



Special Session

Bridging Safety, Inclusivity, and Diversity: Enhancing Vulnerable Road Users' Mobility, Safety and Security

Description:

This interactive session at CSuM2026 delves into the intersection of safety, inclusivity, and diversity for Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs) within the context of active, shared, and inclusive mobility. Drawing from the SINFONICA, Diversify-CCAM, Roads4All, and Cultural Road European projects, the session will explore how participatory approaches and inclusive design can address safety concerns while promoting equitable mobility solutions. The discussion will highlight the importance of considering diverse cultural, geographical, and policy contexts in the development of mobility systems that are safe and accessible for all.

Session Moderator:

- Giulia Renzi, doctor, Senior Project Manager, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Topics and Presenters:

The session will be structured to encourage active participation and dialogue among attendees. It will include brief presentations from each speaker, followed by facilitated discussions and Q&A sessions. Interactive activities will be incorporated to engage participants in exploring solutions to enhance VRU safety through inclusive and diverse mobility practices. This session invites all conference participants to contribute to the conversation on creating safer, more inclusive, and diverse mobility systems. By sharing experiences, insights, and ideas, we can collectively work towards a future where all road users, especially the most vulnerable, can move freely and safely within our urban landscapes.

Within this section the following topics will be presented:

Putting People at the Centre of CCAM

- Giulia Renzi, doctor, Senior Project Manager, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

SINFONICA: Understanding Human Behaviour, Trust and Social Acceptance in CCAM at City Level

- Georgios Gorgogetas, Senior Project Manager, e-Trikala

Roads4All: Sustainable and inclusive road safety culture for all users.

- Leonidas Parodos, doctor, Senior Project Manager, Q-Plan International

DiversifyCCAM: Mobility Without Barriers: Bridging Safety and Societal Readiness

- Evangelos Bekiaris, Chair of the Board of Directors, CERTH

CulturalRoad: Integrating Culture and Diversity in CCAM, Miranda Quijano Monzón, Project Support Manager
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Moderator.....



Giulia Renzi. She has been a Project Manager with the ICOOR–UNIMORE team since 2017, contributing to and coordinating activities across several European research and innovation projects. From 2022 to 2025, she served as Technical Coordinator of SINFONICA, a Horizon Europe project focused on user-centric approaches for CCAM. Since 2023, she has also been Technical Coordinator of KEYSTONE, a Horizon Europe project advancing a digital, interoperable, and secure transport ecosystem.

Speakers.....



Georgios Gorgogetas George Gorgogetas is a senior project manager at e-Trikala S.A., the municipal development company of the City of Trikala (GR). They hold a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, with a specialization in Telecommunications. Since 2008, they have been actively involved in the design and implementation of local and European R&I projects in the fields of smart mobility, CCAM, e-government and digital public services. Their recent work focuses on user-centred approaches, social acceptance and inclusive urban mobility, contributing to projects such as CityMobil2, Cities-4-People, ELVITEN, HARMONY and SINFONICA.



Leonidas Parodos: Leonidas Parodos is an experienced Project Manager specializing in EU-funded initiatives, currently working at **Q-PLAN International Advisors** in Thessaloniki and serving as a member of the **coordinating team of the Roads4All project**. He has a strong background in research, logistics, and project coordination, while he has gained hands-on experience in freight forwarding and supply chain management. His expertise includes stakeholder engagement, impact assessment, and intermodal transport solutions. Over the years, he has developed solid skills in business planning, survey implementation, and optimizing international trade operations.



Evangelos Bekiaris: Evangelos Bekiaris is the Director of the Central Directorate and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH). He is a Mechanical Engineer from NTUA and a distinguished researcher in the field of Sustainable Mobility and Transport. Since 2001, he has been an elected researcher at the Hellenic Institute of Transport (HIT) of the Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH). He served as the Director of HIT from 2016 to 2024, completing two terms, and simultaneously held the position of Vice President of CERTH from 2021 to 2024. Since 1992 he has participated in 113 research projects, in 42 of which at the role of Coordinator.



Miranda Quijano Monzón: Miranda Quijano Monzón is Project Support Manager at ERTICO, specializing in EU-funded initiatives. She is part of the coordinating team of CulturalRoad, a Horizon Europe project which develops methodologies for equitable deployment of CCAM solutions across different cultural and geographical contexts. Her experience includes stakeholder engagement and coordinating project activities across several mobility initiatives, including CCAMBassador and DeployEMDS. She contributes to projects that promote inclusivity and diversity in the development of future mobility solutions.