



EAPN Network Development Seminar Brussels, 28 and 29 November 2014

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. Languages & timing

The meeting will be held in English only from 9.30 to 17.30 on the 28th and from 9.30 to 15.30 on the 29th.

2. Meals

Lunch will be organized in the venue and costs covered by EAPN on 28 & 29 November. Dinner is also organized by EAPN on the 28th 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 and 15€ for lunch.

3. Meeting venue/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/>

The meeting will start in Room **Narvik** and will be indicated.

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. How to get to the hotel/venue:

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 7,60€.

From the three train stations

- From the **Gare du Midi** (Eurostar/Thalys terminal) take metro line 2 or 6 direction 'Simonis(Elisabeth)' and get off at station 'Rogier'. You come up from the station into Place Rogier square, which joins the Avenue du Boulevard and the Rue des Croissades. *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 5 direction 'Herrmann-Debroux' and change at station 'Arts-Loi'. Take metro line 2 or 6 direction 'Simonis' (Elisabeth) and get off at 'Rogier'. You come up from the station into Place Rogier square, which joins the Avenue du Boulevard and the Rue des Croissades. *Journey time: 20 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 – 2,00€/ A card of 5 trips – 7,50€/ A card of 10 trips – 13,00€. You must stamp your card in the orange machines before going to the metro platform. Once stamped, you can use the trip for one hour on any transport vehicle.

Note: Rogier metro station is still undergoing big renovation works and there are few working escalators or lifts. If you need to avoid lifting heavy luggage up stairs, it is best to go to the **Gare du Nord** and walk from there.

