

# EPR Public Affairs Event 2025: Independent Living of Persons with Disabilities

EPR Offices, Avenue des Arts 8 1210 Brussels, Belgium 01 December 2025, 14:00-17:30 CET

## TRAVEL PACK



## **ABOUT BRUSSELS**

Often described as the "heart of Europe," Brussels is both a political hub and a cultural crossroads, offering a unique blend of heritage and modernity. With a population of around 1.2 million, including more than a 180 nationalities, it is a multilingual and multicultural city where French, Flemish and German are all official languages.

The city's historic core is centered around the Grand Place (Grote Markt), a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its ornate guildhalls and the Gothic-style Town Hall. Nearby, the Manneken Pis statue has become one of Brussels' most iconic landmarks.

The different neighborhoods have their distinct charm as well: Sablon is known for its antique shops and chocolate boutiques, Ixelles and Saint-Gilles are lively districts with Art Nouveau architecture, and the European Quarter houses modern buildings and international institutions.

When in Brussels, don't miss local specialties like moules-frites (mussels with fries), Belgian waffles, and a wide range of Belgian beers.

To discover more: <a href="https://www.visit.brussels/en/visitors">https://www.visit.brussels/en/visitors</a>









# HOW TO GET TO BRUSSELS



## **BRUSSELS ZAVENTEM AIRPORT**

The Brussels airport is well connected to the city centre. You can find information about the airport and the flight connections (in English, Flemish or French) on the airport website:

https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers

To get to the city center (station Gare Centrale), you can take the airport train, and it takes about 20 minutes. The airport train station is located below the terminal (basement level -1).

To get to the EU Quarter, you can either take the airport train (25 minutes) or the bus 12, which takes about 40 minutes.

Up to 4 trains an hour connect the airport to Brussels North, Brussels Central and Brussels Midi stations. A single ticket costs € 10.80.



Taxis with a taximeter are permanently available in front of the arrivals hall. The fare from the airport to the city centre of Brussels is normally around €50.00 Licensed taxis can be recognised by the black and yellow emblem. A word of advice: avoid unlicensed taxis.





#### **BY BUS**

Airport Line Bus 12 runs every day and provides a connection to the European Quarter and the city centre from morning until evening. The Airport Line provides a connection with the metro at Schuman (lines 1-5) and Trône (lines 2-6).

### How to buy a ticket?

You can buy a MOBIB card or single paper ticket at a GO machine located at the bus stop, or directly pay on the bus via contactless payment. More information, fares and timetables are available on the STIB website or the STIB phone app, which provides real time information.

To get to your booked hotel, please consult the STIB website or any navigation application that will show you the transport to use to get to the place indicated.



Charleroi Airport is situated 55 kilometers south of Brussels, in Charleroi.

The company Flibco has a shuttle bus service that connects Charleroi Airport and Brussels, leaving the airport every 20 minutes. The journey takes one hour and the bus stops in Bruxelles-Midi (Brussels-South railway station, in rue de France).

If you buy the ticket online, it costs € 18.50 per journey. The link to book online is:

https://www.flibco.com/en.

Once you are at Bruxelles-Midi, you can connect to the metro lines 2 and 6.

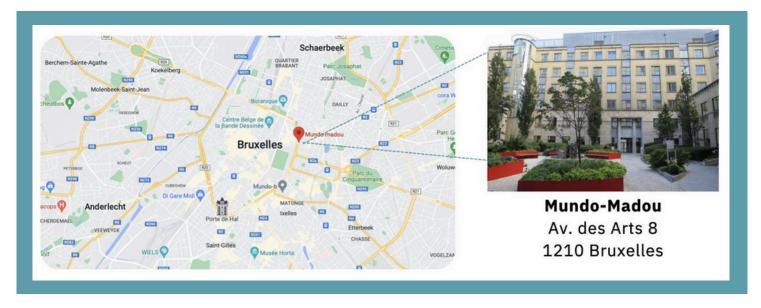
If you take the shuttle bus back to Charleroi Airport, we suggest arriving at least 15 minutes before the departure of the bus as there is normally a queue and buses fill quickly.



## THE EVENT TIME AND VENUE

The EPR Public Affairs Event will take place on 1 December from 14:15 - 17:30 CET Brussels time, in:

• Mundo Madou Building (EPR Office), <u>Avenue des Arts, 8</u> - Artemisia room (ground floor)



The closest metro stops are:

- Madou, 1 min walk
- Arts-Loi, 4 min walk



## **EPR MEMBERS' DINNER**

EPR is pleased to invite members to a dinner together, taking place on Monday, **1 December from 19:30h CET,** at the Grimbergen Cafe Brasserie. The restaurant is located in the center, in the famous Sainte-Catherine square.



Grimbergen Cafe Brasserie
Place Sainte-Catherine 22 / B-1000 Brussels

#### Getting to the restaurant:

The closest metro station is the Sainte Catherine stop, which is a 1-minute walk to restaurant. Grimbergen Cafe Brasserie is also within walking distance from the EPR office building, taking about 20 minutes to reach.



## **EPR MEETINGS**

### Tuesday, 2 December

## **EPR Centre Coordinators & General Assembly**

Address: Mundo Madou Building (EPR Office), Avenue des Arts, 8

**Room:** Artemisia room (ground floor)

#### Time:

09:30 – 11:15 CET | Centre Coordinators meeting 11:15 – 13:00 CET | General Assembly 13:00 – 14:00 CET | Lunch

#### **Contact point:**

For Centre Coordinators questions, please contact Eberhard Lueder, EPR Community and Services Manager, <u>elueder@epr.eu</u>

For General Assembly questions, please contact Alicia Gomez Campos, EPR Secretary General, <u>agomezcampos@epr.eu</u>



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**Room:** Artemisia room (ground floor)

#### Time:

14:00 - 15:00 CET

#### **Contact point:**

For questions, please contact Eberhard Lueder, EPR Community and Services Manager, <u>elueder@epr.eu</u>

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Various hotel options are available in the area. We recommend to book in one of the following hotels, which are located in or around the centre of Brussels and allow for **easy access to the EPR building** by walking:

**BEST WESTERN CITY CENTRE** 

15 min

**HOTEL DU CONGRÈS** 

6 min

ADAGIO ACCESS BRUXELLES EUROPE

12 min

**MOTEL ONE** 

9 min

**GUESTHOUSE MARIE THERESE** 

6 min

**COURTYARD BY MARRIOTTE** 

5 min

THE HOXTON HOTEL

15 min





# LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN BRUSSELS!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE INFORMATION WITHIN THIS TRAVEL PACK, CONTACT US:

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