



## International Day of Democracy Democracy Today and Tomorrow

Hosted by the European Parliament

Organised in cooperation with the European External Action Service and in partnership with the Office of International IDEA in Brussels, the European Endowment for Democracy, the European Partnership for Democracy and the European Network of Political Foundations

**Brussels, 28 September 2016**

### Venue of the meeting

The meeting will take place at the European Parliament in Brussels:

Rue Wiertz 60 (if arriving by taxi)

Place du Luxembourg, rue Treves (if arriving by public transport or on foot)

Altiero Spinelli Building, floor 5 and room number G2 (ASP 5G2)

Please note that registration begins promptly at **8.00 a.m. on 28 September** in the **Info Point Visitors** (please refer to map). Identity cards will be checked at the entrance to the ASP building. A badge and the programme will be given to each participant. Guests must be accompanied to the meeting room by a member of EP staff. If you already have a permanent badge to enter the EP but are not familiar with the meeting room, please come to the Info Point.

### Registration

Please confirm your participation by filling in the [registration form](#) online (please follow the link) by **Tuesday, 20 September 2016, at noon (Brussels time)**. Please note that after this deadline registration will not be possible.

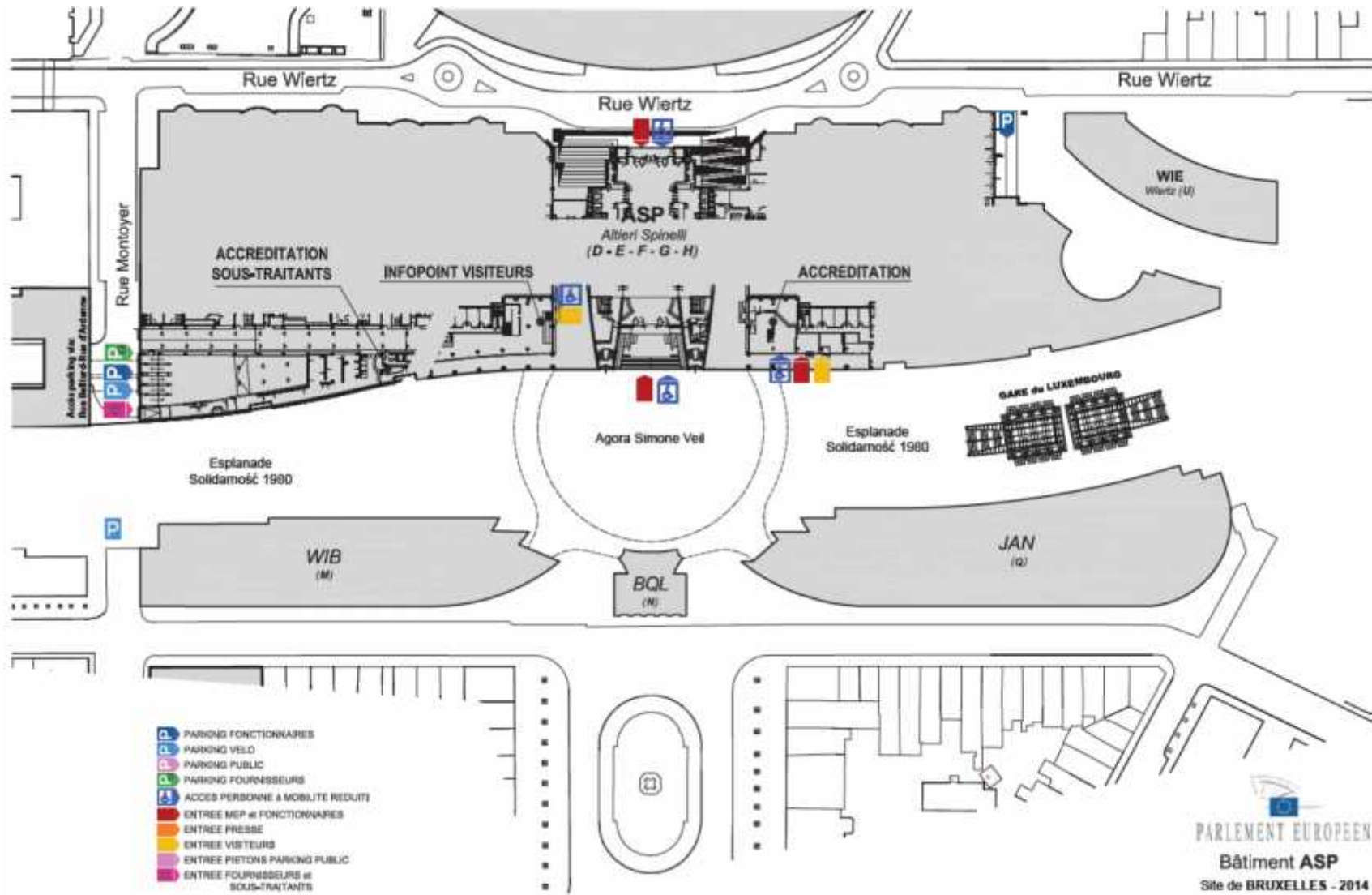
### Meals

A sandwich lunch will be provided in the meeting room. Coffee machines are available near the meeting room and require € coins.

### Contact information

**DGEXPO-DEAC Secretariat:** [deac-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:deac-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu)

## Map of the venue



## Some practical Information

- **Local time:** Brussels is in the Central European Time Zone (CET).
- **Weather:** A typical Brussels day can have clouds and sun with a shower. For more info, please check here <http://www.accuweather.com/fr/be/brussels/27581/daily-weather-forecast/27581>

## Travel

Participants are requested to arrange their own transport to the meeting venue.

### From Brussels International Airport (Zaventem) to the European Parliament:

- Take bus line 12 (Express airport bus) or bus 21 to “Luxembourg” stop (end station), then walk to the venue (3 mins)

*Express airport bus indicative fare:*

For 1 journey (purchased outside vehicle): € 4.50

For 1 journey (purchased inside vehicle): € 6.00

From Monday to Friday 8 p.m. the Airport Line is operated as an express service with number 12 and only serves the major stops.

On weekdays after 8 pm, and the whole day on Saturday, Sunday and holidays the Airport Line is operated as a regular service with number 21, serving all stops.

All buses depart from platform C.

In order to save time and money, buy your ticket from the GO ticket vending machines (€ 4.50) before boarding. These machines accept Maestro bank cards, credit cards and coins.

- Take the train at the airport (access from Level -1) to the Central Station (Bruxelles Central/Brussel-Centraal). At the station you have the following options:

1. Take a 2nd train stopping at ‘Bruxelles-Luxembourg’ station. Trains stopping at “Brussels-Luxembourg” station go to “Namur/Luxembourg”, “Namur/Dinant”, or “Louvain-la-Neuve Université”. Then walk to the venue (3 mins)
2. Take bus 38, direction “Heros” and get off at “Luxembourg” (5 stops), then walk to the venue (3 mins)
3. Take the metro, metro line 1, direction “Stockel” OR metro line 5, direction “Hermann Debroux”, get off at “Maalbeek” station, then walk to the venue (12 mins)

*1 journey indicative fare (bus, tram, metro): € 2,10.*

## From the Train station “Gare du Midi” (from Paris and London) to the European Parliament:

- Take the metro, metro line 2 or 6, direction “Simonis (Elisabeth), get off at “Arts-Loi”. Change to metro line 1, direction “Stockel” or line 5, direction “Hermann Debroux”, get off at “Maalbeek”, then walk to the venue (12 mins)

*1 journey indicative fare (bus, tram, metro): € 2,10.*

## By metro to the European Parliament:

- The closest Metro Stations are “Trone” – line 2 or 6, “Maalbeek” – line 1 or 5.

*1 journey indicative fare (bus, tram, metro): € 2,10.*

## Where to buy your public transport ticket?

- BOOTIK - Online Purchase - KIOSK - GO vending machine

## Metro map



## Accommodation in the vicinity of the European Parliament

### **Thon Hotel EU \*\*\*\***

75 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels (0,6 km from the European Parliament)

<http://www.thonhotels.com/hotels/countrys/belgium/brussels/thon-hotel-eu/>

### **Leopold Hotel Brussels Europe \*\*\*\***

Luxemburgstraat 35, Bruxelles (0.4 km from the European Parliament)

<http://www.hotel-leopold.be/>

### **Sofitel Brussels Europe \*\*\*\*\***

Place Jourdan 1, 1040 Bruxelles (0,4 km from the European Parliament)

<http://www.sofitel.com/fr/hotel-5282-sofitel-brussels-europe/index.shtml>

### **Renaissance Brussels Hotel \*\*\*\***

19 Rue du Parnasse, 1050 Brussels (0,3 km from the European Parliament)

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/brubr-renaissance-brussels-hotel/>

### **Radisson BLU EU Hotel Brussels, 1050 Brussels \*\*\*\***

35 Rue d'Idalie, 1050 Brussels (0,3 km from the European Parliament)

<http://www.radissonblu.com/euhotel-brussels>

### **Marriott Executive Apartments Brussels \*\*\*\*\***

15 Rue du Parnasse, 1050 Bruxelles (0,2 km from the European Parliament)

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bruermarriott-executive-apartments-brussels-european-quarter/>

### **Aloft Brussels Schuman \*\*\***

Place Jean Rey, 1040 Brussels (0,6 km from the European Parliament)

<http://www.aloftbrussels.com/>

### **Holiday-Inn Brussels-Schuman \*\*\***

20 Rue Breydel, 1040 Brussels (0,6 km from the European Parliament)

<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/brussels/brubr/hoteldetail>