

PRESS RELEASE

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Pods4Rail Heads to Final Event

The European research project Pods4Rail is building momentum toward its final event on the 24 and 25 June, following a well-received presentation at the Transport Research Arena (TRA2026) in Budapest. The project also announced the release of key technical deliverables and a new scientific publication, underscoring its progress toward a truly supermodal mobility future.



Launched in September 2023 with 15 partners from seven European countries and funded by the European Union, Pods4Rail challenges the fragmentation of today's transport systems by championing supermodality – a holistic “Mobility as One Journey” approach that integrates rail, road, and other mobility services into a seamless digital and physical experience.

Pods4Rail Final Event – Vienna, 24–25 September 2026
“The Future of Mobility: Pods4Rail and Beyond,”
at Siemens AG Österreich, Vienna.

TRA2026 Budapest – A Landmark Presentation

On Monday, 18 May 2026, Pods4Rail was presented at the EURNEX Exhibition booth during TRA2026, Europe's largest transport research conference. Maria Traunmüller of moddley delivered a compelling presentation on the project's vision of supermodal mobility, explaining how digital platforms, autonomous vehicles, and infrastructure can work together as one coordinated ecosystem – moving beyond traditional multimodal transport. Among the distinguished audience was Judit Sándor, Programme Manager for FA7 at Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking, highlighting the project's relevance to Europe's rail research agenda.

“The key idea is “Mobility as One Journey.” A supermodal mobility system combines rail, road and other mobility services into one continuous experience – digital and physical”. said Traunmüller.



Pods4rail was also represented with 2 Posters:

– “Resilient Transport System for Medical Care with Modular Pods.” from Walter Struckl, Dirk Winkler, Armando Carrillo, Maria Traunmüller and Andreas Liliequist.

and -”Using pods as a backup solution for passenger flow management in public transport systems” from Simon Collart-Dutilleul, Philippe Bon and Richard Brown.

New Project Outputs Now Available

Pods4Rail has also released major outputs for public download. for example:

- Deliverable D8.1 – Basic Design Concept Proposal Vessel Variants
- New Scientific Publication:
- “System Readiness Assessment for Emerging Multimodal Mobility Systems Using a Hybrid Qualitative–Quantitative Framework”- Authors: Fabiana Carrión, Gregorio Romero, Jose-Manuel Mira, and Jesus Féléz.



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All documents are available for free download on the official Pods4Rail website. www.pods4rail.eu

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