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## ERTICO and ITS China Renew Partnership at ITS World Congress 2024

**Dubai, 18 September 2024.** During the ITS World Congress in Dubai, ERTICO - ITS Europe and ITS China signed a MoU to reinforce their longstanding cooperation in the field of Intelligent Transport Systems and Services. This agreement marks the continuation of a collaborative relationship that spans over two decades and builds upon previous initiatives aimed at fostering innovation and knowledge sharing between Europe and China in intelligent transport technologies.

This reinforced partnership outlines the shared commitment between the two organisations to address common challenges in the field of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). Both parties recognise the importance of collaboration in areas such as connected and automated driving, urban mobility, Mobility as a Service (MaaS), freight transport, and logistics. By working together, they aim to advance research and development, promote common ITS standards globally, and encourage the exchange of best practices and technological innovations.

Dr. Angelos Amditis, Chairman of ERTICO, commented “Continuing our collaboration with ITS China through this MoU enriches both our communities with invaluable insights and best practices in ITS. This agreement cements our shared goal of shaping a sustainable and technologically driven future in transportation.”

CEO Joost Vantomme, CEO of ERTICO echoed this statement, “Our partnership with ITS China is pivotal as we advance global intelligent transport systems, especially here in Dubai during the 30th ITS World Congress. This time, we underscore our joint commitment to innovation and sets the stage for transformative mobility solutions across the two regions.”

Following the latest renewal in 2018, this time both parties has agreed to continue focusing on collaboration across related ITS policies, standards, and technologies. It further commits both parties to regular information sharing and cooperative initiatives at future ITS World Congresses. Key areas of cooperation include the promotion of developments in connected and automated driving technologies, enhancing urban mobility solutions and promoting Mobility as a Service (MaaS), and improve freight transport and logistics operations by addressing key challenges in supply chain management and sustainability. This agreement reflects the evolving relationship between Europe and China in the transport sector and reinforces their commitment to driving technological advancements that benefit industries, authorities, and research institutes in both regions.

As the Chairman of ITS China, Mr. Li Chaochen, and ERTICO's representatives, including Dr. Angelos Amditis, ERTICO's Chairman and Joost Vantomme, ERTICO's CEO affirmed during the signing ceremony, this MoU represents a strategic partnership aimed at shaping the future of intelligent transportation on a global scale.

**About ERTICO – ITS Europe:** Founded in 1991, ERTICO is a European public-private partnership organisation, pioneered by the European Commission in 1991. With 120 members, connecting eight sectors across the ITS community. ERTICO embodies thought leadership and stakeholder engagement through facilitating, contributing and promoting innovation through European co-funded partnership projects, innovation platforms, mobility data spaces and international cooperation advocacy. ERTICO organises the ITS European Congress for two consecutive years, attracting more than 3,000 attendees from 50 countries and every third year, the ITS World Congress which welcomes up to 15,000 attendees from 100 countries.

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