



16 - 18 October, 2018

# 32<sup>ND</sup> CEOS

PLENARY MEETING



BRUSSELS - BELGIUM



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION



# THE VENUE

**SQUARE is one of Europe's preeminent convention venues right in the heart of Brussels.**

Rue Mont des Arts  
1000 Brussels

[www.square-brussels.com/en](http://www.square-brussels.com/en)

To access SQUARE **please use the main entrance** as marked on the map.

There are also **four other entrances** providing **easy access for persons with disabilities**.

Due to security reasons, please note that you will be screened at the entrance to SQUARE.



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#### COUDENBERG ENTRANCE

(1-3 Coudenberg, 1000 Brussels)

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#### RAVENSTEIN ENTRANCE

(2 Rue Ravensteinstraat, 1000 Brussels)

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#### SOLS ENTRANCE

(2 Rue des Sols - access via parking -3)



# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Information on how to get around Brussels

<https://visit.brussels/site/en/article/transport-in-brussels>



## GETTING TO BRUSSELS CITY CENTRE FROM BRUSSELS ZAVENTEM AIRPORT

Compared to most airports around the world, Brussels Airport is close to the city centre (12 km) but rush hour traffic can make it a long journey.



### By Train

There is a train going from Brussels Zaventem Airport to Brussels every 10 minutes between 5am and midnight, 7 days a week. The ride takes around 20 minutes and costs € 9,00.

Brussels has three main train stations, Gare du Midi, Gare Centrale and Gare du Nord and to reach the venue, you should disembark at Gare Centrale.



### By Taxi

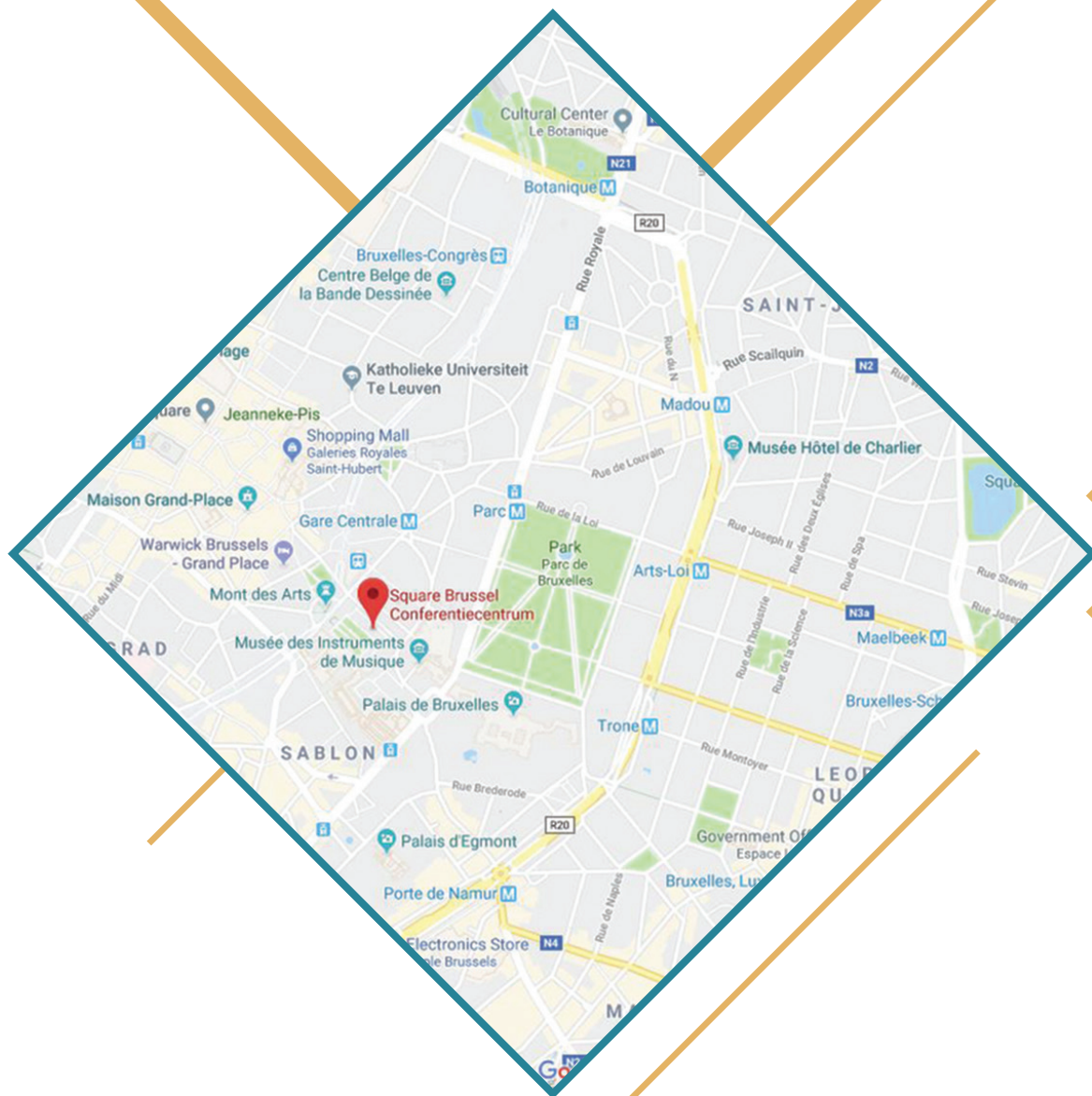
Taxis are available just outside the arrivals terminal. The cost of the taxi fare will depend on the traffic and destination but should be in the range of 40-60 EUR.



### Airport Bus

The Airport Line is a public Brussels Airport bus that takes you to the European district of Schuman or Luxembourg. To continue to the city centre take metro lines 1 or 5 from Schuman metro station to Gare Central metro station direction to Gare de l'Ouest or Erasme.

Line 12 (operates Monday to Friday until 8pm) and only travels to main stations - the only metro stop is Schuman (EU Headquarters) and the last stop is Luxembourg station.



### Metro Plan

[http://www.stib-mivb.be/irj/go/km/docs/WEBSITE\\_RES/Attachments/Network/Plan/Net\\_Reseau/Plan\\_Metro\\_Train\\_20161110.pdf](http://www.stib-mivb.be/irj/go/km/docs/WEBSITE_RES/Attachments/Network/Plan/Net_Reseau/Plan_Metro_Train_20161110.pdf)

### Public Transportation Network Plan

<http://www.stib-mivb.be/irj/go/km/docs/resource/Dynmaplan/index.html#en>

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## WEATHER CONDITIONS

The climate is maritime temperate with significant precipitation in all seasons, like most of northwest Europe. **The minimum temperature in October is 8 °C** and the **maximum 15 °C** with rainfall likely to occur.

To stay dry, don't forget to pack an umbrella.



## STANDARD POWER OUTLET TYPE



The electrical socket in Belgium is **type 'E'** with **2 pins**, grounded, 16 A and 220-240 V.

# THINGS TO DO



**Brussels offers a variety of sightseeing, cultural offerings, and dining options for all budgets and palettes.**

## **Sightseeing**

Among the most visited sights in Brussels. There are Grand Place, Manneken Pis, Atomium, EU district, Mont des Arts, Palais Royal or just stroll around the city centre and admire the atmosphere of the city.

<https://visit.brussels/en/lists/top-20>

## **Culture & Museums**

Cultural enthusiasts can dive into many museums around Brussels city centre, such as the Museum of Brussels City, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Musical Instruments or Museum of Belgian Brewers and the Museum of Cocoa and Chocolate.

Brussels is also home to the Comic Strip Museum or Museum of Smurfs.

<https://visit.brussels/en/category/museums-visits>

## **Dining**

You can find dining options on

<https://visit.brussels/en/category/restaurants>

## **Guide Tours**

There are also many possibilities to explore the city with a tour guide and enjoy the city from another perspective.

<https://visit.brussels/en/guided-tour>

## **Trips**

For adventurers and explorers, Brussels is well connected with other magnificent cities in Flanders (Ghent, Bruges, Antwerp) and Wallonie (Namur, Liege, Dinant).

[http://www.visitflanders.com/en/?country=en\\_US](http://www.visitflanders.com/en/?country=en_US)

<http://www.wallonia.be/en/wallonias-cities>





# BRUSSELS IN A NUTSHELL

Brussels is a region between Flanders and Wallonie, the two main communities in Belgium. It comprises 19 municipalities, including the City of Brussels, the capital of Belgium, that form the Brussels-Capital Region. Its area is 161 km<sup>2</sup> and the population is 1.2 million. The metropolitan area has population of over 2.1 million people, the largest in Belgium.

Brussels has a regional government and 19 communes responsible for the activities of each

area of the city, each having its own mayor and a cabinet.

Belgium has three official languages (Flemish, French and German), though Brussels is primarily francophone.

Brussels is in the heart of Europe and is home of the institutions of the European Union and other international organisations, such as NATO.

Brussels is also famous for its chocolates, beers, waffles, Brussels sprouts, smurfs and many others.



# HOTELS

Below you will find the list of convenient hotels in Brussels.

We have negotiated block bookings with special rates at few of them, but availability is limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

- > **Hotel Agora Brussels Grand Place:**  
Rue des Eperonniers 3, 1000 Brussels  
<https://www.hotelagora.be/en>
- > **La Madeleine Grand Place Brussels:**  
24, Rue de la Montagne, 1000 Brussels  
<http://hotel-la-madeleine.business.site>
- > **NH Brussels Carrefour de L'Europe:**  
Grasmart 110, 1000 Brussels  
<https://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-brussels-carrefour-de-l-europe?gmb>
- > **Hotel Sandton Brussels Centre:**  
Rue des Paroissiens 15-27, 1000 Brussels  
<https://www.sandton.eu/sandton-brussels-centre/nl>
- > **Hotel Chambord:**  
Rue de Namur 82, 1000 Brussels  
<http://www.hotel-chambord.be>
- > **Warwick Brussels - Grand Place:**  
Rue Duquesnoy 5, 1000 Brussels  
<https://warwickhotels.com/brussels/>
- > **Hotel Le Dixseptième:**  
Rue de la Madeleine, 25, 1000 Brussels  
<http://www.ledixseptieme.be/>
- > **The Dominican:**  
Rue Léopold 9, 1000 Brussels  
<https://www.carlton.nl/en/the-dominican-hotel-brussels>
- > **NH Grand Place Arenberg:**  
Rue d'Assaut 15, 1000 Bruxelles, Brussels  
**point of contact:** Athina BASTIEN  
(a.bastien@nh-hotels.com)  
**reservation link:** [www.nh-hotels.com/event/1976117-spacetec-partners](http://www.nh-hotels.com/event/1976117-spacetec-partners)  
**offer:** 20 rooms at 160€ per night breakfast, wifi, vat included, local taxes excluded.
- > **IBIS Brussels Grand Place:**  
Rue du Marché aux Herbes 100, 1000 Brussels  
**website:** <https://www.accorhotels.com>  
(select: IBIS Brussels Off Grand Place)  
**point of contact:** Ludivine GOOSSENS  
(h1046-re@accor.com)  
**reservation:** enclosed form  
**offer:** 20 rooms at 175€ per night, breakfast, wifi, vat included, local taxes excluded.
- > **Novotel Grand Place:**  
120, rue du Marché Aux Herbes 1000., Brussels  
**website:** <https://www.accorhotels.com>  
(select : Novotel Brussels Off Grand Place)  
**point of contact:** Lauriane MARRION  
(h1030-re@accor.com)  
**reservation:** enclosed form  
**offer:** 20 rooms at 189€ on October 15-16 and 209€ per night on October 16-18 (breakfast, wifi, vat included, local taxes excluded.
- > **Hilton:**  
Carrefour de l'Europe 3, 1000 Brussels  
[www.hiltonhotels.com/Offre/Bruxelles](http://www.hiltonhotels.com/Offre/Bruxelles)

# OTHER INFORMATION

## VISAS

To find out if you will need to obtain a visa and to find out about the visa application requirements, please check this website:  
[https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/travel\\_to\\_belgium/visa\\_for\\_belgium](https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/travel_to_belgium/visa_for_belgium)

The participants who need a letter of invitation for the visa application are kindly requested to contact Karima Maouhoub at:  
[karima.maouhoub@ec.europa.eu](mailto:karima.maouhoub@ec.europa.eu)

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

We hope that you will not need to use them, but just in case the worst happens:

- > Emergency services: **dial 112**
- > Police emergencies: **dial 110**
- > Doctors and Dentists on Duty:  
<https://www.brussels.be/guard-duties>

## QUESTIONS?

In case you have any questions or need any other information not covered in this info pack please contact:

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**& ADVANCING EARTH  
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**Square - Brussels meeting Centre  
BELGIUM**