



The Social Pillar and European Semester as tools for delivering social Europe – a reflection with civil society

Tuesday 17 April 2018

Crowne Plaza Brussels – Le Palace, Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels, Belgium

Practical information

Travel

If the ECE Coordination Team at ICF has organised your travel, you should have received your itinerary/e-ticket in the e-mail accompanying this practical information. If you have not, please contact the ECE Coordination Team at ICF on ece@icfi.com ***Please note that this reservation does not include travel insurance or medical cover, and you are responsible for arranging your own insurance. We recommend that you obtain a policy that is adequate and suitable for this trip.***

The ECE Coordination Team at ICF needs to collect outbound **boarding passes and train tickets** (principal journey only) at Registration on Tuesday 17 April, so please remember to bring yours with you. If in electronic format, please print off sufficient copies to enable you to hand in both your outbound and return boarding passes/train tickets. If they are not in electronic format, please bring your outbound to Registration and you will need to send your return boarding pass/train ticket to the ECE Coordination Team at ICF once you have returned home.

Meeting Venue

The venue for the Seminar on the Social Pillar and European Semester as Tools for Delivering Social Europe is the **Crowne Plaza Brussels – Le Palace Hotel**, Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels, Belgium. Tel: +32 2 2036200. The Hotel has a smoke free policy throughout (including E-cigarettes and VAPE devices).



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Further information about the Hotel and its facilities, can be found at: <http://crowneplazabrusselspalace.h-rez.com/contact.htm> The event will be held in the 'Palace Ballroom I & II'.

The event commences at 09:00hrs, please aim to arrive by **08:30hrs** at the latest to allow sufficient time to register. Tea and coffee will be available in the registration area. The event will finish at approximately 17:00hrs.

A light lunch will be provided.

Overnight Accommodation

For those that have requested overnight accommodation for the night of 16 April, this is also at the **Crowne Plaza Brussels – Le Palace Hotel**. A room for single use, including breakfast, has been reserved in your name. Check-in is from 15:00hrs; Check-out is before 12:00hrs (we would recommend that you check-out before the event starts and leave your luggage with the Concierge for safe-keeping). Please direct any queries to the ECE Coordination Team at ICF on ece@icfi.com

Travelling to the Crowne Plaza Brussels – Le Palace

Directions from Brussels airport

Train:

Take the train from Brussels airport to Brussels Gare du Nord. The hotel is an eight minute walk from Gare du Nord, using the following directions:

Exit Brussels Gare du Nord and walk south towards Place du N/Noordplein, then turn right onto Place du N/Noordplein. After 20 meters turn left onto Rue du Progrès/Vooruitgangstraat. Walk for 200m and then turn left onto Rue Marie Popelin/Marie Popelinstraat. After 210m turn right onto Rue Gineste/Ginestestraat. The hotel will be on the left.

Alternatively, you can take the Metro (Line 3 or 4, in the direction of Stalle or Churchill) from Gare du Nord to Rogier. It is one stop. When you exit the Metro station the City2 Shopping Mall will be on your left. Turn left up Boulevard du Jardin Botanique/Kruidtuinlaan and walk for approximately 250m. Turn right on to Rue Gineste and the hotel will be on your left.

You must buy a train ticket before boarding the train. Trains depart approximately every 10-20 minutes and run from 5am to midnight.

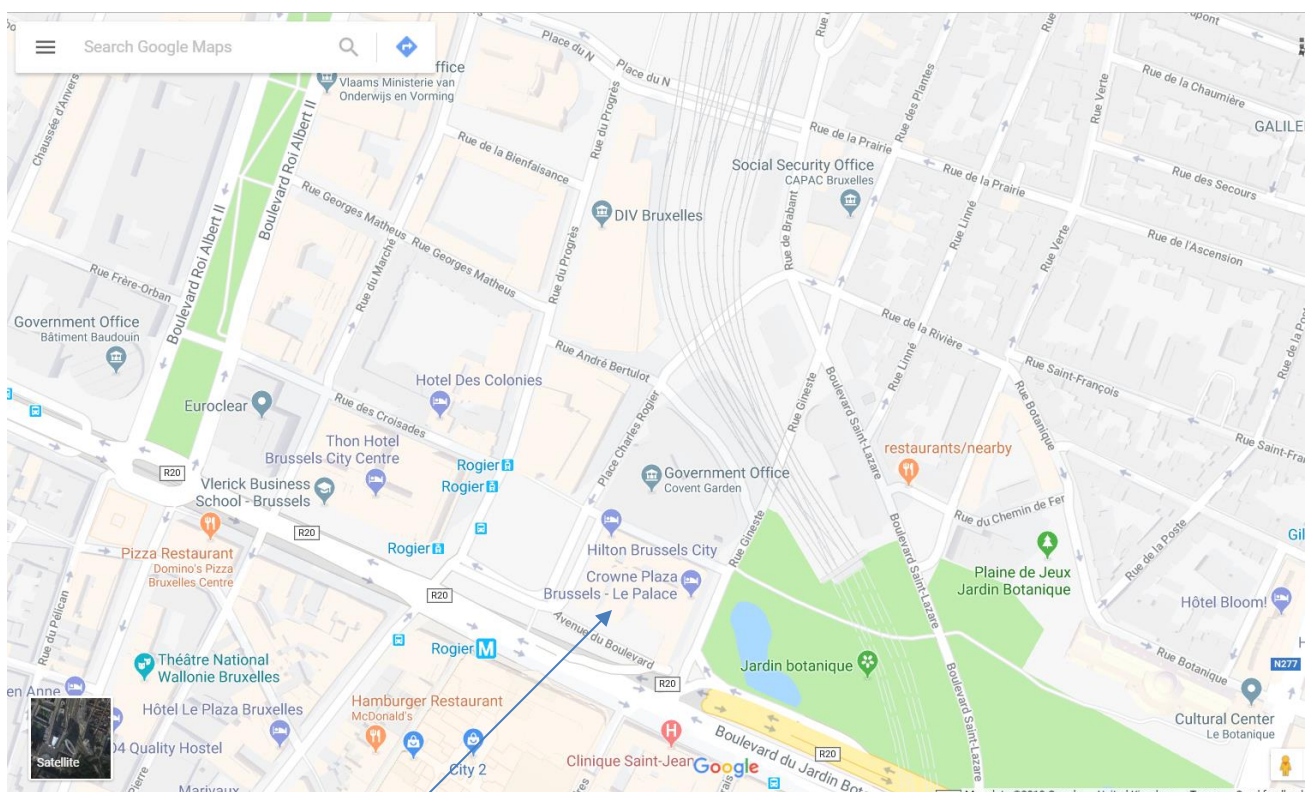
The train station at the airport is located below the arrivals terminal (basement level -1). A metro map is also attached. Metro tickets are available in the Metro stations.

Taxi:

A taxi from the airport to the hotel costs approximately €45 Euros.

Travelling by Eurostar/Thalys

For those arriving by train to Gare du Midi (Eurostar and Thalys), you will need to take the Metro (lines 3 or 4, in the direction of Esplanade or Gare du Nord). When you exit the Metro station the City2 Shopping Mall will be on your left. Turn left up Boulevard du Jardin Botanique/Kruidtuinlaan and walk for approximately 250m. Turn right on to Rue Gineste and the hotel will be on your left.



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Metro Map

