



Call for communication

ITTECOP 2026 Young Researchers Day Infrastructure, territories, and biodiversity in the face of ecological transitions

June 19, 2026, in Paris – EIVP

Deadline for submitting proposals: April 8, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. at <https://ittecop.fr/fr/JC2026>

Background and objectives

Transport and energy infrastructure play a central role in contemporary ecological, territorial and societal transformations. They are both major factors of pressure on ecosystems and potential levers for transition, provided that their design, management and transformation are considered within an integrated, interdisciplinary and territorialised approach.

In this context, the ITTECOP programme is organising the ITTECOP 2026 Young Researchers Day, dedicated to promoting the work of doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers and young doctors in the humanities and social sciences, life sciences, engineering sciences and project disciplines (urban planning, landscape, architecture).

The objectives of this day are to:

- raise the profile of ongoing or recently completed research;
- promote interdisciplinary exchanges;
- question epistemological and methodological approaches;
- strengthen links between academic research, operational actors and institutions;
- contribute to the renewal of scientific issues surrounding infrastructure.

Themes and topics for discussion

Proposals may fall within one or more of the following fields, without limitation:

1. Infrastructure and living territories

Proposals falling within this area focus on the relationships between infrastructure (and its footprint) and the territories in which it is located, viewed as complex socio-ecosystems. They examine the interactions between infrastructure, societies, biodiversity, landscapes and soils. Particular attention may be paid to the effects of climate change, the adaptive capacities of territories and nature-based solutions, as well as the analysis of the cumulative effects of existing or planned infrastructure, including in multi-infrastructure configurations.

2. Temporalities, transformations and governance

This theme focuses on infrastructure over time, considering its entire life cycle: design, implementation, operation, transformation, conversion or dismantling. Papers may analyse the differences and links between the temporalities of projects, ecosystems and territorial dynamics, as well as the associated governance modalities. Contributions may examine local consultation and participation processes, as well as other aspects of infrastructure project governance. Contributions may also examine conflicts and controversies, issues of social acceptability, and the legal, economic and institutional frameworks that structure public action and infrastructure decisions.

3. Knowledge, methods and research for action

Contributions under this third theme examine the production, mobilisation and circulation of knowledge relating to infrastructure, in connection with public and operational action. They may focus on the use of data, digital tools and artificial intelligence for decision support, as well as on action research, embedded research or experimental research approaches. Particular attention will be paid to the methods of knowledge transfer and co-construction between researchers and stakeholders, as well as to reflections on the researcher's position, ethical issues and interdisciplinary practices.

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The ITTECOP program

ITTECOP (Transport Infrastructure, Territories, Ecosystems and Landscapes) is a research incentive programme led by the Ministry for Ecological Transition (MTE), in coordination with the French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME). Its main objective is to address the technical challenges of transport infrastructure and its right-of-way, whether road, rail, river or energy-related, and its interfaces with local areas (stations, ports, airports, etc.), including landscape and ecosystem dimensions.

This examination takes into account spatial and temporal scales, territorial governance modalities and all ecological and heritage issues. The ITTECOP programme aims to bring together, on a long-term basis, stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds (researchers in the humanities, social sciences and life sciences, practitioners and civil society actors, etc.) who contribute to the emergence of original ideas that public decision-makers can use to assess the effects of land transport infrastructure, particularly on landscapes and biodiversity.

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Target audience

The day is primarily aimed at doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers and young doctors (who have defended their thesis within the last three years), whether French or foreign, whose work falls within the field of relations between infrastructure, territories, biodiversity, landscapes and societies.

Submission

Candidates are invited to submit a proposal for a communication (500 words) via the online form before 8 April 2026 at:

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The response to the proposal will be given on 20 April and will be accompanied by specific details of the presentation.

Selection

Proposals will be evaluated by the organising committee, with the support of members of the Scientific Council and the ITTECOP office, based on the following criteria:

- scientific quality and originality;
- interdisciplinary nature;
- link between research and operational issues;
- reflective and methodological perspective;
- relevance to the scope of the ITTECOP programme.

Organising committee:

- Sophie Bonin, ENSP Versailles, Chair of the Scientific Council
- Maylis Desrousseaux, Paris School of Urban Planning, member of the Scientific Council
- Nicolas Hette-Tronquart, OFB, member of the office
- Jonathan Hess, MTE, programme secretary
- Roberta Pistoni, ENSP Versailles, member of the Scientific Council
- Judith Raoul-Duval, zogma, in charge of scientific coordination

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