Società Italiana di Economia dei Trasporti e della Logistica (SIET)
Italian Society of Transport Economics and Logistics

XXVIII Conference, "Building Connections to tackle Protectionism, Environmental Challenges, and Inequality"
Florence, September 10th – 11th, 2026

Call for papers

We are pleased to announce that the **XXVIII Conference of the Italian Society of Transport Economics and Logistics** (SIET) will be on **September 10-11, 2026** at IRPET (Istituto Regionale per la Programmazione Economica della Toscana), in **Florence**.

In a global context marked by rising geopolitical tensions and a resurgence of protectionist policies, a territory's ability to maintain and strengthen its competitiveness increasingly depends on the density and quality of its connections: physical, digital, social, and economic. Expanding connections means not only enhancing material and immaterial infrastructures, but also ensuring that they are accessible and equitable, thereby reducing territorial inequalities and promoting inclusion.

Investing in sustainable and integrated infrastructures, such as multimodal transport networks, digital infrastructures, and green energy corridors, thus becomes a strategic lever to counteract economic and territorial isolation, foster cohesion, and strengthen the resilience of local economies. At the same time, equity and accessibility must be at the heart of public policies, so that competitiveness does not lead to polarization, but rather to widespread and shared development.

From this perspective, connectivity and sustainability policies should be conceived as tools of territorial and social integration, capable of generating positive externalities, attracting investment, and strengthening a territory's position within global value networks. Only through an integrated and cooperative approach, based on intelligent and inclusive interconnections, will it be possible to combine openness and sustainability, growth and cohesion, competitiveness and territorial justice. The Conference aims at promoting both theoretical and applied research, with an interest in policy implications, while fostering interactions among researchers, practitioners, policy makers and experts on recent advancements for the understanding of mobility.

Papers are welcome on issues dealing with (but not limited to): transport planning methods, project evaluation, environmental impact of transportation, supply chains, transport decarbonization, energy and transport, sustainable transport policies, active mobility, urban transport policy, city logistics, transport and social inclusion, travel behaviour, accessibility, Mobility as a Service (MaaS), regulation, safety, health, etc. Beyond these topics, any subject directly or indirectly connected to Transport Economics and Logistics is welcome. Different methodological approaches in economic and statistical analysis are also welcome, including ex-ante evaluation and impact assessment methods as well as traditional behavioural and experimental economics approaches.

Extended Abstract submission

Interested presenters should submit an **extended abstract** (1000 to 2000 words) by **April 18th, 2026**, using

the template available in Italian (here) or in English (here).
Submission is made through the module available here. The abstract should clearly state the research question(s), the methodology, the main (or expected) results and a list of selected references.
Organizers will later consider the possibility to publish accepted extended abstracts in Rivista di economia e politica dei trasporti (REPoT). Additional publication opportunities may be proposed at a later stage.

Call for Special Sessions

Interested scientists can propose **special thematic sessions** by February 28th, 2026, at the following mail: conferenzaSIET2026@gmail.com. These sessions will typically consist of 4 contributions, that should be specified by the proponent. The submission should include the name(s) of the proponent(s), title of the session, an abstract (maximum 200 words, 3-4 keywords), and a list of possible contributions (title, author(s), affiliations, corresponding contacts).

Special sessions from other scientific associations are welcome.

Awards

During the conference, SIET will assign the following awards:

- the "**2026 SIET Best Paper Award**" for the best theoretical or empirical paper presented at the XXVIII SIET Conference by a young researcher (under 35 years). The winner will receive a prize of €300 as well as a two-year free SIET membership;

- the "**2026 SIET Best Doctoral thesis**" for the best Doctoral thesis on Transport economics and Logistics examined in the 2025 calendar year or by April 2026. The winner will receive a prize of €1000 well as a three-year free SIET membership.

Additional details on both awards will be emailed to all SIET members.

Important dates

- Proposal for Special Session deadline: **February 28th, 2026**
- Extended Abstract submission deadline: **April 18th, 2026**
- Accepted abstracts notification: **April 30th, 2026**
- Early bird conference registration: **May 15th, 2026**

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