

Equinet Annual General Meeting

05 October 2022

Brussels Travel Guide



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WELCOME

First of all, thank you for attending the Equinet Annual General Meeting (AGM)! Along with taking relevant decisions for the network and creating an atmosphere of learning and sharing, meeting with members and partners is one of the biggest motivations we have to organise this event!

This is the first in-person Annual General Meeting since 2019, and it will be an excellent opportunity to gather to discuss Equinet’s strategic plan for 2023-2026 and the 2023 work plan. In addition, we will have a chance to discuss the planned legislative proposals on standards for national equality bodies and other key EU equality priorities.

So, we just want to say that we are honoured to have you visit us in Brussels, and hope that this experience will be a safe and enjoyable one for everyone!

LOGISTICS

COVID RESTRICTIONS & INFORMATION

When arriving in Brussels by air, you are **not** required to take a test before your trip.

- There is **no more** requirement for people travelling to Belgium to have one of the three COVID-19 certificates (vaccination, test or recovery), unless it is required for travelers coming from a country with a new variant of concern.
- Wearing a mask is **no longer** mandatory on board to and from Brussels, but it is still recommended.
- In Brussels wearing a mask is **only** mandatory in health care facilities and pharmacies.

For the latest updates on new measures in Belgium, you can check the [Belgian government Coronavirus information website](#).

General behavior guidelines

- Social distancing
- Frequent hand washing
- Respiratory etiquette.

**Please note that per the country’s current guidelines, the use of masks will not be required during the meeting. However, all participants are free to use their mask during the event if they so prefer.*

Before your trip, please check your country’s rule regarding the need for COVID-19 testing before returning from Brussels.

MEETING VENUE

The meeting will take place at the [Hotel Pullman Brussels Centre Midi](#) located in the Gare du Midi/Zuidstation/South station and next to Equinet's office.

Address: Pl. Victor Horta 1, 1060 Bruxelles

Phone: +32 025289800

Breakfast and lunch will be served at the hotel restaurant, on the ground floor. The meeting room is located on the first floor of the hotel.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL

The Belgian rail unions will be holding a 24-hour strike starting on 4th October at 10 pm until 5th October 10 pm. While this will not affect local public transportation (buses and metro), there will be disruptions on the trains from and to the Zaventem airport!

Taxis and car share apps (Uber, Bolt) are available, but expect price surges, delays, and longer waiting as the volume of passengers will be larger! The taxi fare normally varies between 45/50 €.

If your departing flight leaves on 5th October before 7:30 pm from Brussels Zaventem airport (BRU), please send your flight information to teresa.pedreira@equineteurope.org with your flight details as we are arranging a taxi pool to ensure you can get to the airport in time.

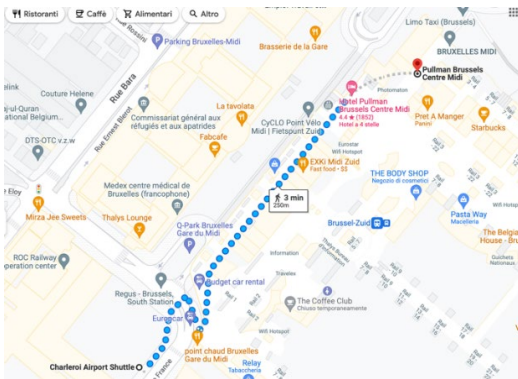
Directions from Brussels Zaventem Airport (BRU)

- **If you arrive in Brussels on the 4th October before 9:30 pm:**
 - Regularly scheduled **trains** connect the Brussels Airport to Gare du Midi/Zuidstation, which is adjacent to the hotel. **The train** ride takes about 25 minutes, and approximately 4 trains run every hour. Ticket costs 9.30 euros.
- **If you arrive on the 4th October after 9:30 pm:**
 - **Bus line 12** – get off at Troon/Trône station (45 minutes) and take the **metro 2/6** from Troon/Trône station to Gare du Midi/Zuidstation (10 minutes). A single journey ticket cost 7 euros and you can pay with your contactless bank/credit card on the bus. Scan the same card at the metro station to transfer using the same ticket.

Directions from Charleroi Airport

Taxi fare to and from the Charleroi airport varies from 70 to 80 €.

The easiest way to reach **the hotel** from Charleroi Airport, is the [Flibco shuttle bus](#). The bus ride takes about 55 minutes, and they have departures approximately every 20 to 30 minutes. The fare is around 15.50 € and you can book your ticket online or purchase your ticket at the airport. Pick-up and drop-off at the airport is located at Terminal 1. The bus drops you off just outside of the Gare du Midi/Zuidstation. (250m – 3 minutes walking to hotel)



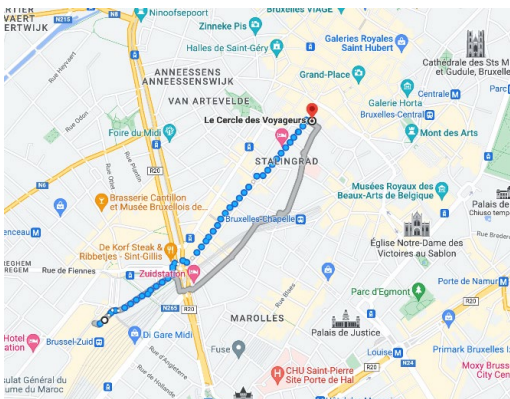
DINNER

On the evening of 4th October at 19:00, Equinet will host a dinner for members at [Le Cercle des Voyageurs](#). The restaurant can be reached by a 20-minute walk from the hotel, or by tram 3/4 in Gare du Midi next to the Hotel (see detailed directions below).

Address: [Rue des Grands Carmes, Lievevroubroersstraat 18, 1000 Bruxelles](#)

Phone: +32 2 514.39.49

1. Walking distance: 20 minutes – 1.4 KM



2. Public Transportation: Tram 3 or 4 from Gare du midi to Annessens Premetro Station (2 stops) and walk of 350 m – 13 minutes total

