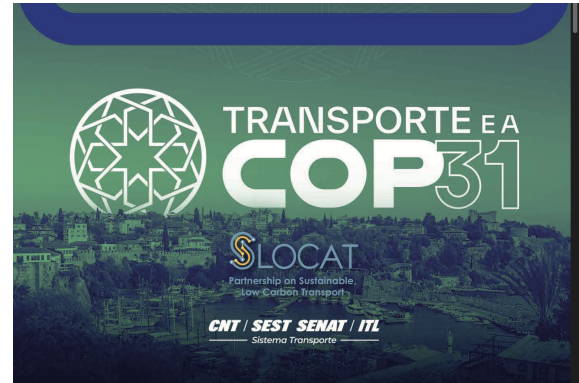


Side Event Application for Transport Pavilion at COP31

COP31, 9 to 20 November 2026 ·
Antalya, Türkiye · Blue Zone



1. Introduction

SLOCAT and Sistema Transporte have secured a 50 m² **Transport Pavilion** in the official COP31 Blue Zone in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9 to 20 November 2026.

Building on the success of the [first Transport Pavilion at COP30](#) in Belém, the COP31 Pavilion will provide a space for governments, international organisations, finance, business, research, civil society and other transport stakeholders to **showcase solutions, share experience, connect commitments with implementation and investment, and build collaboration across the transport community.**

A dedicated Transport Pavilion is a key opportunity to spotlight transport. Transport is central to climate action and sustainable development, connecting people and goods to jobs, education, healthcare, food and markets, while sitting at the intersection of climate action, energy security, economic development, social inclusion and resilience.

This is a pivotal moment for the transport sector, which also sits at the centre of accelerating, interconnected crises and geopolitical tensions. Transport remains the [fastest-growing](#) source of emissions. The human cost of transport in terms of road casualties and premature deaths caused by air pollution remains unacceptably high. Policy and finance remain dangerously misaligned, including, among other things, the persistence of major fossil fuel subsidies, energy dependencies, and a transport system that is not sufficiently resilient. The status quo locks in urban sprawl, inequity, lack of access to opportunity and trillions in stranded, high-carbon assets. Clear technical solutions and strong country and city-level examples exist, but urgent global leadership, commitment and multilateral coordination are needed for transport to realise much more of its potential for climate mitigation and sustainable development.

COP31 takes place as policy windows are starting to align: it is the **first year of the UN Decade of Sustainable Transport** and marks the start of the **second Global Stocktake** as well as the **Sustainable Development Goals entering a fast track to 2030**. It also follows critical signals such as the **COP30 Transport Declaration** signed by 11 countries pledging to reduce overall energy demand from transport by 25% and shift to one-third sustainable biofuels and renewable sources in the sector by 2035, and the [Baku to Belém Roadmap](#), which aims to mobilise USD 1.3 trillion in annual climate finance for LMICs. The transport community must take full advantage of this context at COP31 to highlight and advance our aims to turn transport from a major climate and sustainable development liability into a primary driver of equitable, resilient, and low-carbon development for people and goods in urban, peri-urban, rural and cross-regional contexts.

This Guide sets out how organisations can **submit side event proposals**. We welcome submissions from NGOs and NPOs, transport associations, governments, financial institutions, businesses/private sector, research organisations, civil society and other actors working across transport, climate and sustainability.

We are particularly interested in submissions that demonstrate **progress, solutions and practical experience across the transport sector**, including how commitments are being translated into implementation, investment and impact. We also welcome submissions that contribute to broader climate and sustainability priorities, advance existing transport commitments and initiatives, or offer new ideas, approaches and partnerships that can help accelerate action.

For questions about the submission process or the Transport Pavilion, please contact cop31transportpavilion@slocatpartnership.org.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Submissions should:

- relate directly to transport and mobility, or to a wider climate and sustainability issue where transport is an important part of the solution;
- demonstrate progress or results in areas such as implementation, finance and investment, policy and governance, technology and innovation, or social inclusion and just transition;
- align with at least one of the COP31 priority themes in Section 4;
- be implemented, underway or at an advanced stage of development, with credible evidence or a clear pathway to results;
- offer clear lessons, evidence or approaches that others can learn from, replicate or scale; and
- have an institutional or public interest focus, rather than being primarily commercial or promotional.

Submissions may have a global, regional, national, or city-level focus.

3. What to Submit

Side Events may take the form of a **networking session, case study, project/initiative launch, panel session, presentation, project clinic, or live demonstration, or other format** suited to the Pavilion format

Submissions should include:

- a clear description of the challenge and the solution or approach;
- results achieved or expected outcomes, supported by available evidence*;
- key lessons learned and potential for replication or scale; and
- confirmation that the work is authorised for public presentation by the submitting organisation.

*Supporting evidence may include data, indicators, reports, technical materials, publications or other institutional records

4. COP31 Priority Themes

Submissions should relate to transport and at least one of the following themes, drawn from the following **COP31 Presidency's priorities**:

- **Clean Energy Transition and Electrification**
- **Zero Waste and Methane Reduction**
- **Climate Resilient Cities**
- **Green Industrialisation**
- **Youth and Education**
- **Food Security**
- **Oceans and Seas**
- **Dynamic and Resilient Health Systems**
- **Rio Synergies**
- **Climate Implementation Bridge**

Transport cuts across all of these priorities. Applications are welcome across the full breadth of the transport sector, including **public transport, active mobility, informal transport, freight and logistics, road, rail, maritime transport and shipping, aviation, ports and transport infrastructure**. Submissions are also encouraged from a range of rural, peri-urban, and urban/city perspectives,

Financing, technology and capacity building are cross-cutting enablers that can support action across any of these themes.

5. Focus Area: From Commitment to Finance and Implementation

Submissions are particularly encouraged that showcase:

- how political commitments are being translated into **policies, plans, budgets, procurement decisions and investment pipelines**;
- how **finance and investment** are being mobilised for sustainable transport, including through blended finance, development finance institutions, insurers and private investors;
- how **evidence, data and implementation experience** can inform the **Global Stocktake 2, UN Decade of Sustainable Transport, COP30 Transport Declaration, and the upcoming Global Goal for Transport Process coordinated by SLOCAT** and various other existing commitments and declarations.
- how transport, **through a range of solutions, can** contribute to the **COP30 Transport Declaration**, the COP31 Presidency's **35*35 electrification targets**, and showcase solutions across Plans to Accelerate Solutions for Transport and more.
- how transport transitions can advance **equity, gender mainstreaming, access and a just transition** for workers and communities.
- how holistic approaches, including Avoid-Shift-Improve measures, are contributing to climate mitigation and adaptation efforts
- how transport solutions are accelerating phasing out fossil fuels and addressing other pressing world challenges

These areas are not exhaustive. We also welcome submissions showcasing other impactful transport policies, projects, initiatives, innovations and partnerships that demonstrate progress, solutions and lessons for accelerating the transport transition.

6. Submission Steps

1. Complete the [online submission form](#) by **2 October 2026, 23:59hrs CEST**
2. Provide a detailed description of the case or session proposal, including:
 - title and brief summary;
 - problem or challenge addressed;
 - solution, project, or session concept;
 - results achieved or expected outcomes, with indicators or evidence where available;
 - lessons learned, and potential for replication or scaling.
3. Indicate the relevant COP31 priority theme(s), cross-cutting enablers, and associated SDGs.
4. **Optionally provide supporting materials**, including links, data, images, videos, reports or publications

7. Evaluation and Selection

Submissions will be reviewed by the Transport Pavilion Committee against:

- relevance to transport and the wider climate and sustainability agenda;
- demonstrated or expected progress towards implementation, finance or investment mobilisation;
- contribution to addressing climate and sustainability challenges;
- potential for replication, scaling or wider learning;
- clarity and quality of the submission;
- diversity across themes, speakers, transport modes, geographies and types of organisation.

The Committee will aim to ensure a high-quality, diverse, and balanced programme that reflects the Pavilion's objectives and broadens participation across the transport community.

Priority in the programming of Pavilion space will be given to Pavilion supporters, in line with the "Supporting the Transport Pavilion" section below and as outlined in more detail in the COP31 Funders' Prospectus. **However, financial support for the Pavilion is not a prerequisite for consideration or selection for a pavilion space and a proportion of Pavilion programming will be reserved for, and made available to, other applicants**, subject to the evaluation criteria above and the availability of space.

8. Supporting the Transport Pavilion

The Expression of Interest is open to all organisations, and **there is no fee to apply to host an event at the Pavilion.**

The Transport Pavilion is a collective platform that connects climate commitments with implementation, showcases solutions, mobilises investment, and strengthens collaboration across the transport community. Sustaining a strong, coordinated presence at COP31 and building a lasting legacy will require concerted and collaborative investment in the Pavilion and the wider work that supports it.

Organisations wishing to play a more active role in supporting this effort can do so through partnership opportunities at different levels. Depending on the level of support, partnerships may offer opportunities to contribute to programming, showcase expertise and solutions, engage with key stakeholders, and host or co-host activities at the Pavilion. Partnerships can be supported through financial or non-financial contributions, including expertise, research, communications, convening capacity, staff time and other in-kind support.

Becoming a Transport at COP31 partner is an opportunity to help turn commitments into decisions, decisions into investment, and investment into implementation

For more information, please see the [COP31 Partnership and Funding Prospectus](#)

9. Final Considerations

Please note that submission of an Expression of Interest does not guarantee inclusion in the final programme.

As the Pavilion is being delivered jointly with Sistema Transporte, SLOCAT will coordinate scheduling with their team and, where appropriate, may propose an alternative format, session or programme slot.

The Transport Pavilion will provide approximately 50 m² of space, with seating for around 25–30 participants, a screen, and basic tables and chairs. Programme slots will generally be limited to 50 minutes, with panel sessions accommodating approximately four speakers. Applicants are therefore encouraged to consider these space and format parameters when developing their proposals. Further logistical details will be shared with selected applicants.

Organisers and invited speakers are responsible for obtaining the appropriate COP31 Blue Zone accreditation required to access the Pavilion.

SLOCAT will contact selected applicants to confirm the final participation format and any additional materials or information required.

Expression of Interest form will be open till 2nd Oct 2026, 23:59 hrs CEST

Applicants will be notified of the **outcome of their submission by 9 October 2026**

Questions regarding the EOI can be sent to: cop31transportpavilion@slocatpartnership.org

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9. Further information

- [COP31 Partnership and Funding Prospectus](#)
- [Transport @ COP31: At a Glance](#)
- [SLOCAT at COP31 Webpage](#)