

Dear colleagues, partners and friends,

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of ERTICO – ITS Europe, to invite you to the 33rd ITS World Congress in Birmingham, on 25-29 October 2027. The Congress, co-organised with ITS Asia-Pacific and ITS America, will be hosted by the West Midlands Combined Authority and Transport for West Midlands.

Under the theme, **“Connect Ideas. Transform Transport.”**, the UK’s second largest city, Birmingham, will become a global meeting point for the people, technologies and partnerships shaping the next generation of intelligent transport and mobility worldwide.

Across five days, the ITS community will uncover the latest advances in connected and automated mobility, artificial intelligence, digital infrastructure, data-driven transport, smart traffic management, electrification, sustainable logistics and next-generation mobility services. Through technical sessions, interactive exhibitions, live demonstrations and technical visits, the Congress will bear witness to how ITS is moving from promising concepts to practical solutions.

The host region of the West Midlands is a major European centre for automotive research, engineering and transport technology, as well as a real-world proving ground for connected and autonomous mobility and smart infrastructure, making it an apt setting for the Congress as a place where innovation can be seen, tested and connected to real-world deployment. As the UK’s first Future Transport Zone and designated Transport Sandbox, this technology-pioneering region offers visitors the opportunity to experience innovation in a living mobility ecosystem.

The ITS World Congress in Birmingham will bring together more than 15,000 participants from over 100 countries, creating a unique environment for exchanging ideas, discovering new technologies, building partnerships and accelerating investment and deployment. The event is a powerful opportunity for learning, networking with governments, industry leaders, researchers, and innovators, and showcasing novel solutions that the international mobility community brings to our society.

As the Congress returns to the UK for the first time in more than two decades, I look forward to welcoming you to Birmingham, a city with a rich industrial heritage, embodying the best of transport innovation – past, present, and future, and to working together to turn the very best ITS ideas into transport and mobility solutions that benefit people and communities everywhere.

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