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IT-TRANS 2018: BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE... KARLSRUHE, WE SALUTE YOU

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UITP and KMK are delighted to have joined forces to bring you the 2018 edition of [IT-TRANS](#): with this year's [Conference and Exhibition](#) the most successful to date.

IT-TRANS (Karlsruhe, 6-8 March 2018) is the leading conference where the sector meets to exchange, discuss and invent IT solutions and to drill down into the issues such as account-based ticketing, the API economy, on-demand travel and more.

This was the sixth IT-TRANS and with each edition growing through the hard work, dedication and commitment of our staff – and the interest of our attendees – we look back on 2018's gathering with a great sense of pride.

An outstanding and detailed Conference programme. An inspirational keynote speaker. A worldwide campaign launch on advancing women in public transport. A staff dedicated to delivering the best-ever edition. We have the statistics to show that this year's event in Karlsruhe was the biggest and best so far!

580 participants in our Conference

12,000 sqm of Exhibition

6,000 visitors

89 Speakers from 22 countries, including Mayors, Ministers and session chairs

Altogether providing 23 hours of speech

No male-only panels

31 percent women speakers/chairs/panellists

UITP was also delighted to welcome our exciting and inspirational keynote speaker [Olivier Van Duüren](#) who took to the stage on the opening to a rapturous reception from our gathered audience... 'find your sparkle' and achieve success!



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High-level speakers from across the world gathered in Germany to discuss the seven main themes of the 2018 event:

Data and the API economy, Customer relations, Enabling new mobility solutions and MAAS, Ticketing and payment, Operations & maintenance, Cyber Security and Autonomous vehicles

This is an exciting time in the public transport sector - from the development of autonomous vehicles and the advancement of Mobility as a Service to enabling new mobility solutions and the ongoing debate over cyber security and data – the digital era gives the industry the chance to shine.

“UITP is delighted with the success of the 2018 edition of IT-TRANS. The record number of speakers, exhibitors and participants illustrates the importance of this event to the public transport industry and the ongoing debate over digital thinking. To join KMK in Karlsruhe is a particular high-point for myself and the UITP team. As more and more people witness the debate over digitalisation develop, they are looking to IT-TRANS for the discussion and developments the PT sector is having. I would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to making this year's IT-TRANS the most diverse yet.”

Mohamed Mezghani
UITP Secretary General

UITP would like to thank our partners at KMK for their outstanding cooperation and professionalism.

“IT-TRANS presented a very impressive overall picture of a highly dynamic subject in the Karlsruhe Technology-region, one of the most high-profile mobility regions in the world. Having won over the expert community with our exhibition, conference and accompanying programme, the logical next step is to expand our exhibition space to two halls in 2020.”

Britta Wirtz
Managing Director of Karlsruher Messe- und Kongress GmbH

For more news on all things IT-TRANS please visit our dedicated [newsroom](#) where you will find our #PT4ME video launch, news from on the ground in Karlsruhe and our post-Conference catch-up with keynote speaker Olivier Van Duüren.

Also, if you are a member, **please login to [MyNetwork](#)** where you can read our daily blogs from on the ground in Karlsruhe!



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