

Innovation Seminar 18-19 March 2014, Ghent – Practical information



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Organizers

The conference will be hosted by the Flemish Rural Network, the Contact Point for the European Network for Rural Development and the Service Point for the European Innovation Partnership.

Date

18-19 March 2014. On Tuesday 18th we will start at 13h (no lunch foreseen). On Wednesday 19th we will end the meeting around 16h.

Registration

With the final agenda we will send you more information on how to register for the meeting itself.

Costs for the meeting

Participation is free of charge (including coffee breaks, social programme and dinner on Tuesday and lunch on Wednesday).

Participants are expected to cover their own accommodation and travel costs (including transfers to and from the airport).

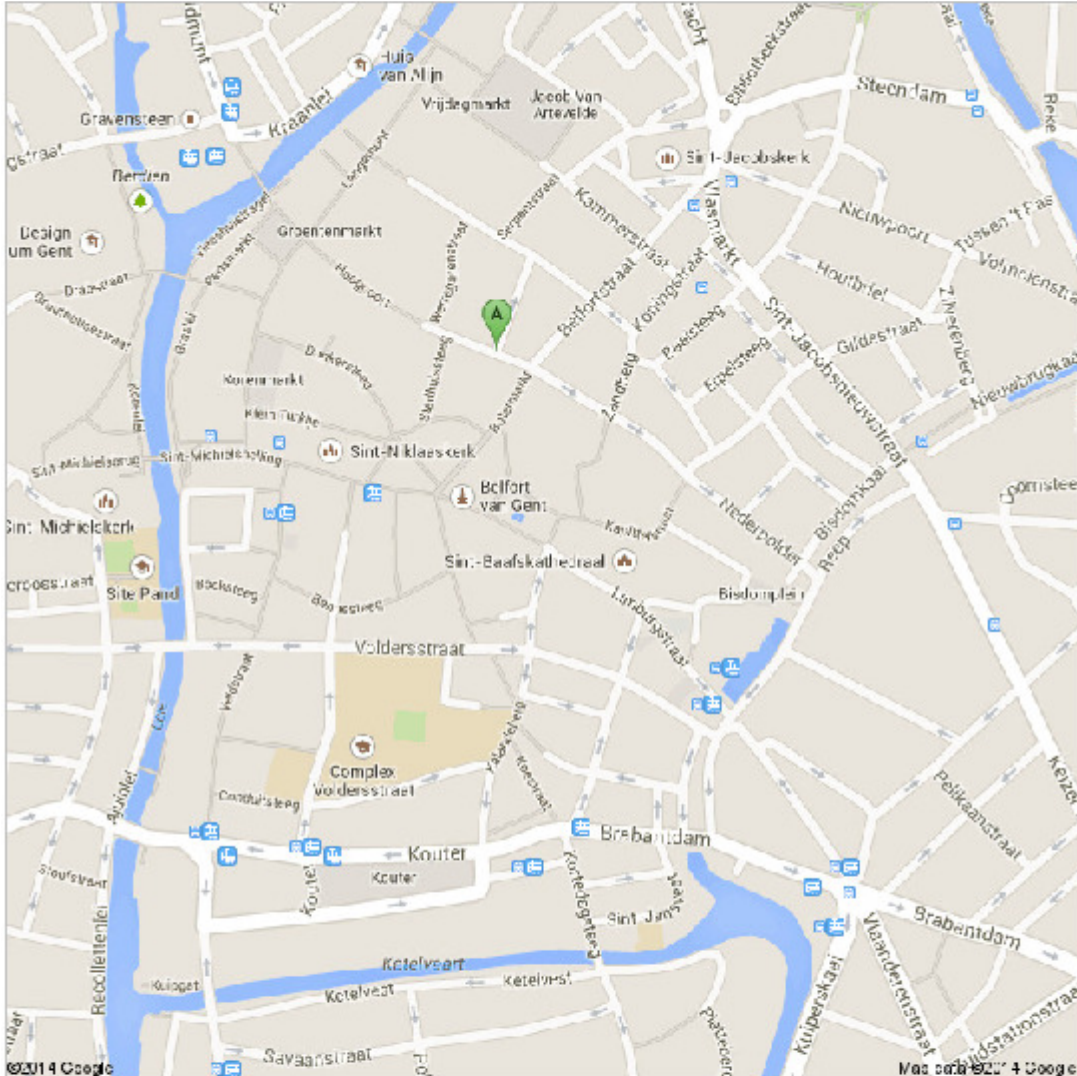
Language

The meeting will be held in English.

Meeting venue

The meeting will take place at the following address: Hotel NH Gent Belfort – Hoogpoort 63 – 9000 Gent (Ghent, the most beautiful city in Flanders ☺), across the city hall (stadhuis)

<http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/belgium/ghent/nh-gent-belfort.html>



Accommodation

A limited number of rooms are available at the Hotel NH Gent Belfort, where the meeting will take place, at a reduced rate of 99 euro (single room, breakfast included) or 109 euro (double room, breakfast included).

If you want to book a room in this hotel and if you want to enjoy the special rate, please mail the booking form to b.stes@nh-hotels.com

You can also book a room in another hotel/b&b nearby. Some suggestions:

- Ibis Gent Centrum Sint-Baafs Kathedraal ** - Limburgstraat 2 – 9000 Gent
- Novotel Gent Centrum *** - Goudenleuwplein 5 – 9000 Gent
- Best Western Residence Cour St. Georges *** - Hoogpoort 75 – 9000 Gent

-Ghent River Hotel **** - Waaistraat 5 – 9000 Gent

-B&B Chambreplus – Hoogpoort 31 – 9000 Gent

Other accommodation can be found on <http://www.visitgent.be>.

Transport

✓ *To Belgium by plane*

We recommend flying to Brussels Airport.

✓ *To Belgium by train*

From Paris, London, Amsterdam, ... you can take a train to Brussels-South. From Brussels-South several trains go to Ghent-Sint-Pieters (appr. 40 minutes).

✓ *From Brussels Airport or Brussels South train station to Ghent*

From the airport (level -1 / basement) and from Brussels South you can take a direct train to Ghent-Sint-Pieters (appr. 1h)

To check the hours of the trains and to buy your tickets, please follow this link:

<http://www.belgianrail.be/en/Default.aspx>

It's also possible to take a taxi from Brussels Airport or Brussels South train station to the hotel (90 - 105 euro / please check in advance).

✓ *From train station Ghent-Sint-Pieters to Hotel NH Gent Belfort / the city centre*

Outside the train station, on your left, you can take tram 1 to the city centre. The closest stop to Hotel NH Gent Belfort is 'Korenmarkt' (appr. 15 min). Please make sure the tram has one of the following destinations: Korenmarkt, Evergem (Brielken) or Wondelgem.

From this stop it's a five minute walk to Hotel NH Gent Belfort.

General information about Flanders

✓ *Language*

Dutch is the official language in Flanders.

✓ *Local time*

Central European Time (CET) and CEST during summer.

✓ *Climate and weather*

Average temperature in March is between 3°C and 9°C. For a weather forecast, please visit the Royal Meteorological Institute of Belgium (RMI): www.meteo.be/en. But taking an umbrella with you would be a nice thing...

✓ *Currency*

Euro (€)

✓ *Power supply*

Before travelling to Belgium, please bear in mind that connection to electrical power sockets can be different from the ones in your home country. Please be prepared for 220-230 V, using two-pin plugs.

✓ *Smoke-free policy*

Smoking is banned in hotels, restaurants and public buildings in Belgium. Usually there are specially designated smoking areas situated nearby.

✓ *Contact*

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We look forward to welcome you in Ghent!!

