

GeSI General Assembly

30th May 2022 8th Floor, Scotland House Rond-Point Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels

Attendees Welcome Kit

Dear GeSI Members,

It is a pleasure for us to host you at our offices for our first in-person General Assembly in a long time!

We would like for your experience in Brussels to be as pleasant as possible, therefore we have put together this "Welcome Kit" with all the relevant information on how to navigate Belgium's capital.

Below you will find what you need to know on how to move around the city, as well as some hotels, restaurants, and city sights.

In case you need to contact us for any queries, you will also find our contact information below.

Enjoy your stay in Brussels!

The GeSI Team

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Brussels' hotels and accommodation

Brussels' hotels Average nightly rates

5-Star €200-395

4-Star €150-270

2-Star €85-100

Budget Hotels €30-80

Please note that hotel rates in the capital can vary widely.

As the EU Green Week will take place at the same time as the GeSI General Assembly, we recommend that you book your accommodation as soon as possible to secure available rooms.

Recommended Hotels

NH Collection Brussels Centre

Boulevard Adolphe Max

Adolphe Maxlaan, 7,

1000 Brussels Belgium

Reservations <u>+32 258 80 062</u>

Tel.: <u>+32 2 217 0120</u>

NH Collection Website

Distance from the GeSI Office:

5 Minutes walking distance from **De Brouckère Metro Station**

Metro Line 1 and 5 From De Brouckère to Shuman: 5 Minutes

Sofitel Place Jourdan

Place Jourdan 1 B-1040, Bruxelles Belgium

Sofitel Brussels Website

T: +32 (0) 2 235 51 00

Distance from the GeSI Office:

Walking: 5 Minutes

The Hotel-Brussels

Boulevard de Waterloo 38

1000 Brussels,

Belgium

T: +32 (0) 2 504 11 11

The Hotel Website

Distance from the GeSI Office:

Line 6: Bus From Louiza to Kunst-Wet → Bus line 5 from Kunst-Wet to Shuman: 18 Min

Martins Brussels EU

Boulevard Charlemagne 80 B-1000, Bruxelles Belgium

Martins Brussels EU

T: +32 (0) 2 230 85 55

Distance from the GeSI Office:

Walking: 6 Minutes

Leopold Brussels hotel *3

35 Rue De Luxembourg 1050 Brussels

Leopold Brussels Website

Tel. +32 (0) 2 511 18 28

Distance from the GeSI Office:

Walking: 15 Minutes

Bus line 21: From Luxembourg to Shuman: 10 Minutes

Aloft Brussels Schuman*4

Place Jean Rey 1040 Brussels

Aloft Brussels Website

Tel. +32 2 800 08 88

Distance from the GeSI Office:

Walking: 5 Minutes

Radisson Collection Hotel, Grand Place *5

47 Rue du Fossé aux Loups, Brussels, 1000, Belgium

Raisson Blu Website

Tel: +32 2 219 28 28

Distance from the GeSI Office:

Metro Line 1 and 5 From De Brouckère to Shuman: 5 Minutes

Warwick Brussels - Grand Place

5 Rue Duquesnoy 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Warwick Brussels Website

Tel +32 02 808 60 78

Distance from the GeSI Office:

8 Minutes walking distance from De Brouckère Metro Station

Metro Line 1 and 5 From De Brouckère to Shuman: 5 Minutes

Flying to Brussels:

Brussels International Airport

Brussels International Airport (BRU), also known as **Zaventem Airport**, is located north-east of the

city center. The airport is easily reached from the Schuman roundabout via airport bus number 12.

There is a train service from **Brussels Zaventem Airport** to **Brussels Central Station** every 10

minutes between 5am and midnight, 7 days a week.

The ride takes 18 minutes and costs €9.

Brussels South Charleroi Airport- (CRL)

Charleroi (CRL) airport is located around 60 km from Brussels city centre, and you have two

 $\ different\ transfer\ options\ for\ this\ journey,\ taxi\ or\ bus.$

The Flibco Shuttle bus which costs 15€ one-way and takes 55 minutes.

The <u>Charleroi airport taxi</u> also takes 55 minutes and costs 90€.

Transport within Brussels:

 $Brussels\ has\ a\ well-organized\ and\ user-friendly\ public\ transport\ system\ that\ is\ comprised\ of\ the\ metro$

train system, trams, and buses. There are free maps available from the tourist office. Visit the <u>journey</u> <u>planner</u> on the website of the Société des Transports Intercommunion de Bruxelles (STIB) where you

will find a map of the metro system in Brussels. The STIB site also features a map of the entire <u>transport network</u>. See the <u>map</u> over the 6 metro lines.

Brussels is also easy to negotiate by bicycle, and across the city you will be able to see several Villo!

Bicycles, which will be at your disposal to move more sustainably around the city.

Uber is available throughout the city.

Book a Taxi:

Taxi Brussels +32 0488 20 25 87

Taxi Verts: +32 02 349 49 49

Autolux: +32 02 411 41 42.

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Restaurants

Dining in Brussels is always a pleasure, and the city provides a wide range of cuisines to satisfy the palates of all foodies. Our staff has put up a list of some of our favourite restaurant for you to enjoy.

More restaurant recommendations can be found here

1040 (Sofitel Place Jourdan):

Brasserie

Place Jourdan 1, B-1040, Bruxelles

<u>Menu</u>

Chez Leon:

Traditional Belgian Cuisine

Rue des Bouchers 18, 1000 Bruxelles

Menu

Le 65 degrés:

French and Belgian Cuisine

Avenue Louise 173, 1050 Ixelles, Brussels

<u>Menu</u>

Aux Armes de Bruxelles (Michelin guide):

Belgian Cuisine

Rue des Bouchers 13, 1000 Bruxelles

<u>Menu</u>

Le Rossini:

Restaurant Gastronomique

7 Boulevard Adolphe Max, Debrouckere 1000 Bruxelles

<u>Menu</u>

Bia Mara:

Seafood

Rue du Marche Aux Poulets 41, 1000 Brussles

Menu

Le Rabassier :

French Cuisine

Rollebeek Street 23, 1000 Bruxelles

Menu

Restaurant San Daniele *Michelin:

Italian

6 avenue Charles-Quint 1083 Bruxelles

<u>Menu</u>

Healthcare- COVID-19 Information

- Belgium has implemented measures to reduce the spread of the virus and allow Belgium's healthcare system to continue to respond to cases of COVID-19.
 The details can be found on local government websites https://www.info-coronavirus.be/ and http://www.crisiscentrum.be/
- Shops, restaurants, and bars are open, and can be accessed without a mask
- Masks are mandatory in public transports, hospitals, and pharmacies
- A COVID Safe Ticket (CST) is not required for entry into public venues in Belgium at this time
- Please refer to the Belgian Government Current Measures FAQs for more information on all measures currently in place

Please visit the government's website for information specific to your country of origin ahead of your arrival, as well as location of COVID-19 testing facilities:

What to do when you arrive in Belgium? | Coronavirus COVID-19 (info-coronavirus.be)

For Non-Schengen countries, we recommend you to also visit your embassy's website :

Australia: Home (embassy.gov.au)

Japan: Embassy of Japan in Belgium (emb-japan.go.jp)

People's Republic of China Embassy of the People's Republic of China

Republic of China Taiwan Embassy

United Kingdom: British Embassy Brussels - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

United States of America U.S. Embassy

Emergency and Duty Services

In a medical emergency as a result of an accident, violence or a fire, call 100 (in Belgium) or 112 (valid throughout the European Union). Both of these numbers are free 24 hours a day from a landline, a public telephone or a mobile phone (even when networks are not available or overloaded).

Police emergencies: 101

In the event of a road accident, you can call an agent from one of the emergency roadside phones positioned every two kilometres on motorways and some regional roads. The agent will be able to determine your location automatically.

Emergency Services

European emergency number

Valid in Brussels and throughout Europe, for all medical emergencies

Phone: 112

Online: www.sos112.be

Fire and ambulance services

Phone: 100

Online: <u>firebru.brussels</u>

Centre Antipoisons (antipoison centre)

Phone: +32 (0)70 245 245

Online: www.poisoncentre.be (FR/NL)

Centre des brûlés Bruxelles (burns centre)

Hôpital militaire Reine Astrid

Dispatching emergency: +32 (0)2 264 48 48 - Phone: +32 (0)2 268 62 00

Online: www.hopitalmilitaire.be (FR/NL)

Red Cross

Phone: **105**

• Croix-Rouge de Belgique (French-speaking service)

Online: www.croix-rouge.be (FR)

• Rode Kruis Vlaanderen (Dutch-speaking service)

Online: www.rodekruis.be (NL)

Round-the-clock and duty services

Duty doctors

Garde Bruxelloise

Phone: **+32 (0)2 201 22 22**Online: <u>www.gbbw.be</u>

SOS Médecins (French-speaking service)

Phone: **+32 (0)2 513 02 02**

Online: www.sosmedecins.be (FR)

Brusselse Huisartsen Kring (Dutch-speaking service)

Phone: **+32 (0)2 242 43 44**Online: <u>www.bhak.be</u> (NL)

Duty pharmacies

Emergency phone: **0903 99 000** (€1.50/min)

Pharmacies post a list of the pharmacies open until 10 pm.

You can find a list of duty pharmacies between 10 pm and 9 am at the following bodies:

• the Association Pharmaceutique Belge (Belgian pharmacists' association)
Online: www.pharmacie.be (FR/NL)

• the Union des Pharmaciens de Bruxelles (U.P.B.) (Brussels pharmacists' association) Online: www.upb-avb.be (FR/NL).