



2020 Joint Cluster Meeting
**“Social and Health Implications of Active Travel
Policies”**

Venice, Italy, 26-27 March 2020

Cluster 2 Policy and Environment - Cluster 7 Social and Health Issues

CALL FOR PAPERS

Cluster 2 of NECTAR (Network of European Communications and Transport Activities Research) focuses on policy and environmental issues and is planning to organize a joint meeting in 2020 with Cluster 7 dealing with Social and Health Issues. The meeting will be held at the Università Iuav di Venezia in Venice, Italy between the **26th and 27th March 2020**. The Conference will bring together leading researchers from Europe and elsewhere.

Topics of Interest

Growing concerns over the sustainability of transport systems and a lack of physical activity in western societies have sparked policies aiming to promote active forms of transportation in many cities. While the evidence is growing that these policies indeed contribute to increased levels of cycling, questions remain with respect to the impact of active transport policies on inequalities in health, accessibility and social interaction and the functioning of communities. In addition, while much research has focused on cycling policies, much less emphasis has been devoted to the effect of policies aimed at increasing walkability. Finally, the role of walking and cycling for health and inclusion in cities in the Global South is heavily under researched, while being of key importance to numerous city dwellers. We therefore invite abstracts for presentations on the following (non-exhaustive) list of topics:

- The role of active mobility in the sustainability of public transport systems
- Walking and walkability in cities
- Sustainable cities of tomorrow – the role of active travel and intermodality
- Economic, environment, social and health considerations in the development of transport systems for active travel
- Disadvantaged groups and active travel in urban mobility systems
- Equity of bicycle sharing systems
- Walking, cycling and inequalities in health and accessibility
- Impact of walking and cycling on social exclusion
- Walking and cycling in the Global South

Deadline for abstract submissions is: 18 December 2019



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Abstracts should be submitted electronically and should not be longer than 500 words. Abstracts are to include a title and the authors’ names, affiliation and contacts.

The abstract should be sent to Dr Silvio Nocera, Università Iuav di Venezia. Email: nocera@iuav.it. Please include “Abstract submission” in the title.

After the meeting, two special issues of the journals “Research in Transportation Business & Management” and “Research in Transportation Economics” will tentatively be organized. To join such issues, interested authors are requested to submit a full paper no later than 30 April 2020.

Registration, meals and accommodation for 1 night (26/03/2020) will be offered to NECTAR-members, for only one author per paper. All practical details will be communicated at a later stage following a review of the abstracts submitted. In order to participate in the meeting, a one-year NECTAR membership (year 2020) is necessary. Non-members can find details of how to join the association on the “Membership” page of NECTAR’s website <http://www.nectar-eu.eu>.

The meeting hosts are also looking at organizing a tour for conference attendees.

Looking forward to meeting you in Venice!

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