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**TRA VISIONS invites students and researchers from all over Europe to submit innovative transport concepts**

**The European funded competition TRA VISIONS 2016 has started its ideation phase. Students and senior researchers throughout Europe are invited to submit innovative concepts on future transport matters until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 (for students) and until the end of September 2015 (for senior researchers) in order to enhance efficient and sustainable transport and mobility of people and goods.**

Ever more people and goods are moving around the world in constantly shorter timeframes. This makes innovative transport solutions an important necessity. What could future transport look like? How can existing systems and infrastructure cope with the rising strain, be it road, rail, waterborne or cross-modal transport systems? Which are efficient and sustainable solutions to the arising questions on mobility issues?

The European project TRA VISIONS 2016 invites students and senior researchers from all over Europe to enter their ideas of all kind concerning these and other questions to the competition.

The deadline for a first short abstract for students is June 30<sup>th</sup> 2015. Following, the participants are requested to develop and submit their full idea until September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 (both students and senior researchers). Therefore they need to provide a report, a short presentation and a project poster accompanied by an optional short video.

The submission phase will be followed by an *Evaluation of Ideas* period during which a judging panel comprising experts from universities, research institutes and industry

will determine which are the top 3 ideas per transport mode (road, rail, waterborne and cross-modality).

The final winner of the competition will be awarded during a prestigious award ceremony at the Transport Research Arena (TRA) Conference 2016 in Warsaw.

The concepts must be submitted under one of the conference topics, which cover the general areas of:

- Environment – Decarbonisation, Sustainability and Energy Efficiency
- Vehicles & Vessels Technologies, Design and Production
- Urban and Long-Distance People Mobility - Systems and Services
- Freight Transport and Logistics
- Safe, Secure and Resilient Transport Systems
- Transport Infrastructures
- Human Factors, Socio-Economics and Foresights
- Automation and Connectivity
- Enabling Environment for Innovation Implementation

TRA VISIONS takes place every two years and awards both a prize for innovative concepts for transport solutions for students and for senior researchers in European funded projects throughout Europe. The project consortium members responsible for organising the competition are the Institute for Automotive Engineering (ika) of RWTH Aachen University, Foundation WEGEMT - A European Association of Universities in Marine Technology and Related Sciences (WEGEMT), BALance Technology Consulting GmbH, Politecnico di Torino (POLITO), Newcastle University (UNEW) and University College London (UCL). The award ceremony takes place during the TRA conference, which is held every two years and aims at getting science, research and industry closer together and pointing out challenges and opportunities

they can efficiently face together in order to create an efficient and sustainable mobility of people and goods.

Find more information online:

[www.travisions.eu](http://www.travisions.eu)

[www.ika.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.ika.rwth-aachen.de)

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