

Energy & Transport Summit

1st Annual European Energy and Transport Summit Conference

The Directorate General for Transport and Energy will hold its first annual conference at the World Trade Centre in Barcelona on 18-19 October 2001. This year's conference will focus mainly on safety and security, while subsequent events will address different themes.

The main aim is to disseminate and promote the effective use of the results emerging from European research and technology programmes, hand in hand with the presentation of the most recent legislative and regulatory initiatives in the fields of transport and energy safety and security issues.

Furthermore, the conference is also intended to provide an open forum for discussion, and appropriate means for displaying, national programmes, approaches and results in these fields of activity.

The event will bring together many of Europe's key decision makers and innovators from the public and private sectors, both at the national and international levels. These will include representatives from international organisations, the European institutions, national, regional and local authorities, user groups, research and technology organisations, NGOs, investment institutions, industry and academia.

In terms of structure, the conference will comprise an opening plenary session where key personalities will give their perspective on the main transport safety and energy security issues facing Europe at the present time. Selected personalities will also participate in an initial interactive panel discussion centred on different perspectives and dimensions around which the theme of the conference can be viewed and explored. This will be followed by a full day of presentations and discussions based on the following main themes:

- I Safer energy: Efficient and renewable.
- II Secure and Cleaner Energy Supply.
- III Ensuring safe nuclear energy.
- IV Making our roads safer.
- V Prevention: The key to transport safety.
- VI The intelligent systems approach to safety.

These thematic discussions will enable stakeholders to better understand, assess and discuss the present situation which faces Europe, together with the future possibilities, in a far more integrated way. This should lead to greater consensus in future decision making in each of the selected areas, based on greater knowledge of the concepts and tools available. Your participation would have a beneficial effect on the quality of the discussions and the consequent input to decision making. With this in mind, there will be ample time allowed for discussion under each of the main topics.

The conclusions from the parallel sessions will be summarised by expert rapporteurs in the closing session. The conclusions will be discussed by a panel of selected personalities who will integrate the different views into a coherent frame or European approach for safe and secure energy and transport activities. The output of the conference will be widely disseminated.

In addition, European energy and transport programmes will be presented at the associated exhibition, which will take place both inside and outside the World Trade Centre. This exhibition will comprise 600m² of internal and 400m² of external surface area, and will therefore offer an excellent opportunity to publicise the best innovations that Europe has to offer.

Each individual stand will have about 10 m². The final selection of the exhibitors will be done by the Commission and the participation in the exhibition is free of charge.