



Displaced Talent for Europe

Displaced Talent For Europe Conference Logistical Note

11 September, 09.00–18.30 – 12 September 2024,
08.30–16.30, Brussels, Belgium

Venue and schedule

The DT4E **conference** will be held at The Faculty Brussels. The exact address of the venue is the following: Rue des Vétérinaires 47, 1070 Anderlecht, Belgium.

The conference will take place on Wednesday 11 September 2024, 09.00–16.45, and on Thursday 12 September 2024, 08.30–16.30. In addition, a **drinks reception** will be held on Day 1 from 16.45 to 18.30. The detailed agenda of the conference can be found separately attached.

Working language

The entire conference will be conducted and moderated in English.

Dress code

Business casual.

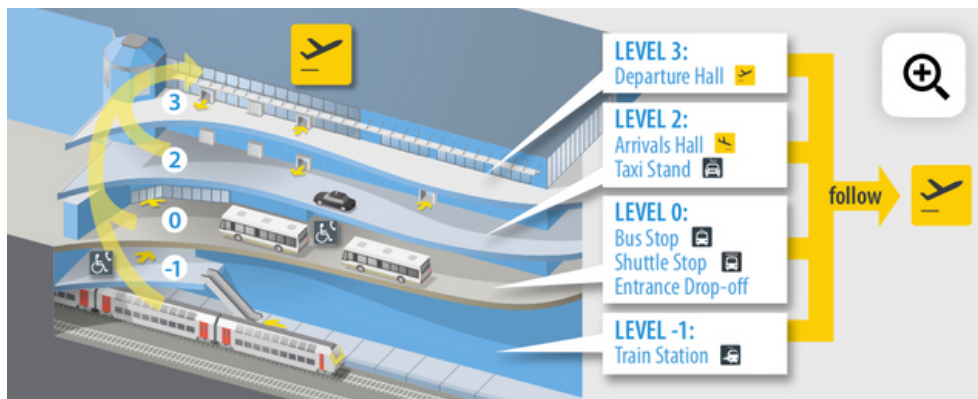
Transport to Belgium

We kindly ask you to book your travel and pay for the transportation costs yourself. The dates and times of your travel should allow you to participate to the entire conference, which will take place between 09.00–18.00 on Wednesday 11 September and between 08.30– 16.30 on Thursday 12 September.

Please note that you will also have to take care of your own transfer from the airport/train station to your accommodation after arrival.

Transport options:

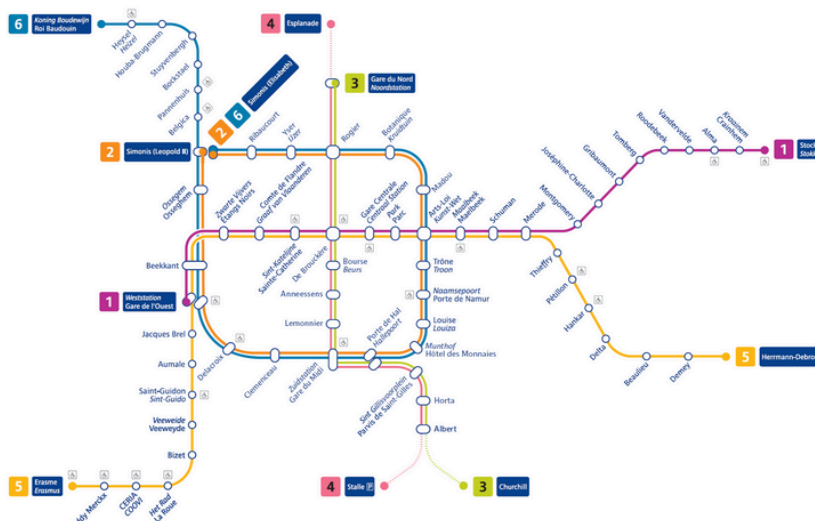
- If you arrive by air at Zaventem airport, you can make use of the various trains and buses directed to Brussels which depart frequently from the airport or you can take a taxi – see on the next page a map of all available means of transport at Zaventem airport.



- If you arrive by air at Charleroi airport, you can take the shuttle bus (or the Door 2 Gate taxi) managed by Flibco – see their website for more information, prices, and bookings.
- If you arrive by train at Gare du Midi, you can make use of the various trains, busses and metro lines that depart/go through the station, or you can take a taxi – see section on “Getting Around Brussels” here below.

Getting around Brussels

- Brussels is very simple to navigate and easily accessible. If you want to travel around the capital, it's better to choose soft mobility and public transport. Public transport in Brussels is operated by STIB/MIVB, and consists of metro, tram and bus.
- **Where to buy your ticket:** In public transport with contactless payment. You can pay for your trip using your contactless bank card (debit or credit), smartphone or smartwatch. Every STIB/MIVB bus, tram and metro station is equipped with a specific contactless payment device. This device supports any bank card with the contactless logo. For smartphones and smartwatches, compatible payment applications are Google Pay, Apple Pay, Fitbit Pay and Garmin Pay. In the various metro stations and at the STIB/MIVB information offices.
- We advise you to consult the www.stib-mivb.be website for more information on ticket prices. A map of the Brussels metro lines can be consulted below



Transport to venue

- The venue is a 7- minute walk from Gare du Midi (Brussels South Station), where
- multiple trains, metros, trams , and buses stop:
 - Metro: Line 2 and 6
 - Tram : Lines 3 - 4 - 51 - 81 - 82
 - Bus: Lines 48 - 49 - 50 - 73 - 78
- By car: Public parking INDIGO - 101 rue Barastraat

Accommodation and subsistence

We kindly ask you to book your accommodation and pay for the accommodation costs yourself – unless advised otherwise by the IOM team. The number of nights of your stay should allow you to participate to the entire conference.

We can recommend the following accommodation options:

- Thon Hotel EU, which is in the European Quarter, close to the European Institutions and the IOM offices, and 25 minutes from the conference venue.
- Motel One Brussels, which is 10 minutes from the city centre.
- Ibis Brussels City Centre, which is less than a kilometre from the city centre.
- Airbnb also offers a wide range of private accommodations within Brussels.

Please note that you will also have to cover any local transportation and subsistence expenses out of pocket or advance them in case you are entitled to a daily subsistence allowance as advised by the IOM team. Refreshments and lunch will be offered to all participants on both days of the conference – see section on “Food” further down.

Food

Lunch and refreshments will be provided during the breaks during the conference. For other occasions, the following restaurants are recommended:

- Ocean 11 By Oceania - Cuisine: Belgian Chinese Seafood & Fish Italian - Address: 11 Rue Des Chapeliers
- La Vigne - Cuisine : French, Belgian, European, Barbecue/Grillades - Address: Rue Jourdan 6
- Shahrazad Restaurant (Halal Menu) - Cuisine: Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, Arabic - Address: Rue Jourdan 28
- Le Rendez-vous des Artistes - Cuisine : French, Belgian, Bar, Beer bar - Address : 24 Rue Dejoncker
- Restaurant JB - Cuisine: Belgian, Modern - Address : Rue du Grand Cerf 24

Communications

Communication costs will not be covered for participants of the conference. Roaming costs are not applicable to EU-citizens travelling intra-EU.

Weather conditions

With an average high of 19°C and a low of 11°C in September, Brussels weather is rather mild. There will likely be a chance of rain. Don't forget to bring an umbrella!

Some facts about Belgium

- One of the smallest countries in Europe, Belgium is bordered by France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Germany.
 - Official Name: Kingdom of Belgium.
 - Form of Government: Federal parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy.
 - Capital: Brussels.
 - Population: 11,570,762
 - Official Languages: Dutch, French, and German.
 - Area: 11,787 square miles (30,528 square kilometers).
 - Waffles, moules frites (mussels served with French fries), and chocolate are three of the most popular Belgian foods.
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Currency

The currency of Belgium is the Euro (symbolized as EUR or €). Many shops and restaurants in Brussels accept credit cards, but not all. It is, therefore, recommended that you either ask before you order or ensure you have enough cash to cover the bill. Most shops and restaurants do not accept €200 or €500 notes

Medical services

- Helpline: +32 (0) 2 648 40 14. The helpline operates for twenty-four hours and is operated by the Community Assistance Service. They can provide a list of English-speaking doctors, dentists and other health professionals.
- Hospital Saint Pierre +32 (0)2 535 31 11, Emergency +32 (0)2 535 40 51, CNR rue Haute and rue Abricotier (Rue Haute & Rue de l'Abricotier) Central Hospital provides emergency medical assistance.

Emergency contacts

- Police: 101
- Ambulance and rescue: 105
- Emergency: 112

For all logistical questions, you can kindly contact Hannah Bogaert (IOM Belgium & Luxembourg): hbogaert@iom.int / +32 493 84 43 79