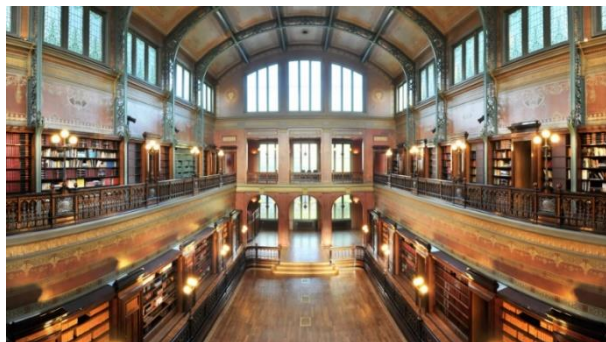


USEFUL INFORMATION FOR A SMOOTH PARTICIPATION

CONFERENCE LOCATION:



The Forum takes place at the Solvay Library, located in the center of Brussels in the Parc Leopold.

Solvay Library

Leopoldpark
Rue Belliard 137
1040 Brussels (Belgium)

www.edificio.be/en/solvay-library/

Please note that parking is not available. A car can drop you in front of the entrance, but the best is to reach the venue through a short walk from one of the entrances of the parc.

How to get there

By train

The nearest train station is "Brussels Luxembourg" station: exit the station and head towards Wiertz Street. Go towards the European Parliament building and pass under the building (not towards Place du Luxembourg!). Go down the stairs and turn left. On your right, you will find Leopold Park. Enter the park and follow the signs to Solvay Library.

From "Gare du Midi" station: by metro, take metro line 6 towards "Simonis-Elisabeth" or metro line 2 towards "Simonis - Léopold II." Transfer at "Arts-loi" and take metro line 1 towards "Stockel" or metro line 5 towards "Hermann-Debroux." Get off at the "Maelbeek" stop and take the "Chaussée d'Etterbeek" exit. Turn right and walk for about 10 minutes on Chaussée d'Etterbeek. Cross Belliard Street and follow the signs to Solvay Library.

By metro

The nearest metro station is "Maelbeek" (metro lines 5 and 1). Take the "Chaussée d'Etterbeek" exit. Turn right and walk for 10 minutes on Chaussée d'Etterbeek. Cross Rue Belliard and enter Leopold Park. Follow the signs to Solvay Library.

From Brussels International Airport

By taxi: Expect a journey of 20 to 30 minutes.

By bus: Take bus line 12 or 21 to either the "Schuman" or "Luxembourg" stop (www.stib.be).

By train: There are up to 4 trains per hour to Brussels (20 to 30 minutes). Get off at the "Gare centrale" stop. Take metro line 5 towards "Hermann-Debroux" or metro line 1 towards "Stockel." Get off at the "Maelbeek" stop and take the "Chaussée d'Etterbeek" exit (5 minutes from the metro). Upon exiting, turn right and walk for 5 minutes on Chaussée d'Etterbeek. Cross Belliard Street and follow the signs to Solvay Library. The building is located at the top of Leopold Park on your left.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES

The full programme is available [here](#).

DAY 1: Tuesday, 28 November 2023

Conference starts at 09.00 and finishes at 17.10

- 08.30 – 17.30: registration desk open
- 08.30 – 09.00: welcome coffee



19.00 – 22.00

Cocktail dinner at "The Museum of Natural Sciences" - The Dinosaur Gallery

We look forward to welcoming you as of 19:00 for a relaxing evening in this unique location.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to visit the Gallery of Dinosaurs.

The Museum is located 500 m away from the Solvay Library. Directions are available [here](#).



DAY 2: Wednesday, 29 November 2023

Conference starts at 09.30 and finishes at 17.30

- 09.00 – 17.30: registration desk open
- 09.00 – 09.30: welcome coffee
- 16.40: networking drink

DAY 3: Thursday, 30 November 2023

Renaissance Brussels Hotel

19, rue Parnasse – 1050 Brussels

[Website](#)

- 08.30 – 09.00: Welcome coffee at the Renaissance Brussels Hotel
- 09.00 – 10.30: Sustainability and nonwovens: Working together to take a science-based approach
- 10.30 – 11.00: Transfer and registration at the European Parliament
- 11.00 – 12.30: Visit of the European Parliament

Visit of the European Parliament

Join us for an exclusive guided tour of the European Union institutions, marking the perfect conclusion to an enlightening conference. Expert guides will lead you through the iconic buildings so be prepared to be immersed in the rich history and intricate workings of this unique political landscape.

Security & safety

Security and safety are priorities for the European Parliament. For that reason, a number of security measures are in place in and around our buildings. In order to ensure a safe visit for all, we invite you to read and comply with these measures:

- A valid identity document (national ID card or passport) is required to access European Parliament buildings.
- Visitors must visibly wear their badges whilst in the Parliament buildings.
- All visitors and bags are subject to airport-style security checks before entry. Firearms, explosive or inflammable substances, pepper sprays, sharp items and other objects that could be considered weapons are prohibited. In accordance with national legislation, certain prohibited items may be handed over to the police.
- A cloak room will be available for coats and luggage's.
- Photography and filming are permitted inside the visitor area but are prohibited in the security area and in the Hemicycle gallery during plenary sessions as well as in restaurants and bars.

When in Brussels

Public transport

The city centre of Brussels is easily accessible by public transport: train, tram, metro, and bus. Inner-city Brussels public transport uses unified ticketing system so you can use the same ticket for bus, metro, tram, or a combination. Every STIB bus, tram and metro station is equipped with a specific contactless payment device (working for bank card, smartphone, and smartwatch). A Basic MOBIB card can also be bought at the ticketing office and GO machines: 1-hour ticket costs €2.10 and 24-hour time ticket costs €7.50.

Find [here](#) the map of the underground (subway) and train stations in Brussels.

More information about the public transport [here](#).

Train from the airport

There is a train service from Brussels Zaventem Airport to Brussels Central Station every 10 minutes. The ride takes 18 minutes and costs €19. Normal metro tickets are not valid for travel on the train transport line from Brussels airport to Brussels city, therefore you must buy the [ticket online](#).

The train stops at Brussels north station, Brussels central station and Brussels south station. You can get off or on the train at any of these stations. Some trains also stop at Brussels Schumann (nearest stop) and Brussels-Luxembourg station.

Taxi service

Taxis may be called on the spot or booked in advance via the below phone numbers or the dedicated mobile apps.

- Autolux: +32 (0)2 5 123 123
- Taxis Bleus: +32 (0)2 268 00 00
- Taxis Verts: +32 (0)2 349 49 49
- Taxi Victor Cab: +32 (0)2 425 25 25

TOURIST INFORMATION

Brussels is one of the most international cities in the world. 27% of the population is made up of foreigners. In line with its status as the Capital of Europe (the seat of the European Union), Brussels is also the location for 40,000 EU employees, 4,000 NATO employees and hosts about 300 embassies, lobby groups, and press corporations.

It is an interesting fact that Belgians do not share one common language. There are three official languages in Belgium and an official language border has been established between the regions. In Brussels people mostly speak French, but all public signs and documents are in two languages (Dutch and French).

Must-see places

We have put together a selection of the top sites you absolutely must not miss!

- The Grand Place and the neighbouring Galeries Royales Saint-Hubert
- Manneken Pis
- The Mont des Arts: museums and a view
- The Royal Quarter, an 18th century masterpiece
- The iconic Atomium
- The European Quarter

[Find out more about Brussels](#)

Currency

As in most European countries, the currency of Belgium is the Euro. Other currencies are normally not accepted, so be sure to change exchange your national currency at one of the many currency exchange offices located throughout the city.

ATMs and banking hours

They all take the Bancontact/Mister Cash cards from Belgian banks, as well as some international debit and credit cards. Certain ATMs may not issue cash on credit cards, in which case sometimes trying a different Belgian bank's ATM can work, otherwise you will need to visit a bank office to take out cash. Dispenser lobbies within Belgian banks are open after hours, but usually only for bank customers, who must swipe their bank card for entry. You may find yourself queuing at peak times for an ATM at central banks in Brussels, or that machines are low on cash after a big Saturday night.

Weather in November

It is advised to bring a rain jacket as well as warm clothing as typically rain and cold weather can be expected during this period.

Emergency numbers

European emergency number, valid in Brussels and throughout Europe, for all medical emergencies:

- Phone: 112
- Online: www.sos112.be
- Police emergencies: 101
- Fire and ambulance services: 100

Voltage

Electrical outlets in Belgium supply electricity at 220 volts AC. All sockets are French, two-pin, Schuko, so you might need an adapter plug. It is better if you use a universal type.

Brussels at your fingertip

My Brussels is a well-known App that can be particularly useful for anyone visiting the capital, as it provides useful telephone numbers, weather, points of interest, traffic info and more. [App store](#) & [Google Play](#)

We look forward to meeting you in Brussels.

For any questions, don't hesitate to contact us: sustainabilityforum@edana.org

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