



Executive Committee meeting Brussels, 11 & 12 March 2016

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. Languages & timing

The meeting will be held in English with French and Spanish interpretation from 9.00 to 17.30 on the 11th and from 09.30 to 16.00 on the 12th.

2. Meals

A warm **lunch** will be organized in the meeting venue and costs covered by EAPN on both meetings days. **Dinner** is also organized by EAPN on the 11th for everyone. Participants who chose to not come to the meals organized by EAPN, unless travelling, will not be reimbursed for their alternative meal costs.

Those travelling over meal-times will be reimbursed fixed amounts of 30€ for dinner, 15€ for lunch, and 10€ for breakfast.

3. Hotel accommodation

Thon Hotel City Centre

Avenue du Boulevard 17
1210 Brussels

Tel.: + 32 (0)2 205 16 00 / +32 (0)2 203 33 03

<http://www.thonhotels.com/hotels/countrys/belgique/bruxelles/thon-hotel-brussels-city-centre/>

Rooms and breakfasts are booked for everyone for a maximum of 3 overnight stays, 10-12 March.

Please keep in mind that if you use hotel drinks, telephone, fax, or laundry, these are considered personal expenses and EAPN will not cover them. Participants that wish to stay longer at the hotel before or after the meeting will cover their own costs for those days and will book and pay for the hotel nights themselves. For participants that wish to be accompanied by a partner or family, we will book a double or family room and the difference should be paid directly at the hotel.

4. Meeting venue

European Trainees Residence (ETR)

17 rue Traversière, 1210 Brussels

Tel : +32 (0)2 203 38 14

<http://www.etr-brussels.be/>

The meeting will start in the main room beyond the reception on the ground floor at 9.00 and will be indicated. Please be a little early to start on time.

5. Telephone numbers in case of problems: Sigrid Dahmen: +32 (0)499 86 27 63

How to get to the hotel:

By train from the Brussels National Airport

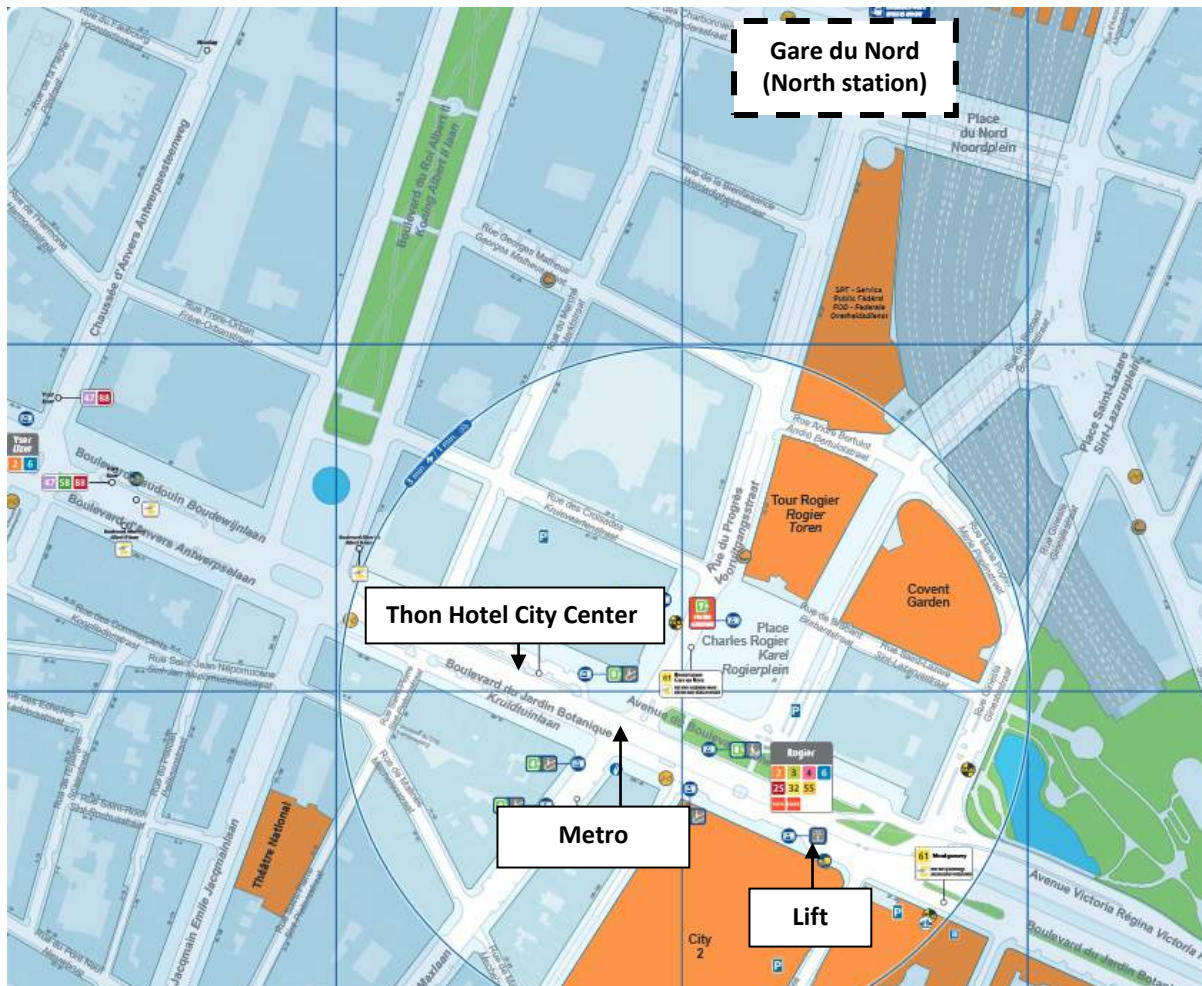
- A regular train service (Airport city Express) connects the airport with Brussels South, Central and North train stations four times an hour (the train station is located in the basement (level -1) of the terminal building itself). Get off at station 'Gare du Nord-Noordstation' and exit the station following directions for the 'city centre/ Rogier'. The venues are a short walk along the Rue du Progrès, indicated on the map below. *Journey time: 40 mins*

Tickets: Tickets to Brussels can be bought from the counter or from machines on this level. A single trip costs around 8,00€.

From the three train stations

- From the **Gare du Midi** (Eurostar/Thalys terminal) take metro line 2 or 6 direction 'Elisabeth' and get off at station 'Rogier'. You come up from the station via exit number 5 which joins the Avenue du Boulevard. *Journey time: 20 mins*
- From the **Gare du Nord** exit the station following directions for the 'city centre/ Rogier'. The hotel/venue is a short walk along the Rue du Progrès, indicated on the map below. *Journey time: 10-15 mins*
- From the **Gare Centrale** take metro line 1 direction 'Stockel' or 'Roi Baudouin' and get off at the first stop 'Botanique'. You come up from the station via exit number 5 which joins the Avenue du Boulevard and the Rue des Croisades. *Journey time: 20 mins*

Note: Rogier metro station is finishing up renovation works and while there should be working escalators, the only lift is outside the City 2 shopping mall on the other side of the Boulevard (see map).

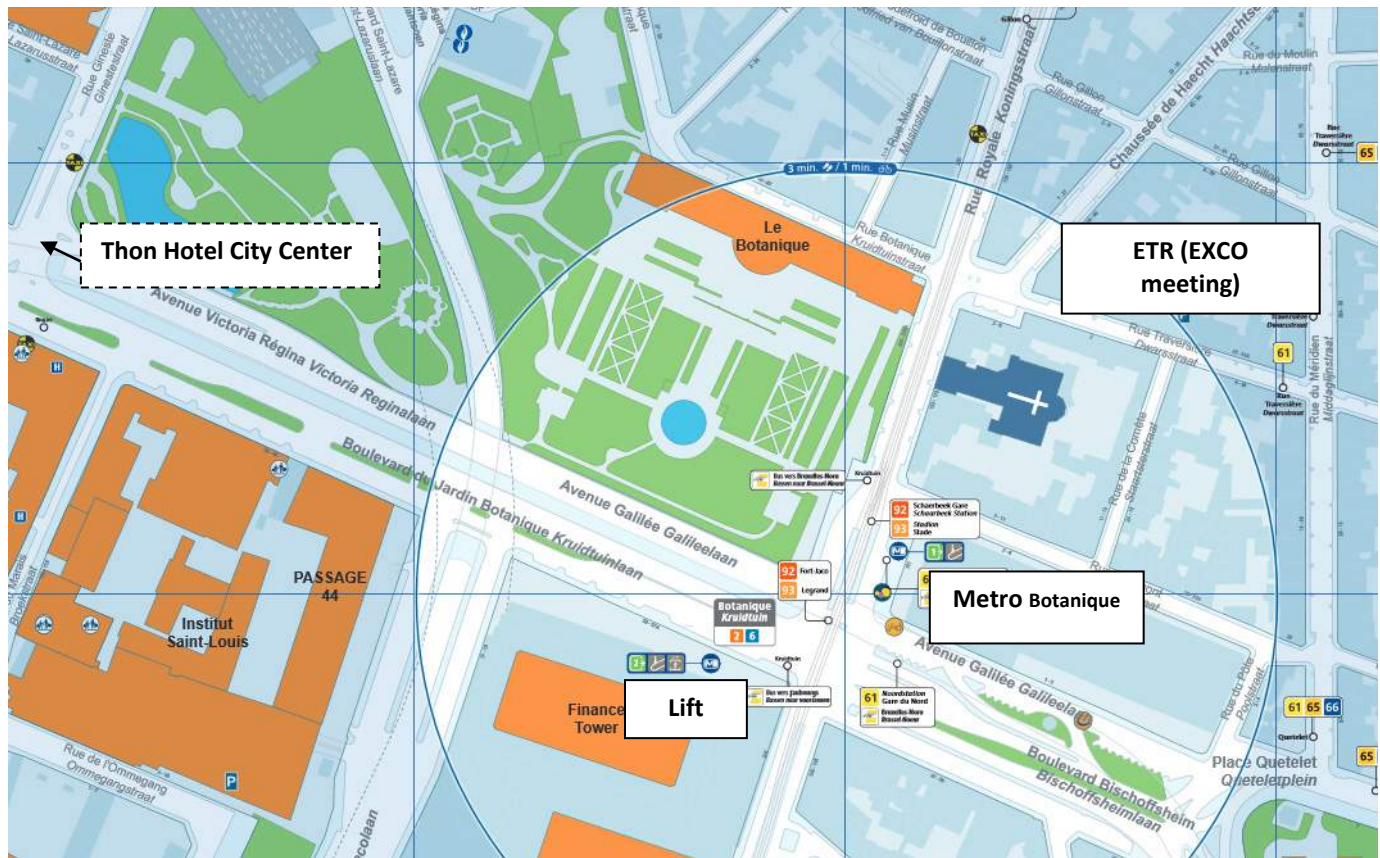


How to get to the meeting venue from the hotel:

By metro

- From the **Rogier** station, take metro line 2 or 6 direction 'Simonis' or 'Roi Baudouin' and get off at the first stop 'Botanique'. You come up from the station via exit 1 which joins the Rue Royale. Go right on this street, away from the big crossroads and towards a big church, and take the 2nd right which is the Rue Traversière. The venue is a short way up this road on your left.
- **Note:** To exit the metro station with a *lift*, you must follow exit number 2 and then cross the big ring-road towards the park on the corner and then cross the Rue Royale to the right-hand side, then 2nd street on your right is the Rue Traversière. The venue is a short way up this road on your left. Journey time: 10 mins

By foot, up the big hill along the main road, left out of the hotel..! (20-25 mins)



Tickets: Tickets for the Public transport system (metro/tram/bus) must be bought before you get on the metro. They can be bought from the staffed counters or from GO machines with a credit card or coins. 1 trip – 2,10€/ a 24hour ticket 7,50€ (cheaper if know making more than 3 trips). Paper tickets are new and can now be swiped on the red machines before going to the metro platform. Once swiped, you can use the trip for one hour on any transport vehicle.

Note: You can also go to the *Kiosk* or *Bootik* shops in the stations and get an electronic MOBIB BASIC card valid for 5 years, and which you can charge with 1/5/10 trips for a reduced price, eg 14,00€ for 10 trips (7€ less than separate tickets, or 0,70€ less for 1 trip). Recharge can be done at the shops or the GO machines. This must be swiped on the red machines in metro stations before going to the platform, or on the machines in the bus/tram.

EAPN DINNER – FRIDAY EVENING 11 March 2016

19:30

The dinner on Friday evening is organized at the

Centre Belge de la Bande Dessinée
Rue des Sables 20
1000 Bruxelles

It is a 9-10 minute walk from the hotel, see map below

