

BELGIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON URBAN POLICIES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region

Brussels, 21 and 22 January 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

Last update: 12 December 2023



Meeting venue

Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region Hemicycle Rue du Lombard 69

Registration and accreditation

All participants must register online before 15 January using the following form:

https://share.parlement.brussels/intranet2/interparliamentary-conference-on-urban-policies-fromeuropean-union/

Any questions concerning this conference should be sent to the meeting secretariat at the following address:

belgium2024eu@parlement.brussels

Delegations must arrive at the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region on Sunday 21 January between 5.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. or on Monday 22 January between 8.30 a.m. and 9.15 a.m.

For security reasons, all participants must wear their accreditation visibly during the conference and all activities.

In the event of loss, the organisers must be informed immediately.

Accreditation ribbons have the following colours:

Head of delegation
Members of Parliament
Staff
Speakers
Organisers
Observers/Guests
Interpreters

Red
Blue
Green
Light blue
Orange
Yellow

Members of the press must identify themselves by email:

mstrowel@parlement.brussels



Contacting the organisers

The contact email address for all questions relating to this conference is

belgium2024eu@parlement.brussels

Conference documents will be published on IPEX.

Accommodation

The conference organizer has obtained preferential rates at a number of hotels:

9 Hotel Central Brussels
Rue des Colonies 10
1000 Brussels
https://secure.hotel.visitbrussels.be/event/eu-urban-policies/congress/search

Warwick Brussels
Rue Duquesnoy 5
1000 Brussels
https://secure.hotel.visitbrussels.be/event/eu-urban-policies/congress/search

Best Western Hotel Royal Centre
Rue Royale 160
1000 Bruxelles
https://secure.hotel.visitbrussels.be/event/eu-urban-policies/congress/search

Transfers

Delegations must organise their own transfers to and from the airport/train station on arrival and departure.

Brussels-National airport is 11 km from the meeting venue. For more information, click on the following links:

• Train | How to get there | https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers/access-parking/train



- Taxi | How to get there | https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers/access-parking/taxi-and-limousine-services
- Bus | How to get there | https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers/access-parking/bus

Brussels-Charleroi airport is 60 km from the meeting venue. For more information, click on the following link:

• Taxi or bus | How to get there | https://www.brussels-charleroi-airport.com/en/parking-access

Brussels-Midi station is 2 km from the meeting venue. For more information, click on the following link:

https://www.b-europe.com/EN/Stations/Brussels-Midi

The Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region will not provide transfers between the hotels and the meeting venue, given that the hotels are located less than 15 minutes' walk from the meeting venue.

<u>Interpretation</u>

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Dutch and German. The organisers can provide interpreting booths for three additional languages. Member States may request interpretation into their own language, and requests will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Member States will have to cover the cost of interpretation into their language, and the host parliament will cover the cost of the necessary infrastructure and technology.

Delegations bringing interpreters must register them on the registration form.

Documents

Meeting documentation will be available on the IPEX website, the EU's interparliamentary exchange platform, and on the website of the parliamentary dimension of the Belgian Presidency of the European Union

Requests to speak

Participants wishing to take part in the working sessions can request to speak in the relevant section of the online registration form.

For all other enquiries, please email <u>belgium2024eu@parlement.brussels</u>.



Working rooms

A working room will be available for participants.

Bilateral Meetings

Rooms are reserved for bilateral meetings. Delegations wishing to reserve a room should send an email to belgium2024eu@parlement.brussels indicating the meeting and the time they wish to request the bilateral meeting.

To make a reservation during the conference, please contact the meeting secretariat.

<u>Cafeteria</u>

The cafeteria will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Social events

A dinner will be held on 21 January (Salle des Glaces [Hall of Mirrors] – Parlement de la Région de Bruxelles – rue du Lombard 69).

Participants are asked to indicate any food intolerances or allergies on the registration form.

Webstreaming

The meeting will be broadcast live with sound from the room.

<u>Currency</u>

Belgium's official currency is the Euro.

Electrical power and sockets

In Belgium, the electrical power is 230 V and the frequency 50 Hz. Connectors and sockets are type F.