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Conference 2026

Better Road Safety Data for Better Safety Performance

 **15-17 April 2026**  **Athens, Greece**

George Yannis, Professor, National Technical University of Athens
General Conference Chair

A Warm Welcome

by the Organisers:

- International Transport Forum ([ITF](#))
- National Technical University of Athens ([NTUA](#))
- Hellenic Institute of Transportation Engineers ([HITE](#))
- at the 8th IRTAD 2026 Conference (1996-2026)
Helsinki - Vienna - Brno - Seoul – Buenos Ayres - Marrakech - Lyon - Athens
- for exciting scientific road safety discussions in Athens,
the city that dialogue was born

with the support of the:

- European Conference of Transport Research Institutes ([ECTRI](#))
- Forum of European Road Safety Research Institutes ([FERSI](#))

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IRTAD 2026 Conference in numbers

The people:

- 329 participants
- 336 authors
- 146 affiliations
- 45 countries

Abstracts:

- 18 reviewers
- 3 Awards
- 1 Special Issue (ETRR)
- Selected abstracts for Special Issue

Presentations:

- 124 extended abstracts
- 90 oral
- 34 poster
- 22 sessions

Plenaries:

- 22 moderators
- 3 panel discussions
- 2 keynote speakers
- 16 panelists

More than 5,000 emails exchanged !!



IRTAD 2026 - 22 Sessions

➤ 18 Oral Sessions

- Analysis of road safety data
- Data-driven road safety strategies
- Speed and speed management
- EU Key Road Safety Performance Indicators
- Pedestrians, cyclists and elderly
- Road safety in climate crises and emergencies
- Artificial Intelligence and road safety
- E-Survey of Road Users' Safety Attitudes
- Understanding serious road injuries
- Road safety policy and assessment
- Road safety and gender equality
- Socioeconomic inequalities in road traffic injuries
- Analyzing and collecting road safety data in cities
- Safety of new mobility modes
- Crash causation and risk factors
- Big data and road safety analytics
- Measuring road safety performance
- New methods in data collection

➤ 4 Poster Oral Sessions

- Fatalities, injuries and vulnerable road users
- Driving behaviour and speed
- Artificial Intelligence and automation
- Analysis and management of road safety



Road Safety @ the crossroads

- **Speeding is a major global health issue**
 - its role is largely underestimated by all
 - measures should be universal and local
 - city -wide 30km speed limits is necessary for saving VRUs lives
- **Artificial Intelligence has great safety improvement potential**
 - data should be open and standardized
 - expertise is in great need - road safety is a science
 - transparency is a prerequisite
- **Safety should be embedded into urban mobility policy**
 - public transport is the best road safety measure
 - safety starts with the right public space management
 - safer speeds should prevail over traffic efficiency



Greece's best-ever performance in 2025

- **Lowest number of fatalities since ever**
highest annual percentage decrease (-22%)
- **148 lives saved in 2025**
517 in comparison to 665 in 2024
- **Mainly due to:**
 - systematic enforcement of helmet wearing & drink-and-drive
 - the new Road Traffic Code in Greece
- **Helmet use increased from 80% to 92%,**
resulting in 75 lives of motorcyclists saved
- **Proud of NTUA persisting advocacy**
at the Authorities and the media



Thanks to the dedicated Scientific Committee



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Some Practical Information

www.nrso.ntua.gr/irtad2026

- Programme
- Book of Abstracts
- Proceedings (all extended abstracts)
- Presentations (all available online)
- Photos (almost real time)

QR Code - scan and follow
(badge, posters, roll ups)

WiFi

- Wi-Fi network: Royal Olympic Network
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Social Events – Social Media

- **Plenary Photo** - Arch of Hadrian (5 minutes walk)
Thursday 16 April 2026 @ 13:00
- **Gala Dinner** - Royal Olympic Hotel Roof Garden (7th floor)
Thursday 16 April 2026 @ 20:00
- **Running / Jogging** - National Garden (& guided sightseeing)
Thursday 16 & Friday 17 April 2026 @ 7:00-7:30
Meeting point in front of Zappeion Hall @ 07:00
- **Social Media** - mind to use #irtad2026



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