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## UITP GLOBAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SUMMIT: BARCELONA UNVEILED AS HOST CITY FOR 2023



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**UITP is heading to Barcelona for the 2023 edition of the world's largest event dedicated to urban mobility.**

The local host for the [UITP Global Public Transport Summit](#) 2023 will be long-term UITP member and active contributor [Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya](#) (FGC).

**Barcelona was one of three superb candidate cities** in the running, alongside Brussels and Dubai, and we thank all of them for their detailed submissions and **their outstanding commitment to public transport.**

As the world's largest event dedicated to urban mobility, the **UITP Summit has a long history to its name.**

**Going back to 1886** – beginning one year after UITP was born – **64 outstanding host cities have welcomed the international public transport sector** to debate, showcase and innovate the future of urban mobility.

*“As an easily accessible international hub with outstanding public transport and impressive investment plans, Barcelona is a worthy choice to host the 2023 edition of the UITP Global Public Transport Summit! I thank all of our remarkable candidates for their ongoing support of UITP and public transport. The wonderful success of the last edition in Stockholm has made it evident that our summit grows in reputation with each cycle, where it is now known as the defining event in our sector. Plans are in place for an extraordinary edition in Melbourne next December, and with the on-boarding of Barcelona as the following destination, I am thrilled for the times ahead.”*

**Mohamed Mezghani**  
**UITP Secretary General\***

### **Barcelona...an easily accessible international hub**

As a previous host in 1926 and 1967, it's been a while since the **world of urban mobility set up shop in Barcelona!**

Barcelona is **a very well-connected city** with outstanding public transport options: **metro, bus, tram, train and even cable cars**, the city has it all, with **excellent integration between the Congress and Exhibition facilities.**

We all know that when discovering a new location, **a brilliant public transport network is a gift...**and Barcelona is ready to welcome all of us.

With an excellent **fully integrated Public Transport system**, including all modes, alongside an **integrated** approach to boost **modal shift & sustainability.**

The city **has Investment and management plans** in place (€7.3 billion of investment planned for the next five years) with **ongoing investments on all sustainable modes.**

*"Hosting the Global Public Transport Summit in Barcelona will be an excellent opportunity to showcase to the whole world the outstanding competitiveness of the Catalan Public Transport sector and the development of a sustainable and inclusive transport system at urban, metropolitan, regional and national level. By welcoming the Summit to Barcelona, we will become the world's Public Transport capital for those much anticipated few days."*

**Ricard Font i Hereu**  
**FGC President**

### **From Stockholm, to Melbourne, and on to Barcelona...**

The 2019 edition of the UITP Summit was **held to great success with our biggest edition yet taking place in Stockholm, Sweden (9-12 June 2019).** We will build on that success alongside our international membership when we **head to Melbourne, Australia next year.**

We're currently preparing for **the next edition in Melbourne, Australia**, held under the theme 'Mobility For Life' (14-17 December 2021) which has **moved from 6-9 June 2021 to the end of the year** to best reflect the ongoing situation with international travel and global events.

**For all you need to know on our Global Summit, visit the dedicated website at [uitpsummit.org](https://uitpsummit.org) and stay connected to the official twitter [@UITPSummit](https://twitter.com/UITPSummit)**

*\*acting on behalf of Mohamed Mezghani SARL*

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