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# The NTUA Laboratory of Traffic Engineering

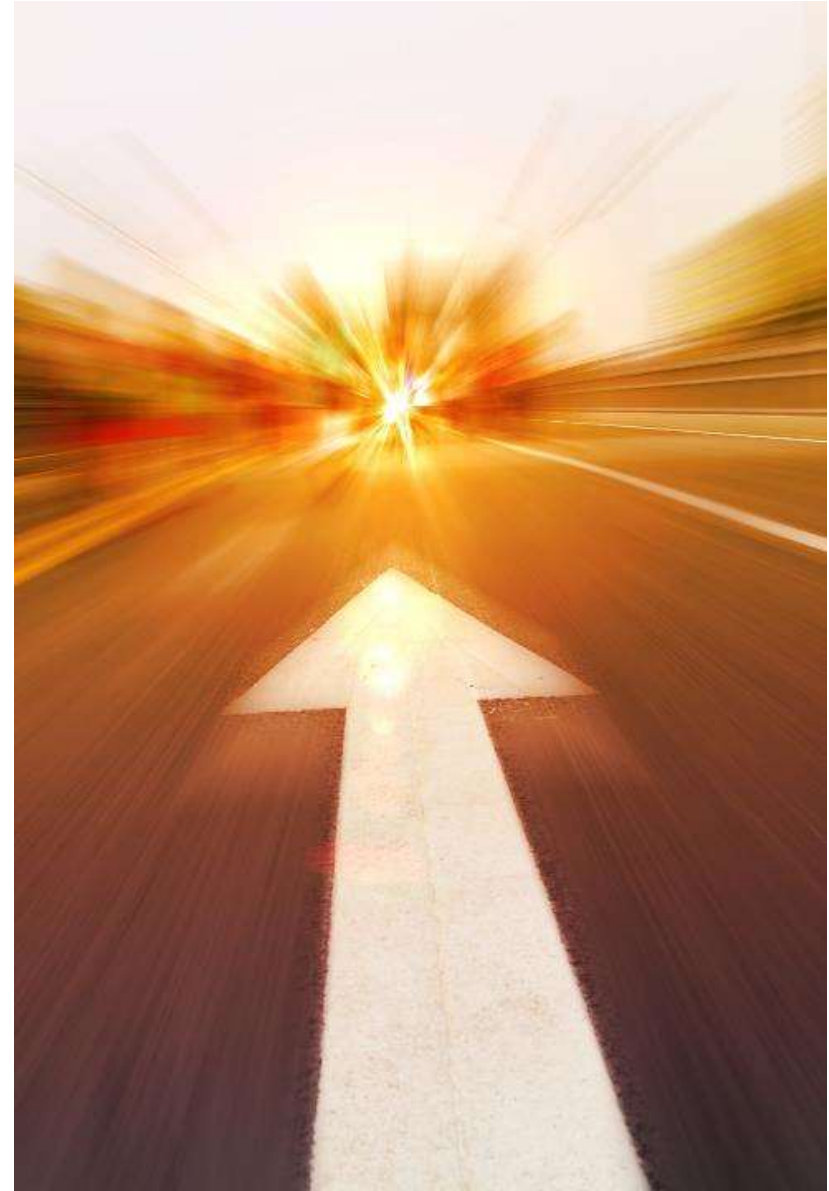
## School of Civil Engineering

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# Presentation outline

1. The NTUA Laboratory of Traffic Engineering
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# **The NTUA Laboratory of Traffic Engineering**





# The NTUA Laboratory of Traffic Engineering

- The Laboratory of Traffic Engineering (LTE), established in 1998, is a [Center of Research and Innovation Excellence](#) in Traffic Engineering, with global recognition
- It belongs to the [Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering](#) ([www.transport.ntua.gr](http://www.transport.ntua.gr)) of the School of Civil Engineering ([www.civil.ntua.gr](http://www.civil.ntua.gr))
- Since its establishment, the LTE contributes to transportation science through numerous [academic and research activities](#)



# Mission

The Mission of the NTUA Laboratory of Traffic Engineering is:

- **educate** scientists engineers , and
- to promote **research**

in the field of traffic engineering

The Laboratory's educational and research activities are characterised by high **innovation**, excellent **organisation** and great **utility** for society

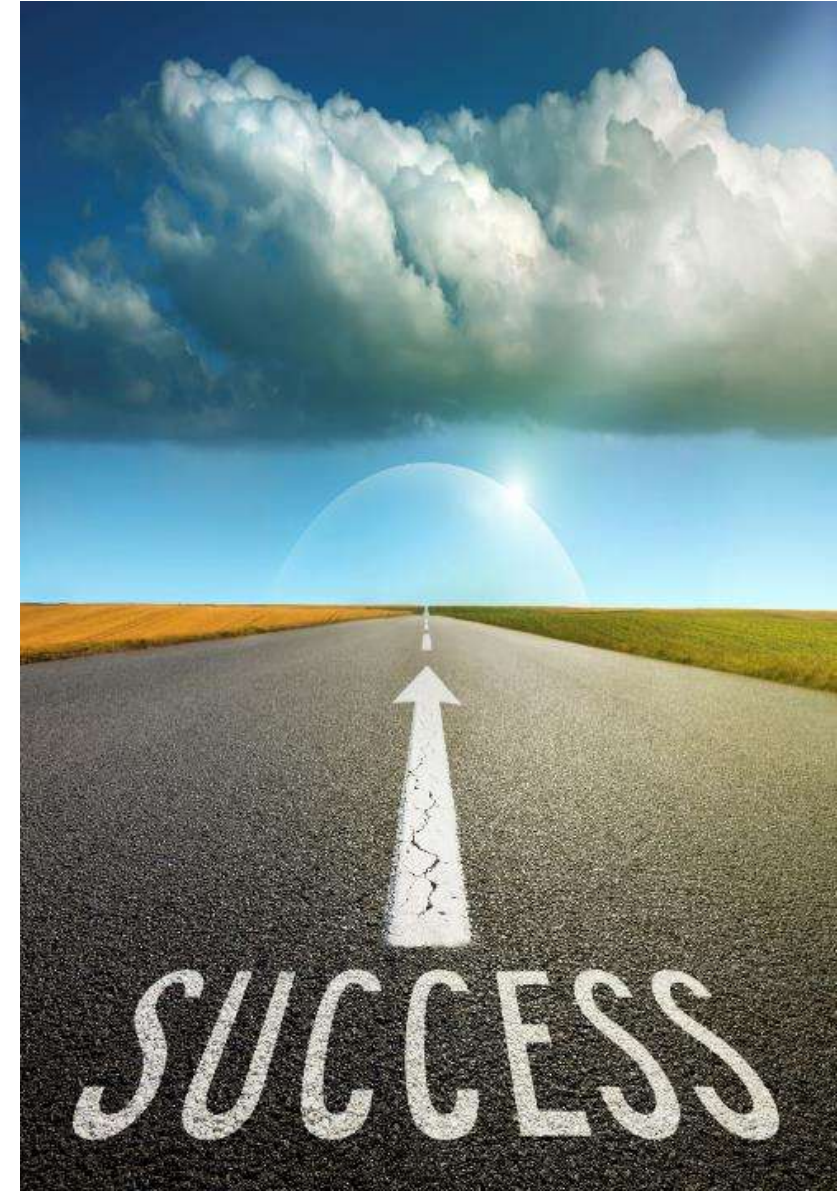




# Vision

The Vision of the the NTUA Laboratory of Traffic Engineering is:

- the substantiated support for decisions on the **optimal operation of urban and interurban road traffic** in Greece and internationally,
- making use of the most modern scientific theories and **technological developments**,
- so as to ensure both the servicing of the traffic and the medium-term economic and environmental **sustainability of the mobility**



# Laboratory People

A dynamic team of more than 30 renowned scientists

- Faculty 3
- Post Doctoral Researchers 2
- Ph.D. Candidates 15
- Research Assistants 8
- Information Systems Engineers 2
- Administrative assistants 2



# Laboratory Faculty



John Golias

Professor, Lab Director



George Yannis

Professor, Department Director



Eleni Vlahogianni

Associate Professor





# Education



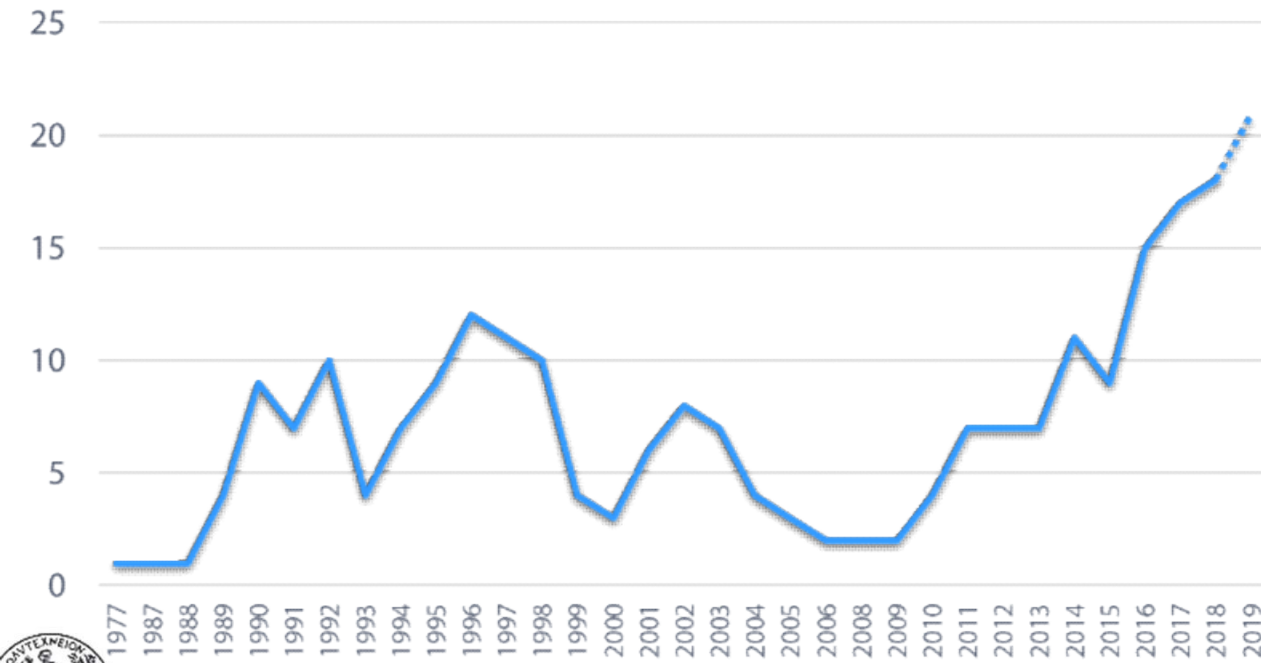
# Courses

1. Traffic Flow theory  
7th Semester
2. Urban Road Networks  
8th Semester
3. Traffic Management and Road Safety  
9th Semester
4. Analysis Methods in Traffic Engineering  
9th Semester
5. Quantitative Methods in Transportation  
9th Semester
6. Integrated Project in Transportation Engineering  
9th Semester

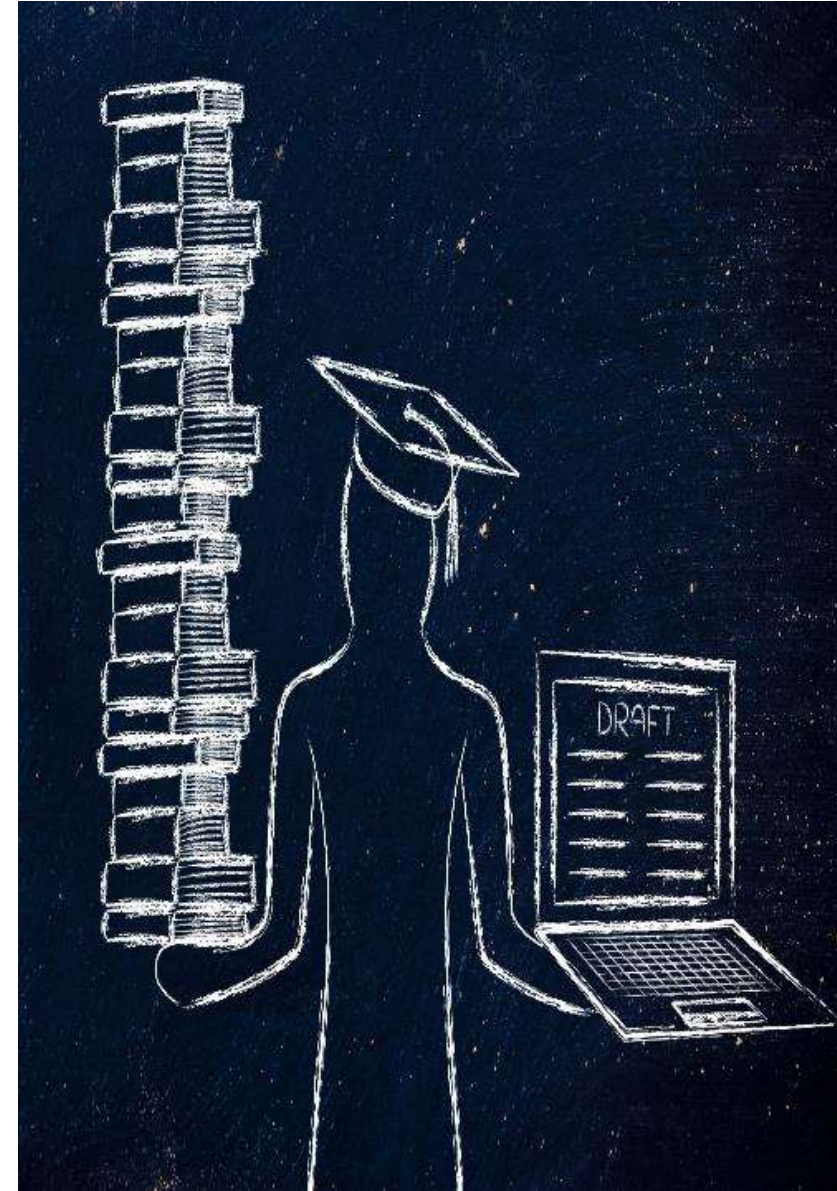


# Diploma Theses

- 328 Diploma Theses since 1977
- 82 Diploma Theses since 2014
- 7,8 Diploma Theses per year



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# PhD Theses

## PhD Theses Completed :

- Dimitrios Tselentis (2018)
- Emmanouil Barmounakis (2017)
- Dimosthenis Pavlou (2016)
- Athanasios Theofilatos (2015)
- Panagiotis Papantoniou (2015)
- Eleonora Papadimitriou (2010)
- Eleni Vlahogianni (2006)



# PhD Theses

## PhD Theses **Underway** :

- Panagiotis Fafoutelis (2019)
- Julia Roussou (2019)
- Dimitris Nikolaou (2019)
- Alexandra Laiou (2019)
- Armira Maria Kontaxi (2019)
- Charis Chalkiadakis (2018)
- Eleni Chalkia (2017)
- Alexandros Papacharalampous (2017)
- Eleni Mantouka (2016)
- Foteini Orfanou (2016)
- Emmanouil Kampitakis (2016)
- Apostolos Ziakopoulos (2016)
- Evangelos Mintsis (2015)
- Aikaterini Stylianou (2015)
- Aikaterini Folla (2015)





**Research**



# Research Projects

More than 125 Research Projects

> 70 International

> 55 Greek

With more than 350 national and international organizations

More than 80 through highly competitive procedures



# Scientific Publications

More than **600** Scientific Publications

Scientific Journals **>230**

Conference Proceedings **>400**

Conferences Presentations **>500**





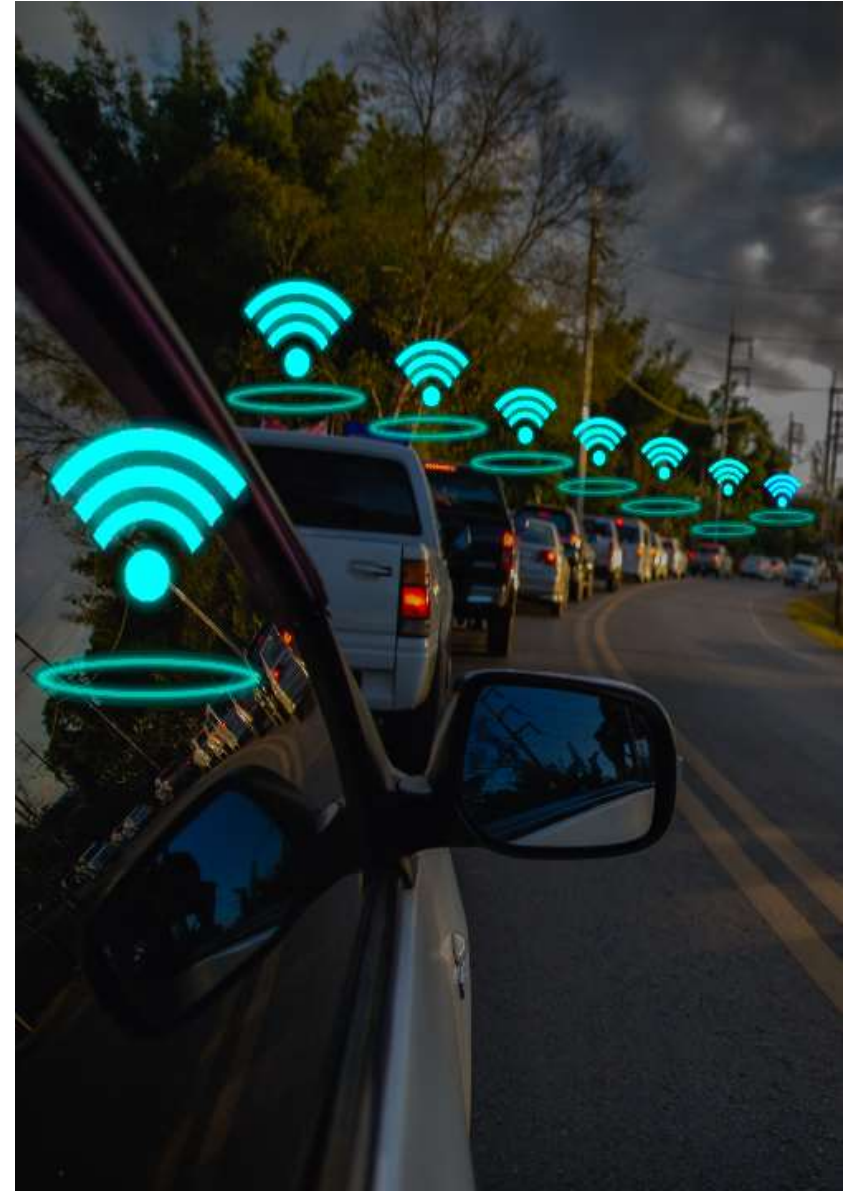
# Research Infrastructure





# Research Infrastructure

1. Driving Simulator
2. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)
3. On-Board Monitoring Devices
4. Traffic Counts Devices
5. Data Bases
6. Data and Knowledge systems
7. NTUA Road Safety Observatory
8. Software



# Driving Simulator

Foerst Driving Simulator FPF 1/4 cab

- Motion Base
  - 2 degrees of freedom
- Programming **Software Tool**
  - Programming driving scenarios in different conditions
  - Investigation of driver's behaviour in extreme traffic conditions and conditions of difficult geometry
- Driver Behaviour **Data**
  - Kinematic characteristics
  - Speed, acceleration, headways, time-headways
  - Time To Collision
  - Track of the vehicle
  - Reaction Time



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# Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

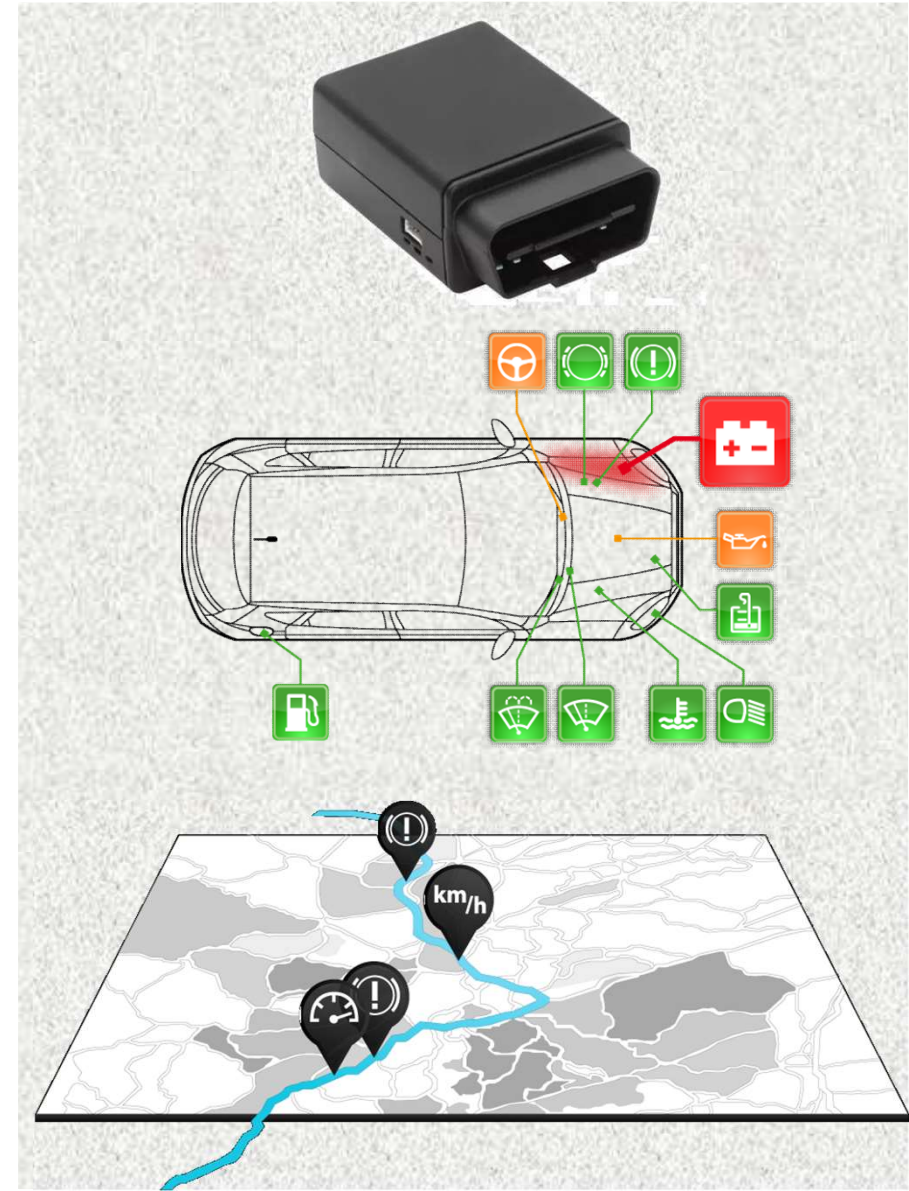
- **Traffic** monitoring
- **Trajectory** data collection of vehicles and pedestrians
- Detection of critical traffic and **roadway** conditions





# On-Board Monitoring Devices

- Vehicle **performance** monitoring data collection
- **Driving** performance monitoring and data collection
- **Fuel consumption** data collection



# Traffic Counts Devices

- [Manual](#) traffic counters
- Counters of turning templates traffic
- Automatic traffic counters sectional road ([ADR](#))
- Radar speed detection ([Laser](#))
- Device for measuring and analyzing traffic to [junction](#)
- System for recording and analyzing real-time traffic ([Autoscope](#))
- Device road traffic [noise](#) levels
- [GPS](#) devices log position information



# Data Bases

- [SANTRA](#) - Greek Road Accident Database with disaggregated data (1985 - 2017, 1,2 million recordings)
- [CARE](#) - European Road Accident Database with disaggregated data (1991 - 2017, 36 million recordings)
- [IRTAD](#) - International Road Accident Database with aggregated data
- Databases of International Organisations ([WHO](#), [IRF](#), [ERF](#), [UITP](#))
- Databases with [Aggregated Data](#) (Vehicle fleet, veh-km, driver behavior, etc.)
- [Digital Road Safety Library](#) > 5.000 key Reports





# Data and Knowledge Systems

- **Erso** - The European Road Safety Observatory
- **SaferAfrica** - The African Road Safety Observatory
- **SafetyCube** - European Road Safety Decision Support System
- **SafeFITS** - Global Road Safety Model
- **Pract** - The CEDR Road Safety APM and CMF Repository
- **NRSO** - The NTUA Road Safety Observatory



European  
Road  
Safety  
Observatory



African Road Safety  
**observatory**

European Road Safety  
Decision Support System



[www.road-safety-dss.eu](http://www.road-safety-dss.eu)

**SafetyCube**



UNECE

**SafeFITS**

The Global Road Safety Model



**pract - repository**



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Road Safety Observatory

[www.nrso.ntua.gr](http://www.nrso.ntua.gr)



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# NTUA Road Safety Observatory

An international reference website

- information system with state-of-the art road safety data and knowledge

[www.nrso.ntua.gr](http://www.nrso.ntua.gr)

- since 2004 with more than 1.300 items
- more than 3.000 visits per month
- 95 electronic newsletters since 2007
- tens of tweets and social media posts annually
- network of more than 3.500 road safety experts in Greece (1.000+) and worldwide (2.500+)



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A screenshot of the NTUA Road Safety Observatory website. The header features the NTUA logo and navigation links: Home, About, Knowledge, Data, Conferences, News, Links. The main banner is titled "Workshop in the framework of the FIFTH UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK" and "Digitalisation and Road Safety Research". Below the banner, there are sections for "Systems" (listing various tools like SafeITS, European Road Safety Observatory, etc.), "Cooperations" (listing partners like UNECE, ETSC, FEHRL, etc.), and "Upcoming Events" (listing conferences like REVIVE, POLIS, etc.). The right sidebar contains a search bar and a "Subscribe to our Newsletter" form.



# Software

- Traffic Flow Analysis
  - HCM, Synchro, TSIS
- Macroscopic and Microscopic Traffic Flow Simulation
  - AIMSUN, Saturn, Contram, Simtraffic, Corsim
- Statistical Analysis
  - SPSS, R, MLWIN, MATLAB, LIMDEP, Python
- Traffic Flow Forecast, Traffic Flow distribution network
  - CUBE





# Cooperations & Partners



# Our Cooperations - Greece





# Our Cooperations - Europe

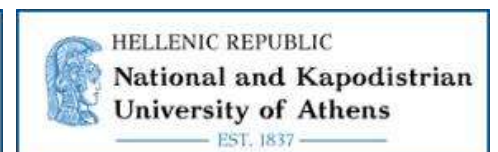




# Our Cooperations - Worldwide



# Our Partners - Universities



# Our Partners - Research Institutes





# Research Areas



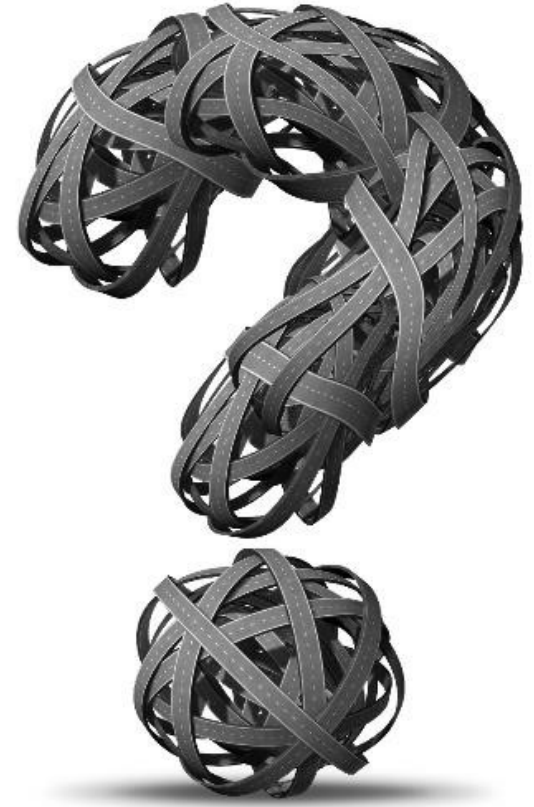
# Traffic Management - Topics

- Data driven traffic flow analysis and forecasting
- Simulation for automated traffic
- Mobility as a service, electromobility, connected and shared mobility
- UAV based traffic monitoring and analysis
- Traffic and safety of PTW, cyclist and pedestrians
- Network level traffic prediction and management
- Evidence based mobility optimization and policy making
- Design and implementation of traffic management systems
- Design and operation of parking systems



# Traffic Management Research Questions

- How to improve traffic monitoring using [crowdsourcing](#)?
- How ICT, social networks and [smartphone sensing](#) can be used for traffic monitoring control and management?
- Can [UAVs](#) be used for monitoring traffic and identifying congestion in urban areas?
- What is the impact of [smart mobility](#) services to large scale network traffic?
- How to manage the [cooperative](#) and automated traffic?
- Can [intelligent parking services](#) reduce traffic congestion in cities?





# Traffic Safety - Topics

- Driver Safety Behaviour & Telematics
- Road Infrastructure Safety
- Traffic Safety Analysis
- Road Safety Data & Knowledge Systems
- Road Safety Management



# Traffic Safety

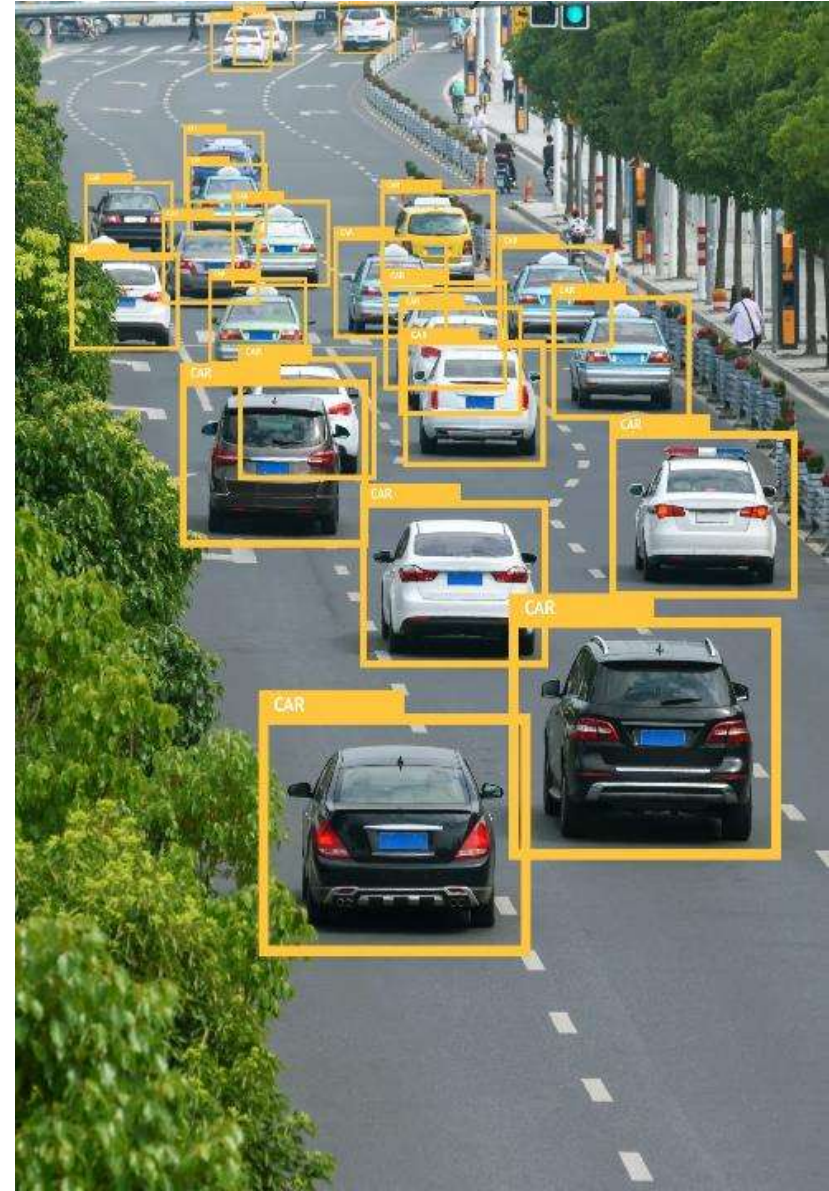
## Research Questions

- How to improve driver safety **behaviour** with focus on speeding, drink-and-drive and distraction?
- Which are the best solutions for safe traffic of **Vulnerable Road Users**?
- How to integrate safety into **urban mobility** planning and operation?
- How to identify and assess the most appropriate **road safety measures**?
- How to exploit **big data** to support better traffic safety decision making but also driver behavior?
- How are **automation and connectivity** going to improve traffic safety?



# ITS and Automation Topics

- **Smartphone sensing** and analytics, insurance telematics, driving analytics
- **C-ITS** applications
- Traffic **Automation**
- Impact assessment of **ITS**, c-ITS and CAV on mobility, environment and safety





# ITS and Automation Research Questions

- Can we accurately predict demand in future cooperative and connected **smart city** context?
- What will be the impact of **automation** in future road networks?
- How to develop efficient individualized systems for managing **personal mobility**?
- How to accurately forecast traffic evolution in the era of autonomous, **connected** and shared mobility?





## Traffic Engineering Laboratory

[www.transport.ntua.gr/traffic-engineering-laboratory/](http://www.transport.ntua.gr/traffic-engineering-laboratory/)

## Traffic Engineering Laboratory

The *Traffic Engineering Laboratory* founded in 1998 belongs to the Department of Transportation Planning and Engineering of the School of Civil Engineering. Since its foundation the Traffic Engineering Laboratory has contributed to transportation science through numerous academic and research activities.



Pavement Engineering Laboratory



Railways and Transport Laboratory



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