases (scopus, science direct)
- Analysis tools (traffic, simulation, statistics)

## Databases

- SANTRA - Greek Road Accident Database with disaggregated data (1985 - 2017, 1,2 million recordings)
- CARE - European Road Accident Database with disaggregated data (1991 - 2017, 36 million recordings)
- IRTAD International Road Accident Database with aggregated data
- Databases of International Organisations (WHO, IRF, ERF, UITP)
- Databases with Aggregated Data (Vehicle fleet, veh-km, driver behavior, etc.

The screenshot displays the NTUA Road Safety Observatory website. At the top, the header includes the NTUA logo and navigation links: About, Knowledge, Data, Conferences, News, and Links. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Systems:** A vertical sidebar on the left lists various systems including SafeTTS, European Road Safety Observatory, and others.
- Europe on the Move:** A central banner featuring a cityscape illustration and text about new safety features in cars, such as "New safety features in your car" and "European Commission - Breakthrough Revised General Safety Regulation, 2019".
- Safety assessment of control design parameters through vehicle dynamics model, 2019:** A section with a yellow background and text describing a paper titled "Safety assessment of control design parameters through vehicle dynamics model" by Stergios Mavromatis, Alexandra Laiou, and George Yannis.
- Cooperations:** A section listing various international organizations and forums, including UNECE, WHO, and The World Bank.
- Upcoming Events:** A section on the right side of the page listing various events, including "Digitalisation and Road Safety Research" and "28th Meeting of the International Traffic Safety Data and Analysis Group (IRTAD), Paris, 2019".

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# Laboratory of Traffic Engineering - Example Key Projects

## i-DREAMS (2019-2022)



- **Driving telematics from smartphones**
  - Identification of safety-relevant behaviour
  - Assessment and prediction of risk
- **600 operators Experiment**
  - 4-stage 5-country experiment across 4 transport modes (car, bus, truck, train)
  - Big data handling and processing
- **Intervention selection and testing**
  - Real-time effectiveness (safety critical events, near misses etc.), driver state
- **Definition, development, testing and validation of a context-aware Safety Tolerance Zone**



## Drive2theFuture (2019-2022)



- **The first Autonomous Vehicles behavioral model**  
(Multiple comfort zone, Risk Allostasis model, Risk Monitor Model)
- **Data compilation from 20 European projects**  
(User behavior, acceptance, HMI, accident data)
- **Data science techniques for user acceptance prediction**
- **Pilots for testing automated driving behavior** (12 Pilots in 8 European Countries, Training schemes for AVs, HMI development)





# Laboratory of Traffic Engineering

## Key Research Priorities

- **Automation** and Connectivity
- Driving **Telematics** (smartphones & wearables)
- **Drone** based traffic monitoring and analysis
- Traffic and driving **simulation**
- **Smart Cities**
- **5G** traffic
- Traffic and Safety **Big Data**
- Traffic and Safety Information **Systems**







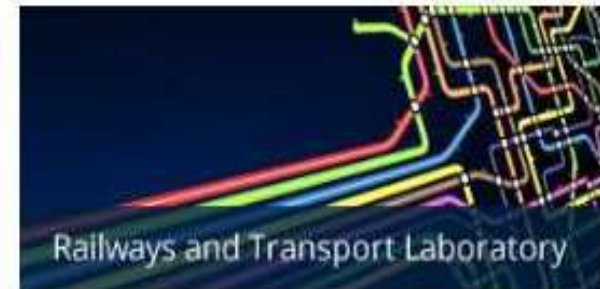
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Promoting  
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## Welcome

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## Transport Tools



NTUA Road Safety Observatory

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