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### **Special Session in European Transport Conference ETC2018 in Dublin, Ireland**

ALLIANCE project co-organized with EU project SKILLFUL the special session entitled “**Education and Training – New challenges towards the Future Transport**” within the European Transport Conference (ETC) on 10-12 October 2018 in Dublin, Ireland. The scope of the special session was to disseminate information about the progress and the findings of the two projects with strong emphasis on development of linkage among education, research and industry.

The special session was organized into two parts: a) presentations about ALLIANCE and SKILLFUL projects, and 2) a subsequent round table for discussions between researchers and stakeholders invited by the project’s consortia. In total, five presentations were given:

- ALLIANCE Project: Partnerships for innovation, skills and jobs and how to engage the profitable international cooperation (Prof. Irina Yatskiv (Jackiva), TTI)
- ALLIANCE Project: New educational program on intermodal connections (Dr. Giannis Adamos, UTH)
- ALLIANCE Project: Assessing knowledge of stakeholders on sustainable interchanges’ design and operation (Dr. Mihails Savrasovs, TTI)
- SKILLFUL Project: Skills and competences development of future transportation professionals at all levels (Mrs. Matina Loukea, CERTH/HIT)
- SKILLFUL Project: Training needs and skills gaps across the transportation sector. (Ms. Grace Moloney, UCD).

During the round table, the following key questions were discussed:

- How to facilitate stakeholder collaboration and the development of strong linkage among education, research and industry?
- How we can focus education, research and innovation activity on social and economic development?
- Balanced combination to the triplex of research/education, industry and policy makers, acknowledging the key role of society. How to increase related R&I impact and exploitation?
- How to identify the skills and competences needed by the Transport workforce of the future?

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