



# Consortium Meeting

## Brussels | 21-22 September 2023

**Venue:** Royal Flemish Academy of Sciences and Arts | Rubens Auditorium | Rue Ducale 1, 1000 Brussels ([LOCATIONS MAP](#))



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# AGENDA

## 21 September

### **15:00 - 15:15 | Welcome words**

Pieter-Jan Guns, Coordinator

### **15:15 - 16.45 | SWOT analysis (~15 min each + Q&A)**

ESR15 Anna Savchenko

ESR14 Dustin Krüger

ESR13 Benji Van Berlo

ESR12 Patrizia Pannucci

ESR11 Marieke Van Daele

### **16.45 - 17.00 Break**

### **17:00 - 18.30 | SWOT analysis (~15 min each + Q&A)**

ESR10 Callan Wesley

ESR9 Charles Henri Van Assche

ESR7 Elham Ataei Alizadeh

ESR6 Tommaso Biagini

ESR5 Bohdan Hlova

### **19:00 Consortium dinner at "Le Cercle Des Voyageurs"**

## 22 September

### **09:00 - 10.30 | SWOT analysis (~15 min each + Q&A)**

ESR8 Sara Costa-Faya

ESR4 Christian Klein

ESR3 Haibo Liu

ESR2 Martina Cherubin

ESR1 Brigitta Szabó

### **10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break**

### **11:00 - 12:00 | SWOT of the entire INSPIRE project**

Chaired by coordinator

### **12:00 - 13:00 Sandwich lunch and consortium photo**

### **13.00 - 14.00 | Supervisory Board & Fellow Board meeting**

Supervisors and ESRs

# CONSORTIUM DINNER

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

### LE CERCLE DES VOYAGEURS

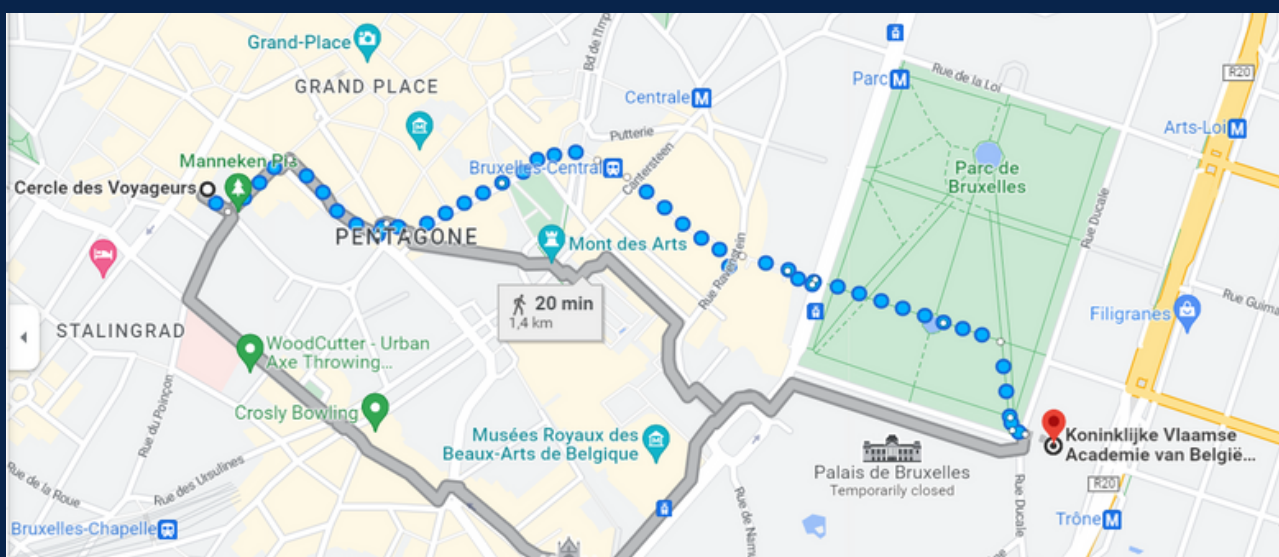
RUE DES GRANDS CARMES, 18 | 1000 BRUSSELS

Much more than a restaurant, Cercle des Voyageurs is a space dedicated to the discovery of distant destinations and their cultures. The setting illustrates this well: maps and globes drawn on the ceiling, countless suitcases and large photos of Africa on the walls,



books on travel scattered everywhere... and large leather armchairs that add dimension additional: you feel good there, comfortably seated, almost at home. A universe that encroaches on the imagination. But basically, isn't travel a form of dream?

To go even further in this idea of travel, the Circle has a large library, open to all, full of books from here and elsewhere. But it does not stop there and offers a real and cultural approach. Regularly, the various rooms of the place host concerts with world music, conferences, screenings and exhibitions.



# VENUE

## **Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts (KVAB)**

The Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts is the Flemish Academy, a Royal Scientific Society founded in 1772, whose key task is to think and debate about matters of social, scientific, and artistic importance in an open and interdisciplinary manner.



One of the buildings to which the Palace Square owes its name is the Palace of the Academies, which currently houses most of the Academies of Belgium, including the KVAB. Between 1828 and 1830, it was the home of Crown Prince William of Orange-Nassau and his wife Anna Pavlovna, daughter of Czar Paul and Grand Duchess of Russia. For a certain period, it was also the residence of Crown Prince Leopold, at that time holding the title of Duke of Brabant, to which Hertogdstraat ("Duke street") refers. The palace is a late but pure example of neoclassicism, the palace style of the Enlightenment. This architectural gem was designed according to pure geometric proportions, renaissance symmetry, and axuality.

## **The Rubens Auditorium**

The Rubens Auditorium is located on the ground floor of the Palace and it was originally used as a chapel for the orthodox ceremonies which Anna Paulowna organized.





# GET TO THE VENUE

The Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts is only a 12-minute walk to the main transport hub of Brussels, the Central station (Gare centrale).

## BY PLANE

Brussels Airport Zaventem is 17 minutes by train to the Central station (Gare centrale). At peak times, 6 trains run every hour to/from the Central Station.

Charleroi Airport is 69 km far from Brussels city center:

- By [Flibco Bus](#) (€ 14.70 single ticket), you can reach Brussels city center in ~1 hour. You can purchase your ticket [online](#) or at the Flibco kiosk at the airport. Buses depart every 30 minutes from Charleroi Airport to Brussels South (Gare du Midi) (no service at night hours).
- By [train](#) (€ 16,80 single ticket, incl. bus A), you can travel to any Belgian train station by first taking the local bus TEC (Line A) with a destination to Charleroi South train station. The journey from Charleroi Airport to Charleroi South train station takes ~25 minutes (service every 30 minutes). The ride from Charleroi South to Brussels Central takes ~60 minutes (trains 2 times per hour). Please consult the website [Belgian Railways](#) for more information.

## BY TRAIN

Most trains arrive at Brussels South Station (Gare du Midi). From them, the easiest is to take a train to Central station (Gare centrale) and walk to the venue. The train ride takes 4 minutes and the fare is € 2.50 for a 2nd class single ticket.

## METRO AND BUS

The closest metro is Trône (lines 2 and 6), which is only a 3-minute walk to the venue. You can also stop at Art-Loi (lines 1, 2, 5, and 6), which is a 7-minute walk to the KVAB. The closest bus stops are Trône (bus 12, 21 34, 38, 64, 80, 95, and N11) and Gare centrale (bus 38, 52, 89, N08, N09, N10, N12, N13, N16, and N18).

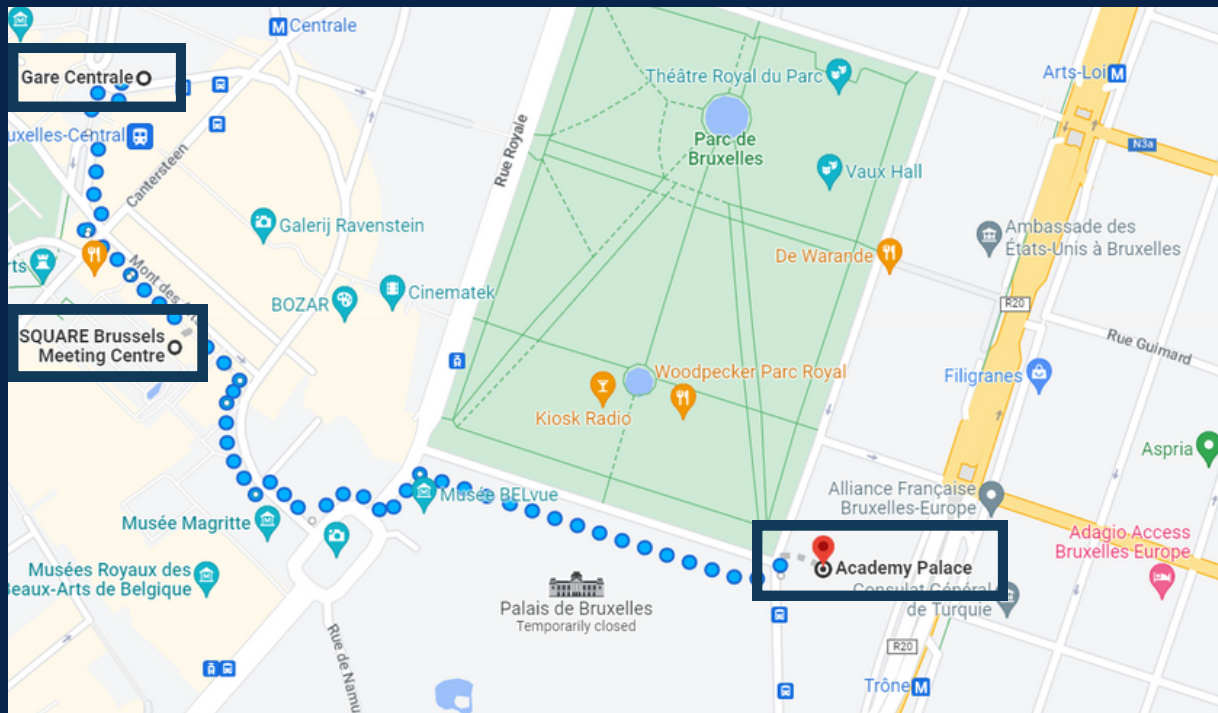
You can purchase tickets using a contactless bank card (debit or credit), smartphone, or smartwatch. The 1 journey fare is € 2.10 when using the contactless validating machine and € 2.60 when purchasing in a sales outlet (not always possible).

## TAXI SERVICE (phone numbers)

- Autolux: +32 (0)2 411 41 42
- Taxis Bleus: +32 (0)2 268 00 00
- Taxi Victor Cab: +32 (0)2 425 25 25

# GET TO THE VENUE

## FROM BRUSSELS CENTRAL STATION



## PARKING (CHECK [THIS MAP](#))



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

European emergency: 112 (online: <https://www.sos112.be/>)

Fire and ambulance: 100 (online: <https://pompiers.brussels/fr>)

Red Cross: 105

# ACCOMMODATION

**Each participant is responsible for his/her own travel and accommodation arrangements.** We provide a non-exhaustive list of accommodation options not far from the venue. The ESRs are supposed to discuss the accommodation budget limit with their supervisors. These costs are to be covered by each beneficiary's individual budget and not by the INSPIRE consortium budget.

## ADVISABLE FOR MORE THAN 2 NIGHTS

- **Airbnb Brussels**

<https://www.airbnb.com/brussels-belgium/stays>

## LOW-RANGE ACCOMMODATION

- **B&B Institute of Cultural Affairs - 15 min walking to the venue**

<http://institute-of-cultural-affairs.brussels-hotels.net/>

Price: ~80 EUR Single Room

- **Le Berger hotel brussels - 12 min walking to the venue**

<https://www.lebergerhotel.be/>

Price: ~110 EUR Single Room

## MID/HIGH-RANGE ACCOMMODATION

- **easyHotel Brussels City Centre - 16 min walking to the venue**

<https://easyhotelbenelux.com/brussels-city-centre/>

Price: ~130 EUR Single Room

- **Ibis Brussels City Centre - 20 min walking to the venue**

<https://ibis-brussels-city-centre.h-rez.com/>

Price: ~165 EUR Single Room

- **Hotel Chambord - 7 min walking to the venue**

<https://hotel-chambord.be>

Price: ~170 EUR Single Room

- **9Hotel Central - 10 min walking to the venue**

<https://www.9-hotel-central-brussels.be/>

Price: ~220 EUR Single Room