

Dear CLIOHRES partner,

as the Brussels meeting is coming close, we know that you will be wanting information on how to get to the Hotel.

We will be staying in the Thon City Centre Hotel. The address is Avenue du Boulevard 17. The Hotel is very close to the Place Rogier which is very close to the North Railway Station (Bruxelles-Nord / Brussel-Noord) and to the Metro/tram stop "Rogier".

1. Arrival at Brussels International Airport:

If you are arriving at the Brussels International Airport (Zaventem), by following the indications after you exit the baggage claim area, you will be able to find the train which goes to Brussels about every 15 minutes until 23:52. The ticket will cost around 2.80 euros.

You can buy the ticket at the ticket office, or using a machine: otherwise it is possible to purchase it on the train. Get off at North Station (Bruxelles-Nord / Brussel-Noord). It is a very short walk (two blocks roughly) from the Station to the Thon Hotel. We are enclosing a map to clarify the direction.

2. Arrival at Charleroi (Brussels 'South')

If you arrive at Charleroi Airport, there are various ways to get to Brussels. The most convenient is to take the shuttle bus: as you go out of the baggage claim area you will see to your right a kiosk where you can purchase a ticket to the Brussels South Station (Bruxelles-Midi / Brussel-Zuid).

For the schedule see:

<http://www.charleroi-airport.com/en/passengers/acces-and-parking/shuttles-brussels/index.html>

The ticket will cost about 23 euros round trip. When you arrive at the South Station, you must enter the Station where you will find indications for the trams and metro: you will need to take a tram or the metro to get to Place Rogier, where you will find the Thon Hotel. You will need to buy a ticket which costs 1.70 euros. You can take any tram that goes towards the North Station such as the 3, the 4, or the 55: get off at "Rogier". Otherwise you can take the Metro Line 2, Direction "Simonis" and get off at "Rogier".

3. Arrival by train

Proceed to North Station (Bruxelles-Nord / Brussel-Noord) and then by foot to the Thon Hotel.

4. Travel arrangements during the Conference:

Once you arrive at the Thon Hotel you will find a welcome letter from us containing instructions for how to get to the Conference on Friday and Saturday. You will find in it a Metro ticket for five trips which you will be asked to use to travel on the Metro from "Rogier" to "Trône/Tron" and back during the Conference. You are asked to keep this ticket religiously and to give the used ticket back to us at the end of the Conference or send to us with your request for reimbursement: these tickets have been bought by Kathy and she needs the used ones to get her money back.

Brussels Metro Map: <http://cordis.europa.eu/cost/src/metromap.htm>

One further note: Bruxelles is a large and lively city. It is a pleasant one, but it is advisable to be very careful about your baggage and belongings. Several of us have been robbed in Bruxelles, in the metro and railway stations and -- particularly -- in the train from the airport. So please be very careful and keep all baggage, handbags and computer under close control at all times.

Have a good trip, and we will see you soon

Kathy, Gudmundur, Laura