

## Social enterprise for sustainable societies

### Venue and how to get to Louvain-la-Neuve

July 3-6, 2017

Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

#### I. Conference venue

[Université Catholique de Louvain](#) (UCL) is an international university at the heart of Europe. Its headquarters are located in Louvain-la-Neuve, a new university town in the Walloon Region (the French-speaking part of Belgium), 30 km south of the Belgian and European capital: Brussels.

The venue of the 6th EMES International Conference will be

Université catholique de Louvain  
Place Montesquieu  
B-1348 Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium)



#### II. Louvain-la-Neuve within Europe



Louvain-la-Neuve is situated in the French-speaking part of Belgium, in the province of Walloon Brabant.

### III. How to get to Louvain-la-Neuve by plane

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Brussels National Airport (Zaventem) is linked to Brussels by a train service (4 trains/hour between 5.30 a.m. and 12 p.m. during weekdays and between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. during week-ends). Please make sure not to go to Louvain (or Leuven in Dutch), which is a different city, and to get on the train to Ottignies.

Ask for a ticket to "Louvain-la-Neuve" and get off at station "Bruxelles Nord" (this is a 12 to 15-minute ride). Take the Brussels-Namur-Luxemburg line (there is a train every half hour, week-end included), get off at Ottignies (about 35 min.) and switch to a train to Louvain-la-Neuve (about 8 min.). Some trains go straight from Brussels to Louvain-la-Neuve but take more time.

If you arrive to Brussels South Charleroi Airport, at the airport, go to the Ryanair desk and ask for a combined bus/train ticket to Louvain-la-Neuve. Bus connections are organised according to flights arrivals and departures (there is a bus to Charleroi train station every half hour). Take the bus to Charleroi station, from where you can continue by train to Ottignies and there switch to a train to Louvain-la-Neuve-Univ.

### III. How to get to Louvain-la-Neuve by train

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Louvain-la-Neuve is easily accessible by train and its train station is located in the very centre of the town. From Brussels, you can get to Louvain-la-Neuve in about 40 minutes. If you are travelling to Louvain-la-Neuve by train, be sure to ask for a ticket to "Louvain-la-Neuve Université" and NOT to Louvain (or Leuven in Dutch), which is a different city, and to get on the train to Ottignies. From any Belgian station, take the train towards Ottignies, a station situated on the Brussels-Ottignies-Namur-Luxembourg line (there are trains every half hour in both directions). Get off at Ottignies station and change trains to continue to Louvain-la-Neuve Université (about 8 min.). Some trains go straight from Brussels to Louvain-la-Neuve but take more time. Timetables are available on the website [NMBS-SNCB](http://NMBS-SNCB).

***There will be a welcome point at the Ottignies station on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to help participants go either to Louvain-la-Neuve by train or to your hotel in Wavre or Ottignies using a taxi service.***

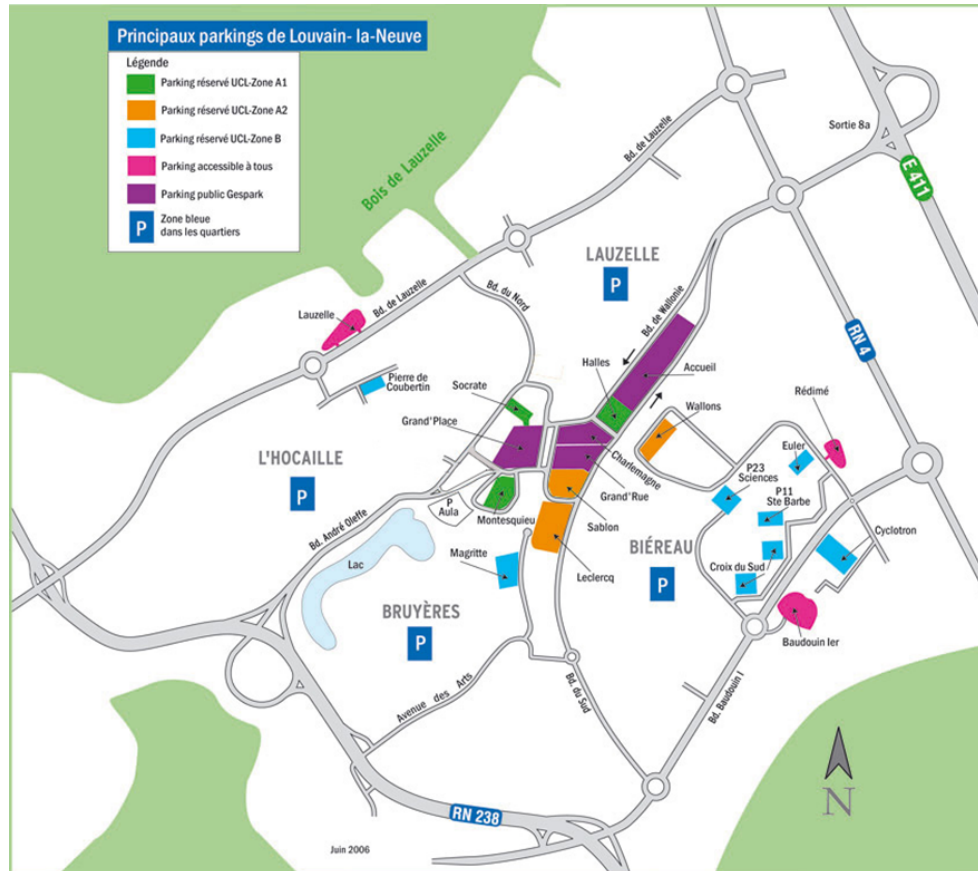
### IV. How to get to Louvain-la-Neuve by car

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Louvain-la-Neuve is situated at the crosspoint of many important roads:

- Brussels-Namur-Luxembourg E411 motorway: exit number 8a from Brussels, 9 from Namur-Luxembourg - marked "Louvain-la-Neuve". At the roundabout on the National 4, take the second exit. A
- Other important roads from Charleroi, Nivelles, Wavre...

Parking: GRAND PLACE (in purple in the map below)



## V. How to get to Louvain-la-Neuve by bus?

A special bus named **Conforto** connects Brussels to Louvain-la-Neuve. It is the quickest and most comfortable way to reach Brussels from Louvain-la-Neuve. There are two lines connecting two different neighborhoods in Brussels, Ixelles and Woluwe:

- “Conforto”: Louvain-la-Neuve-Wavre-Ixelles ([see information](#))
- “Conforto bis”: Louvain-la-Neuve-Wavre-Kraainem-Woluwe ([see information](#))

## VI. Getting around Louvain-la-Neuve

Louvain-la-Neuve was designed as a pedestrian city, and so it is very nice to walk. You will not have to walk more than 20 min in order to get to any place in the city. Moreover, there are lots of covered paths in the center in case of rain. Motorized traffic in the center is entirely underground, so it is very enjoyable for the pedestrians. The city is also very accessible for wheelchairs, bikes, roller blades...

Be careful, nearly everybody gets lost the first time they get around the town, as everything looks pretty much the same from an outsider point of view, and Louvain-la-Neuve's layout is not very logical to new visitors. You can find a map of Louvain-la-Neuve [here](#).

## VII. What to see

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Since it is a fairly new town (created in 1969), Louvain-la-Neuve does not have any historical buildings or similar monuments. Nevertheless, it was designed in a radically different way from older towns. The urban development of the town attracts some tourists interested in the way the town evolved from scratch to what it is nowadays. The following buildings and places may be particularly interesting for you:

- The University Museum (formerly the Sciences library) is situated at place des sciences, upper town, and presents an interesting concrete architectural style. The museum's artworks, objects from different civilisations and scientific inventions will present a view of humans as creators and inventors, drawing on tradition to seek meaning in their lives, improve their circumstances, mark their passing and in this way construct culture. The Museum is expected to open in spring 2017 and it will be the venue for the conference welcome cocktail after the opening plenary. More information: <http://www.museel.be/en>
- The Hergé Museum is devoted to the oeuvre of Hergé whose work is not only Tintin. Graphic designer, caricaturist, cartoonist, illustrator, storyteller – he was a multi-talented artist who was a perfect reflection of the twentieth century. The building itself was designed and built within the picturesque green setting of Walloon Brabant, by the architect Christian de Portzamparc. More information: <http://www.museeherge.com/en>
- The Aula Magna, on the main square is the main auditorium in the city, good panorama on the lake. More information: <http://aulamagna.be/>
- Some gigantic frescos are disseminated around the city center.
- If you have an interest in urban architecture, Louvain-la-Neuve is an emblematic example as it was partly build over a car park which is still functioning.
- If you have a car, you can see the heart of the first cyclotron of the university at the crossroad near the new building housing the functional cyclotron.
- The "Quartier de la baraque" is a complete sub-village just behind the shopping mall. You can view ecologist houses build from recycled materials or wood.

You can learn more about the campus, the walks and museums around and restaurants and things to do in the [Tourism Ottignies – Louvain-la-Neuve web site](#).

[Click here](#) to download an interactive map.

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