



9-10 December  Kocaeli

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FROM PLANNING TO OPERATIONS:

IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE URBAN RAIL SYSTEMS

Urban rail is more than a network of tracks and trains—it is the circulatory system of sustainable cities, shaping mobility, connecting communities, and enabling urban growth. Delivering an efficient and resilient urban rail system requires far-sighted vision, meticulous coordination, and a culture of continuous innovation, spanning every stage from strategic planning to operational excellence.

The 11th UITP Eurasia Conference, taking place in Kocaeli on 9–10 December 2025, brings together transit leaders, city authorities, operators, world organizations, financial institutions, and industry experts to explore every step of urban rail development. Participants will gain insights into cutting-edge practices, exchange knowledge, and discover how cities across Eurasia are building accessible, safe, and sustainable transit systems.

Institutional leadership drives innovation—not only through technology but also through strategic planning, effective regulation, and resilient infrastructure development. The conference agenda will cover the full lifecycle of urban rail systems, including early-stage planning, project design, construction management, systems engineering, commissioning, and continuous operational management. Sessions will highlight challenges, best practices, and innovations in urban rail development across the region.

With networking opportunities, technical tours, and workshops led by global and regional experts, the UITP Eurasia Conference 2025 is a key platform to share knowledge, align priorities, and strengthen collaboration for future-ready urban transport systems.

WHAT TO EXPECT



200-250 ATTENDEES



**4 SESSIONS
2 INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS
TECHNICAL VISIT**



NETWORKING BREAKS

KEY THEMES

to global best practices, technologies,
and insights

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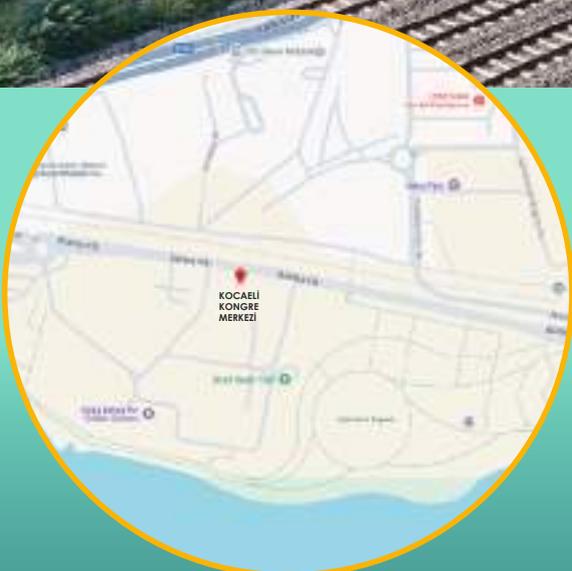
The 2025 Conference will explore key themes critical to the future of rail transit systems in EURASIA and beyond:

PLANNING
AND
INVESTMENT

PROJECT
DELIVERY &
INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPLEMENTATION

OPERATIONAL
READINESS &
STARTING UP

DIGITALIZATION
FOR EFFICIENT
OPERATIONS



CONFERENCE LOCATION

KOCAELI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS CENTER

Address: Yenidoğan Mahallesi,
Salim Dervişoğlu Caddesi No:16,
Sekapark, 41 100 İzmit / Kocaeli

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PROGRAM



09 DECEMBER

08:00 – 09:00

Welcome Coffee & Registration

09:00 – 09:30

Welcome Speech

09:30 – 10:00

Opening Plenary Sessions

10:00 – 11:00

Session 1: Planning & Investments in Urban Rail

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 2: Project Delivery & Infrastructure Implementation

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Session 3: Operational Readiness & Starting Up

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30

Session 4: Digitalization for Efficient Operations

17:30 – 18:00

Wrap-up & Closing

10 DECEMBER

09:00 – 12:00

Technical Visit

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 13:30

Workshop Opening

13:30 – 15:00

Workshop Workshop 1: Improving Project Delivery

15:00 – 15:30

Break

15:30 – 17:30

Workshop 2: Workforce Development for Operations & Maintenance

17:30 – 18:00

Wrap-up & Closing



Please note: The conference program is subject to change.

TECHNICAL VISIT

Technical Visit: UlaşımPark A.Ş. – Akçaray LRT Workshop and Control Center

UlaşımPark A.Ş., a subsidiary of the Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, operates the Akçaray LRT system with 28 trams, soon expanding to 33. Participants will visit the modern Maintenance Workshop and Operational Control Center, showcasing the backbone of Kocaeli's rail operations. The facility includes seven maintenance tracks and a 33-vehicle depot, enabling efficient daily inspections, cleaning, and heavy maintenance. Operations run 24/7, ensuring reliability and safety across the entire fleet.

The Control Center integrates GPS data, loop sensors, and CCTV feeds to monitor tram movements, passenger flow, and incidents in real time. It dynamically manages signals and prioritizes emergency vehicles to minimize delays. Through continuous data analysis, UlaşımPark optimizes performance and supports smart, sustainable mobility.

Visitors will gain firsthand insight into how technology, data, and operational expertise combine to deliver efficient, safe, and passenger-oriented urban rail service in Kocaeli.

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WORKSHOP INFORMATION

1 Workshop:

Rail systems are complex projects that involve multiple engineering disciplines and stakeholders. This workshop highlights the importance of effective project management to ensure timely and cost-efficient delivery. Participants will learn best practices in **mapping, risk management, change management, and performance management** for large-scale rail projects.

2 Workshop:

Workforce Development for Operations and Maintenance Following construction, during the testing and commissioning phase—or earlier—operators should initiate detailed mobilization plans to ensure a safe and smooth start of operations. This includes establishing the operations and maintenance organization, as well as other administrative and support units. Clear roles and responsibilities must be defined, along with competency requirements, a structured recruitment plan, and a comprehensive training program to ensure all staff are fully prepared before operations begin.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on exercises to **design detailed timetables and establish the operations and maintenance workforce**, including administrative and support units, ensuring a safe and efficient start of operations.



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9 > 10 Desember 2025
Kocaeli



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MEMBERS : FREE | NON-MEMBERS : €150



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