

Re-greening Cities with Nature-Based Solutions in Europe and China

Practical information

The practical information provided in this section is designed to help you make accommodation and travel arrangements in the city of Brussels.

Conference venue

Le Bouche à Oreille is a former convent converted into an event hall close to the Parc du Cinquantenaire, in the heart of Brussels.

For more information, visit [Le Bouche à Oreille](#).

Le Bouche à Oreille
Félix Hapstraat 11
1040 Etterbeek
Brussels, Belgium

How to reach the venue

Metro stations

Merode: Lines 1 and 5 (from Brussels Central station, Brussels city center, ...).

From Brussels-Midi, take metro line 2 or 6 to Kunst-Wet/Arts-Loi, where you can change on line 1 or 5 to Merode.

Bus stop

Gaulois: Lines 27 and 80

Tickets

MIVB/STIB is the main local transport company in Brussels. You can buy tickets in the metro stations or on the bus or tram, using credit or debit card, Google Pay, Apple Pay, Garmin Pay or Fitbit Pay. A single ticket costs 2,10 € (contactless with card or smart device) or 2,60 € (paper ticket bought in machine or shop). When you use a card or smart device, the maximum daily charge for the MIVB/STIB will be topped to 7,5 €/day. A ten-ride card (BruPass 10 journeys) costs 16,80 € at the vending machines or shops. A ticket for one day costs 7,50 € with contactless payment or 8,00 € in shops or at the vending machine.

More information on local transport tickets in Brussels can be found [here](#).

How to get from the nearest metro stations to the venue



How to reach Brussels



Train



There are five main stations serving the Brussels-Capital Region. Closest railway stations to the venue are Brussel Central station (connection metro 1 and 5 to the venue) and Brussels-Schuman station (connection to Brussels National Airport). [Eurostar](#) trains connect Brussels Midi station with London, Amsterdam, Paris, Cologne and Düsseldorf. [Deutsche Bahn](#) runs ICE trains from Cologne and Frankfurt airport and Frankfurt main station to Brussels North and Brussels Midi stations. Direct TGVs connect Brussels with Lille, Paris Charles-de-Gaulle airport, Lyon and other French cities. For all information concerning trains in and to Belgium SNCB/NMBS website [here](#).

Plane



[Brussels Airport](#) is the main international airport of the city. The airport has a railway station under the airport terminal, connected to Brussels-Central (6 trains/hour, 17 minutes, metro 1 or 5 to venue) and Brussels-Schuman station (2 trains/hour, 15 minutes, 12 min walking to venue). For train times, check the [journey planner](#) or via the SNCB app. A ticket costs 10,30 EUR and can be bought in the airport railway station, on <http://www.belgiantrain.be> or the SNCB app.

[Brussels South Charleroi Airport](#) (BSCA) is an international low-cost airport, located in Charleroi in Wallonia (southern Belgium). Frequent Flibco busses connect Brussels South airport with Brussels Midi station every 20 minutes (travel time 1 hour, tickets from 20 EUR in the bus station, through <http://flibco.com> or the Flibco app). From Brussels-Midi station, take metro line 2 or 6 to Kunst-Wet/Arts-Loi, where you can change on line 1 or 5 to Merode.

Alternatively, TEC busses connect the airport with Charleroi Central railway station (line A1), and Fleurus railway station (line A2), both well connected to Brussels-Central station. More info on the bus+train connection at <https://www.belgiantrain.be/en/tickets-and-railcards/airports/charleroi-airport>.

Bus

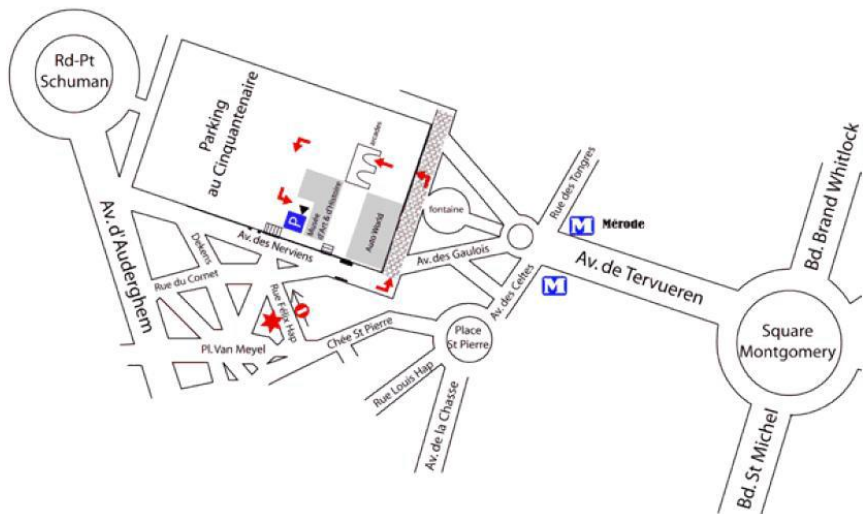


Several international bus companies that provide quick bus transit between major European cities also stop in Brussels on journeys to and from cities like Amsterdam, Berlin, London and Paris. For more information, visit the websites of [Flixbus](#).

Car



Since 2018, the Brussels-Capital Region has become a Low Emission Zone (LEZ). If you are entering the city in a car, check [here](#) to find out whether you are allowed to drive your vehicle within the LEZ. If you come by car, you can park at “Parking au Cinquanteinaire”, next to Merode Metro station.



Study tours



For all study tours, please bring appropriate clothing (it can be rainy, chilly and windy) and footwear. Participants will be able to return to Bouche à Oreille for picking up luggage until 18:00. Excursions start at Bouche à Oreille, and use walking and/or tram to reach the green areas to be visited.

For all tours, please register at <https://www.eventbrite.fi/e/study-visits-re-greening-cities-by-advancing-nature-based-solutions-tickets-761244541917?aff=oddtcreator>.

1. Resilience and adaptive management of urban forestry park – The case of Parc de Woluwe – Grégory Reinbold and Etienne Aulotte (Brussels Environment)

During this site visit, we will discuss – among other things:

- Natural regeneration versus horticultural management

- Which adaptive species for implementing urban forestry solutions in open public space
- Strategy for managing old trees
- Combining urban forestry management with a Natura 2000 protection status.

The attendees for this trip will leave by tram from the venue (Bouche à Oreille), and need to take their belongings with them. The guides will join the group from Bouche à Oreille. Attendees can also go directly to the tram stop “Musée du Tram/Trammuseum” (Trams 8, 39, 44) along Avenue de Tervueren/Tervurenlaan by 14:00. This is in front of Parc Woluwe.

Maximum number of participants: 30

End time: 17:00 (Musée du Tram/Trammuseum)

2. Tervuren – bringing the forest into the built area through renaturation – Jorge De Vriese and Ann De Cannière (Province of Vlaams-Brabant)

We will visit some sites where the Horizon+ strategic project has been extending the richness and forest feeling of the Sonian forest into the village centres and built areas around the Sonian Forest. We will travel by scenic Tram 44 to the village centre of Tervuren (tram stop Tervuren station, line 44) and the immediately adjacent Voervalley, where the natural value and water-buffering capacity of the valley has been restored. By softening and greening private plots, Horizon+ also extends the positive impact of the Sonian Forest into private gardens and streets.

The attendees for this trip will leave by tram from the venue (Bouche à Oreille), and need to take their belongings with them. The guides will join the group from Bouche à Oreille. Attendees can also go directly to the tram stop “Tervuren Station” (Tram 44) by 14:30. This tram stop is next to the African Museum.



Due to construction, a shuttle bus (T-bus 44) is replacing the tram between the Vierarmen/Quatre Bras stop and Tervuren Station.

Maximum number of participants: 30

End time: 17:00 (Tervuren Station)

3. Introduction to Forest Bathing and Forest Mind (Katriina Kipli, NatureMinded)

Katriina will take you to the Parc du Cinquantenaire/Jubelpark, and will introduce us on how to connect with the tree, the weather, the others and ourselves.

The attendees for this trip will leave by foot from Bouche à Oreille (10 minutes walking).

Maximum number of participants: 40

End time: 16:00

Hotel Accommodation



Participants are expected to organise their own travel and accommodation. Book your hotel on time. Brussels is a very busy city at this period. Useful information on accommodation in Brussels can be found at one of the following websites:

[Visit Brussels](#)

[Bed and Brussels](#)

[Booking.com](#)

Frequently Asked Questions



Is interpretation available at the conference?

The plenary presentations and discussions will be translated in English and Mandarin. Translation devices will be provided at the registration desk.

Do I have to pay for my own hotel and travel expenses?

Yes, if not otherwise indicated to you by the organiser.

Will food and drinks be provided during the conference?

Yes, coffee breaks, lunch breaks as well as a reception cocktail on the first day are included.

When is the conference starting?

Registration for the conference starts at 8:30 am, with the conference scheduled to start at 9:15 am.

My question is not listed here. Whom do I contact?

For any further practical information about the conference, please contact: clotilde.mahe@iclei.org

Further useful links



For the Lonely Planet guide to Brussels, see [here](#).

For weather in Brussels, see [here](#).

For more information about Brussels, please visit <https://www.visit.brussels/en/visitors.html>.