

7th Session of the Meeting of Parties

Brussels, Belgium, 15 – 17 September 2014

Information Fact Sheet



The **EUROBATS Meeting Secretariat** will be operational from 12 (afternoon) to 18 September 2014 (morning) and can be reached by:

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During the meeting the delegates will be able to receive faxes at the above number. There will also be computers with internet connection and a printer available in a delegate's office at the MoP7 venue.

Transfer Airport/Train Station/Hotel:

A detailed description and maps on how to reach the NH Brussels Hotel is attached to this document.

Venue of MoP7:

The MoP will take place in the prestigious **Egmont Palace** which is part of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The address of the main entrance to the conference centre is **Place du Petit Sablon, 8**, 1000 Brussels. A description and map how to get there is attached to this document.

Hotel Facilities:

The hotel has a fitness studio. If you would like to use this facility, please don't forget to bring your sports dress.

Restaurants:

There is a restaurant and a bar available in the hotel.

Climate:

We are hoping for sunny autumn weather. Nevertheless you should be prepared for rainy weather too (Brussels is kind of famous for sudden rains).

Field trip:

All participants to the excursion of September 14th are expected to meet in the hotel lobby at 8.15 at the latest. You will be escorted to the buses waiting at **Place Stéphanie** nearby the hotel and that will depart at 8:30 h sharp. The excursion will consist of two parts. In the morning we will visit a few projects in the Sonian Forest to the south of Brussels. In the afternoon we will continue in Comblain-au-Pont near Liège. A packed lunch will be provided. For both parts a pair of decent walking boots (mud) and a pair of long trousers (ticks) are necessary, and a rain coat is advised. We will walk about 5 km over unpaved paths that are rather adventurous.

Dinner is arranged near the hotel in Brussels. You will have time to freshen up before dinner.

For those joining the dinner but not the field trip, the address of the Restaurant is:

“La Quincaillerie”, Rue du Page 45, 1050 Brussels, about 1,8 km distance from the hotel.

Security:

Brussels is a very safe city. Like in all big cities there is a certain risk of pickpockets.

Areas of the city to be avoided in the evenings are:

- The neighborhood behind the Porte de Namure/ Naamsepoort
- The neighborhood surrounding the Porte de Halle/ Hallepoort

You are advised to always bear the UN Certificate with you, which identifies you as a delegate to a UN conference. Please contact the Secretariat immediately in case of any problem.

Currency:

The currency is the Euro.

Insurance:

You are yourself responsible for any kind of health and travel insurance.

Dinner Reception on Monday, 15 September:

Royal Museum for Natural sciences

Rue Vautier 29/ Vautierstraat - 1000 Brussels

How to get there by public transport?

Subway:

Line 1 or 5, underground station 'Maalbeek-Maelbeek' (a 10 minutes' walk from the Museum)

Line 2 of 6, underground station 'Troon-Trône' (a 10 minutes' walk from the Museum)

There will be a shuttle service from place Stephanie/ Stefaniaplein to the museum and back on Monday. The bus leaves at 6.30 pm and will depart from the museum around 10 pm.

Public transport to go to City center (Grand Place/ Grote Markt, Manneke Pis, Opera, La Bourse, etc...)**Subway**

Subway station at the beginning of the Avenue Louise/ Louizalaan (turn left when you leave the hotel, past Place Stéfanie/ Stefaniaplein at the other end of the shopping street). There are 2 entrances: 1 in front of the Nespresso shop the other in front of the Häagen-Dazs shop. Take the line direction Elisabeth and change direction in Arts-Lois / Kunst-Wet (3th stop). Take the subway direction gare ouest or Erasme until Centraal Station / Gare Centrale (3th stop) or the 4th stop De Brouckère. Both stations are within walking distance of the Grand Place, the Cathedral and Manneke Pis.

Royal palace, Mont des Arts/ Kunstberg (museum of fine arts and Margritte museum) Sablon/zavel (antique shops)

Tram: Tram stop at place Stéfanie/ Stéfaniplein :

Line 92 direction Schaarbeek station / Schaerbeek gare or Line 93 direction Stadion

To visit the Sablon / Zavel get off at the stop Petit Sablon / Kleine Zavel

To visit the musea get off at the stop Koning / Royale

To visit the palace get off at the stop Koning / Royale or Paleizen /palais

Bikes Villo point at Place Stéphanie/ Stefaniaplein

Next to most subway stations there are Villo points, this system is comparable the Barclays bikes in London or the Velib' bikes in Paris: with your credit card you can hire a bike and put it back in any Villo docking station in Brussels (there are Villo points +/- every 450 meters)

Where can I...

Eat or have a drink?

Near Hotel Stéphanie

- Livornostraat/ Rue De Livourne
- Chaussée de Charleroi/ Chaleroise Steenweg

Between the hotel and the conference center

- Rue Jourdan/ Jourdanstraat
- Rue Jean Stas/ Jean Stasstraat
- Boulevard de Waterloo/ Waterloosesteenweg

In the streets surrounding the Grand Place / Grote Markt you can find lots of cafés and even some estaminets (cafés like they used to be in the 19th century).

Withdraw money

On the place Stephanie/ Stefaniaplein you'll find a KBC bank

Buy chocolate?

Almost everywhere in Brussels, close to your hotel there are 3 different chocolate shops on the Place Stephanie

Buy Belgian Beer?

There are 2 or 3 beer shops around the Grand Place / Grand Place but it will be cheaper in a supermarket.

There is a small **supermarket** on the Place Stéphanie/ Stefaniaplein.

1. **How to reach NH Brussels City Centre Hotel**

Chaussée de Charleroi 17, 1060 Brussels, Tel.: +32 2 539 01 60

GPS coordinates

Latitude: 50.833156

Longitude: 4.356804

- From Brussels National Airport

You can take a train to Midi station.

From there, take the metro line 2 or 6 in the direction *Elizabeth* to the metro station *Louise*, which is within a few-minute-walk from the hotel (see the map below and the directions given under “From Midi Station”).

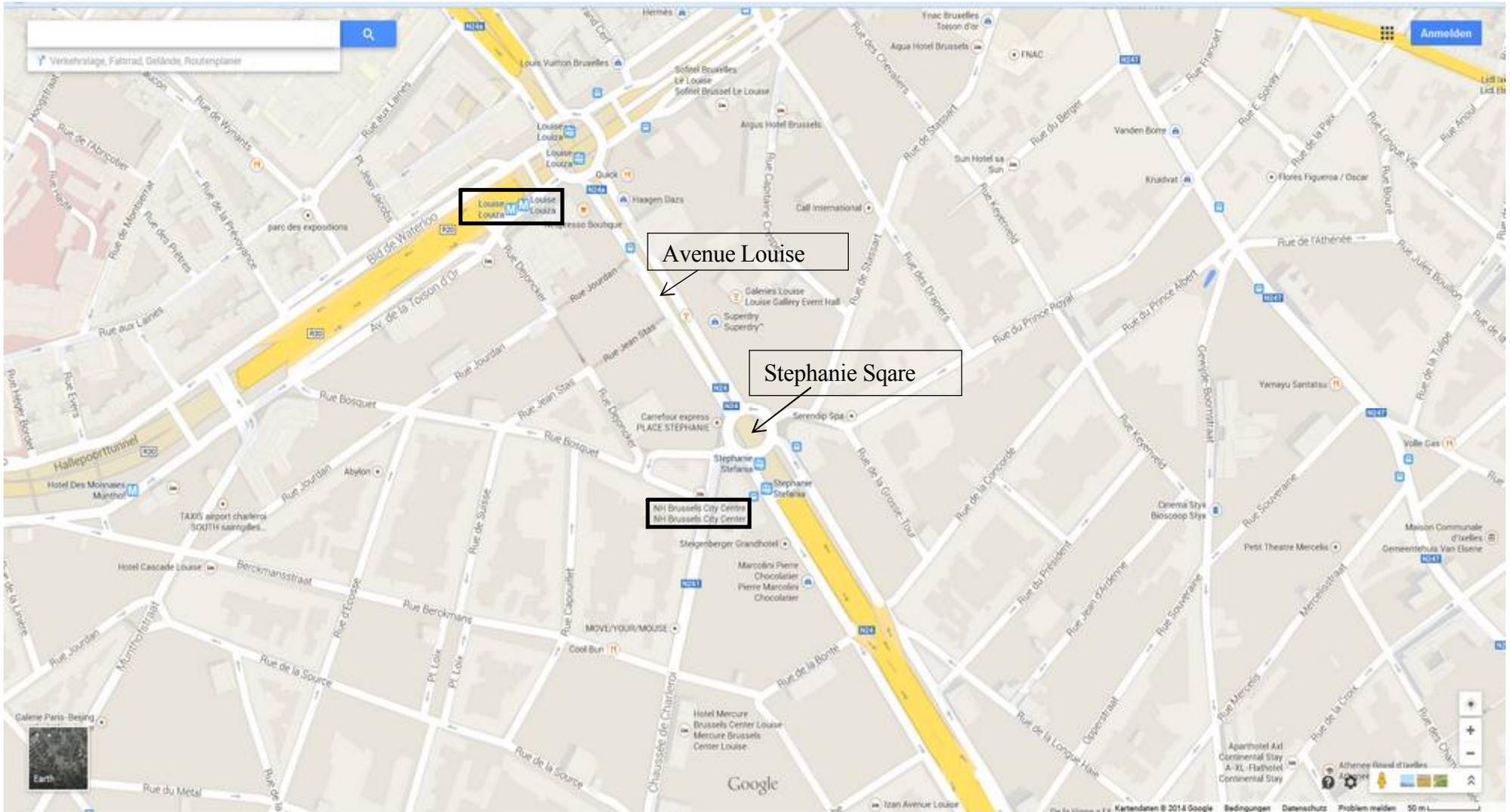
The ride from the airport to the hotel takes 45 minutes and costs four euro.

- From Midi Station

You can take the metro in the direction *Elizabeth* until you reach the station *Louise* (as described above). From the metro station walk down Avenue Louise until you reach Stephanie Square and then turn right into Chaussée de Charlerois, where the hotel is located (see the map below). The metro ride takes only a few minutes and the price of a single ticket is ca. two euro.

- From Central Station

In Central Station you can take the metro line 5 in the direction *Herrmann-Debroux* to the station *Art-Loi*. There you need change to the metro line 2 in the direction *Simonis* until you reach the station *Louise*, which is within a few-minute-walk from the hotel (see the map below and the directions given under “From Midi Station”). The metro ride takes about ten minutes and costs ca. two euro.



2. How to reach Egmont Palace (from NH Brussels City Centre Hotel)

Place du Petit Sablon, 8, 1000 Brussels

GPS coordinates

Latitude: 50.839002

Longitude: 4.358132

Egmont Palace is within a walking distance from the hotel (about ten minutes). From the hotel you walk north, towards Rue Dejoncker, and then to Avenue Louise (see the map below – blue dots indicate the path you should take). You walk further down the avenue until you reach a roundabout. You take the fourth exit from the roundabout into Rue des Quatre Bras. From Rue des Quatre Bras you turn into Rue aux Laines (to your right) and walk along it until you reach Place du Petit Sablon. There you should already see Egmont Palace.

Alternatively, you can also take the tram-line 93 from the stop called *Stephanie*, in the direction *Stade*, to the stop called *Petit Sablon*. From there Egmont Palace is only 100 meters away (see the map below). The tram ride lasts approx. five minutes.

