RECHARGE presential meeting in Antwerp, Belgium 19-21 May 2025

This document has been created to assist you in arriving to Belgium for the upcoming meeting.

1) <u>Airport</u>

While Antwerp does have an airport, it covers very limited number of destinations. Therefore, we recommend flying into and out of Brussels, which offers better connectivity as it has:

- Brussels Airport Zaventem (BRU), the main international airport of Belgium, is located 12 km northeast of Brussels and 40-45 km from Antwerp. Directly from the airport, it is possible to arrived to Antwerp within 35-50 minutes by train, which can be reached from inside of the airport (in the lowest floor). Other options can be FLIBCO shuttle buses (5€), Flixbus (price can vary from 5€ to 15€), and taxi (appr. 100€), but the train is the most comfortable.
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport (CRL), an international airport primarily serving as a hub for low-cost airlines, is located in Charleroi, 46km south of Brussels and 106 km from Antwerp. From the airport, it is possible to reach Antwerp within 2 hours by FLIBCO shuttle buses (20€), bus+train (appr.25€), and taxi (appr. 150€) This option is less recommended since from the airport, the shuttle bus arrives to the South train station in brussels and from there the train has to be taken anyways.

2) Accommodation

We recommend booking an accommodation in the city center, since the meetings will take place in the Stadcampus. The University of Antwerp has a discount policy with a list of hotels. If you want to make use of that, book according to the steps below.

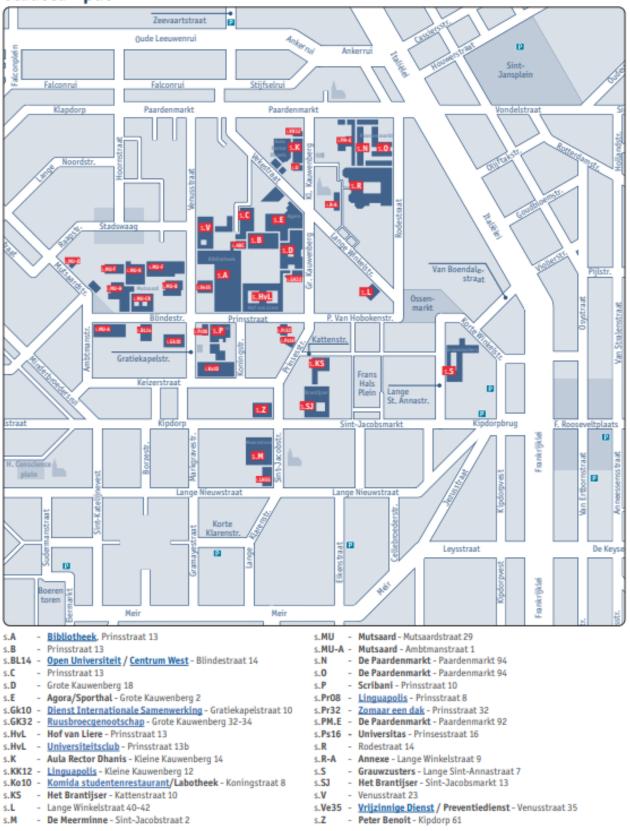
How to book a hotel (please follow the steps in the right order)

- 1. Go to the online booking tool
- 2. First enter the code UAACB19 (in capital) and click on 'Search'
- 3. Then enter the arrival and departure dates and click on 'Search'
- 4. You'll see an overview of all available hotels and their Best Available Rate -10%, <u>at that</u> <u>moment</u>, including any conditions
- 5. Choose a hotel and book your room

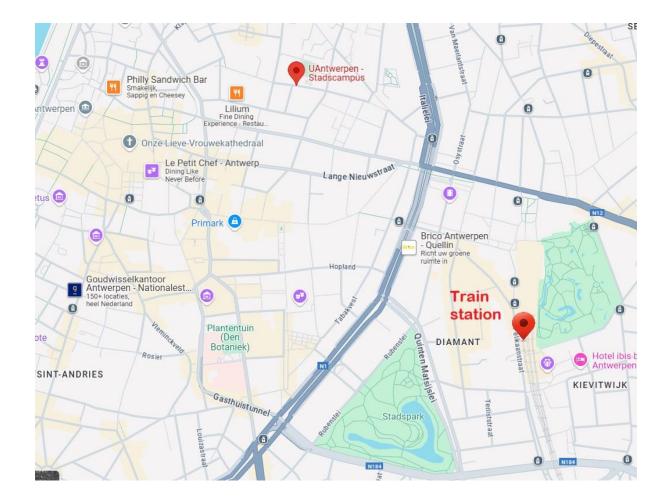
3) Meeting room location

Below you can find the map of the Stadcampus (city centre campus) and its location in the city:

Stadscampus







We will provide the details for the meeting room closer to date.

4) <u>Form</u>

Please, fill the following <u>form</u> with the details of your arrival and departure times and other details necessary for the arrangements of the meeting.

5) Draft programme suggestion:

Day - hour	Activity	Practical
Monday 19 May 2025		
Morning	Travel & Arrival	
12h-13	Lunch & welcome	
13h-14h	Introduction + get to know each other	
14h-15h30	WP 1 – in depth catchment level model (follow up of 13th March presentation) and application on 3	Presentation with
	non-Belgian catchments (open discussion about	model methodology and gathered data
	site and locations comparisons)	from all rivers
Coffee break		
15h45-17h30	WP2 demonstration of methodology (e.g., OMD, NUB, isotopes, macroinvertebrates)	
19h	Dinner together and drinks	
Tuesday 20 May 2025: excursion day		
9h00-10h45	WP3 – looking forward to WP3 – dashboard: discussion about indicators (preliminary selection	Presentation with potential indicators
	and hypothesis on ES trade-offs evaluation)	and link with ESS
	Pick nick at Ark Van Noë (if weather allows)	
Afternoon	Bike tour excursion – site seeing at Breeven,	
11h30-18h	Prinsenpark, Zegge,	
	Invite stakeholders to the field sites (province of Antwerp, Zegge people, VLM ,)	
19h	Dinner together	
Wednesday 21 May 2025		
9h-11h	WP4 session on stakeholder engagement (mapping stakeholders, relations and paperwork needed)	Brainstorm within teams and later sharing with whole group
11h-12h	Next steps and wrap up.	
12-14	Lunch and project coordination meeting with PI's.	
	Travel	

Are there any suggestions for pressing topics to discuss during this physical meeting, please send them to us