

Thredbo 11

The 11th International Conference on Competition and Ownership in Land Passenger Transport

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Delft University of Technology, Conference Centre
Mekelweg 5, 2628 CC Delft, The Netherlands



Venue

Thredbo 11 is held in Delft, one of the most beautiful cities of the Netherlands. The city has a rich history, going back to the foundation of the country. That history is reflected in its lovely historic centre. The social events of the conference take full advantage of that heritage.

The plenaries and workshops are held at Delft University of Technology. The main conference building and the Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management provide excellent facilities for any conference.

Delft is located between Rotterdam and The Hague with Amsterdam, Antwerp and other interesting sites within a 100 kilometers radius. Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol provides the link to the world, with flights to all continents.



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The Thredbo 11 conference will feature keynotes with examples from various continents on how authorities and operators develop effective and efficient public transport services. The core of the conference consists of intensive workshops gathering policy lessons from recent experience and issues that warrant further investigation. The key findings of the conference will be brought together in the next edition of the conference volumes, sharing the international influence of the papers, deliberations and workshop reports.

The conference presents six parallel workshops on the following topics:

Benchmarking the outcome of competitive tendering

Competitive tendering seems to have become a de facto standard of governance for public transport services. How is it developing? What works and what not? These are the key questions of this workshop.

Successful contractual setting

Contracts (tendered or not) are only the starting point of developing effective and efficient public transport services. What are the experiences on developing a trusting partnership between authority and operator? What contracts and concessions work best to stay flexible and responsive to changes in market and policy demands?

Beyond competitive tendering

Competitive tendering is not the only governance form for public transport service development and delivery. How do the alternatives work? Do they provide a promising proposition or are they problematic? These are key questions in this session.

Public policy and public transport

Public transport holds a promise in various policy fields, environmental, social, and economic; from battling congestion to urban development to reducing CO2 emissions. This session presents a pallet of various links between policy and public transport, with in the background the continuous questions: what form of governance of public transport will secure best the relation with these policy fields.

System development

In this session various public transport are presented such as improved network design, information systems, new modes, or a more integrated design approach. How do these system developments contribute to an improved public transport service? This question is addressed obviously with attention on governance of the system development.

Social inclusion

Public transport plays an important role in keeping various vulnerable groups mobile and active in society. From school children and physically challenged to people living in remote areas and the urban fringes, public transport enables people to stay mobile and involved. This session focuses on social inclusion and how it can be embedded soundly in the way in which public transport is governed.

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In the 22 years since the inaugural conference was held in Thredbo, Australia, the Thredbo series has established itself as the premier international forum dedicated to the analysis and debate of competition and ownership issues in land passenger transport. The series has attracted high quality participation and delivered a large portfolio of impressive material synthesising developments not only from developed economies but increasingly from developing economies.

The objective of the conference series is to provide an international forum to examine passenger transport competition and ownership issues, reporting on recent research and experience and developing conclusions on key issues. The focus is on determining the effects of different forms of competition, ownership and organisation for land-based passenger transport on operators, users, governments / funders and society as a whole.

The conference series is directed towards a broad audience of policy makers, planners, decision makers on infrastructure and service operators, consultants, researchers, academics and students, and is recognised as one of the most important international forums for analysis and debate of competition and ownership issues in land passenger transport.

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