

Logistics Guide

Platform Annual General Assembly

1-2 February 2017

Renaissance Brussels Hotel

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Brussels Airport / Brussel-Nationaal / Zaventem

The [Brussels Airport](#) also known as Brussel-Nationaal or Zaventem is an international airport located 12.0 km (7 miles) northeast of Brussels. The airport is well connected to the city by [train](#), [bus](#) or [taxi](#).

Brussels Airport Train: There is a train outbound from Brussels Airport to Brussels Central Station (BRUSSEL-CENTRAAL/BRUXELLES-CENTRAL) or to Brussel-Luxemburg Station (BRUSSEL-LUXEMBURG/BRUXELLES-LUXEMBOURG) every 10/30 minutes. Please note that Brussel-Luxemburg Station is within 1 minute walking distance from the AGA venue. The ride to both stations takes about 18 minutes and costs € 8,70. The easiest way to get a train ticket is to book online and print out. After arriving to the train platform, scan the square QR code on the gate machine. Code must be printed on paper. It cannot be scanned from electronic screen. To book and receive e-mail tickets follow the [link](#).

Brussels Airport Bus: Every airport bus departs and arrives at the bus station at Level 0. The [Airport Line](#) (MIVB/STIB platform C) is a public Brussels Airport bus that takes you to the European district of Luxemburg and to the city centre. There are two buses: **Line 12** and **Line 21**.

- **Line 12** (operates Mon-Fri until 8 pm) and only travels to main stations; the only metro stop is Schuman (EU Headquarters) and the last stop is Luxemburg station.
- **Line 21** (operates after 8 pm on weekdays and on weekends) has many more stops and ends at Hertog/Ducale, the metro stops are Schuman and Trone. The last stop is close to the city just outside the Royal Palace - 10 min. walk from Brussels Centrale.

You can buy your ticket from the GO ticket vending machines before boarding (€ 4,50) with Maestro bank cards, credit cards or coins, or from the driver (€ 6,00).

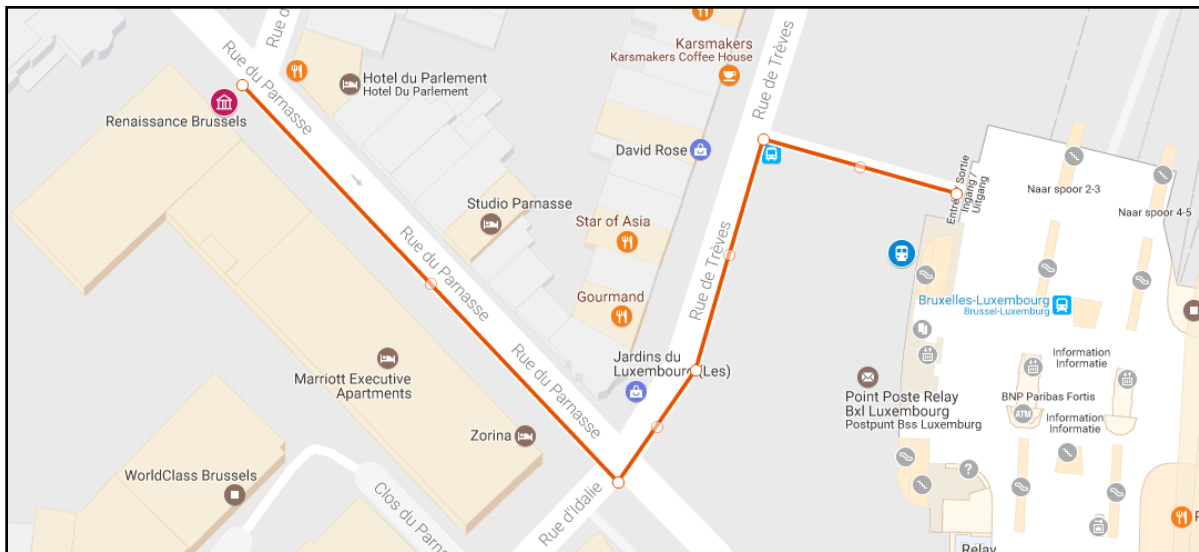
Brussels Airport Taxi: Taxis with a taximeter are permanently available in front of the arrivals hall. The fare from the airport to the city centre of Brussels is normally around € 45,00. Licensed taxis can be recognized by the black and yellow checkered band. Travelers are advised to avoid unlicensed taxis.

AGA Brussels Venue

AGA Brussels will be held on 1-2 January 2017 at [Renaissance Brussels Hotel](#), Rue du Parnasse 19, Brussels 1050.

From Brussels Airport to AGA venue: If you have booked your stay at the hotel venue or in close distance, we recommend you to use the direct train connection from Brussels Airport to Brussel-

Luxemburg Station (BRUSSEL-LUXEMBURG/BRUXELLES-LUXEMBOURG). The hotel is located within one minute walking distance from the station. For more directions, check [here](#).

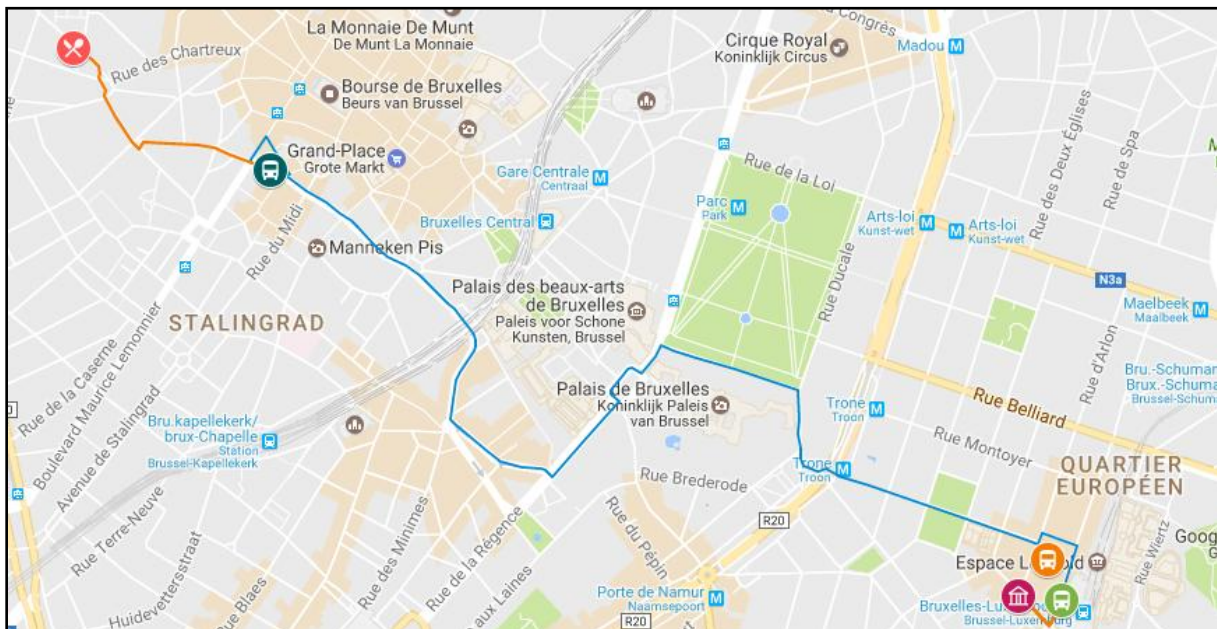


Walking distance (1 min, 140 m) from Brüssel-Luxemburg Station  to AGA venue: Renaissance Brussels Hotel 

Platform Welcome Dinner

A Welcoming Dinner will take place on **31 January 2017, 7 pm**, at restaurant [La Manufacture](#), La Rue Notre Dame du Sommeil 12, 1000 Brussels. Members of the Secretariat will meet at the Renaissance Brussels Hotel lobby at **6:30 pm** and will guide you to the restaurant.

From AGA venue to restaurant La Manufacture:



Walk from AGA venue: Renaissance Brussels Hotel  to Bus stop "Luxembourg"  and take Bus line 95 (direction "Grand-Place"), get off at "Bourse" (7 stops)  and walk to the restaurant La Manufacture (6 min, 550 m) 

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Changing money

The currency in Belgium is the EURO. At the [Brussels Airport](#) ATMs for EURO are available in the departures hall, the arrivals hall, the baggage reclaim area, Pier A and Pier B. These ATMs are operated by Belfius Bank. ATMs for foreign currencies (e.g. GBP, USD) are available in the departures hall, at gates T, Pier A and pier B. These ATMs are operated by Travelex Group. Be aware that you can withdraw money at the ATMs only with a credit card and not a debit cards (EC). ATMs are widely available as well throughout the city. Many restaurants and stores accept credit cards, such as Visa, MasterCard and American Express. You can change cash as well at Banks: opening times generally between 9 am – 4 pm/5 pm (Mo – Fr).

Weather

In February, the weather in Brussels is very likely to be quite fresh and wet with daily temperatures varying between 6 °C (43 °F) and 1°C (34 °F) and average night temperatures around 0 °C (32 °F).

The average probability that precipitation (moderate rain or snow) will be observed in a given day is 68 %. For up to date weather forecast, please visit: <http://www.weather.com/>

What to wear in Brussels: Dressing in layers is recommended. We suggest you would bring a thick coat, gloves, a warm hat and a scarf, as well as an umbrella and warm winter shoes.

Electricity

Belgium operates on 220-240 Volts and 50 Hz on AC. The type of electrical socket used is "Type E" French style CEE 7/5 Schuko. For further information, please visit the following [link](#).