

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to inform you that the **4th Transport Research Arena (TRA) Conference** will take place in **Athens, Greece, from 23 to 26 of April 2012.**

The Conference is organised by:

- the European Commission (D.G.s: RTD, MOVE, INFSO),
- the Conference of European Directors for Roads (C.E.D.R.),
- the European Road Transport Research Advisory Council (E.R.T.R.A.C.),
- the European Rail Research Advisory Council (E.R.R.A.C.)
- the European Technology Platform Waterborne (WATERBORNE T.P.) and
- the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks of Greece.

The Conference is implemented every two (2) years, each time hosted by a different European country.

The TRA 2012 which will be hosted in Greece is titled “**Sustainable mobility through innovation**” and will give the opportunity to the road, rail and maritime sectors’ stakeholders to address common challenges and share knowledge, in order to deliver together a greener, safer and smarter transport system worldwide.

The TRA 2012 will cover a wide spectrum of research and innovation activities, ranging from basic sciences to application-oriented engineering and will represent social, technical and economic aspects, as well as policy and standards. It will also address demonstration activities.

The programme of the Conference is organised into six pillars, built around the European research and innovation strategies while emphasising on the issues of climate change, reduction of CO₂ emissions, fuel efficiency and supply. Additional information can be sought from the Conference web-site: www.traconference.eu .

The participants of the Conference are companies, institutions and public services as well as individual scientists, researchers and professionals working in the industry, academia and public organisations dealing with the Transport sector and specifically with (scientific and applied) research in the surface transport sector (road, rail, water, urban transport and cross-cutting issues) all over the world.

We would like to invite you to participate in the Conference as a conference participant, exhibitor or sponsor.

The TRA 2012 Organising Committee is at your disposal for any additional information potentially required.

With best regards,

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