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B03 - Preparing Cities for CCAM: What, why and how?

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Kristof Rombaut, industrial engineer electro mechanics, started his carrier in the automotive sector as a technical trainer. He provided new model and business training to national car trainers in Europe (Train-The-Trainer events). Closely following the introduction of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems, he rolled into the world of ITS. In 2014 he made the transfer to the public sector as study engineer ITS for the Flemish Agency for Roads and traffic. Today Kristof is advisor in innovation, specialises in Smart Mobility and chairs the Flemish and Belgian federal working groups on connected and automated driving.

