

Joint Action Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting Closure Event “Towards a sustainable health workforce for Europe!”

Mons, Belgium, 3rd and 4th of May 2016

Practical information

Dear participant,

We thank you very much for your interest in our Closure Event and for your registration.

*We are pleased to provide you practical information regarding the Closure Event of Joint Action Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting - **Towards a sustainable health workforce for Europe**, which will be held in Mons, Belgium on May 3rd and 4th 2016.*

Venue

The event will be held at the MICX - Mons International Congress Xperience

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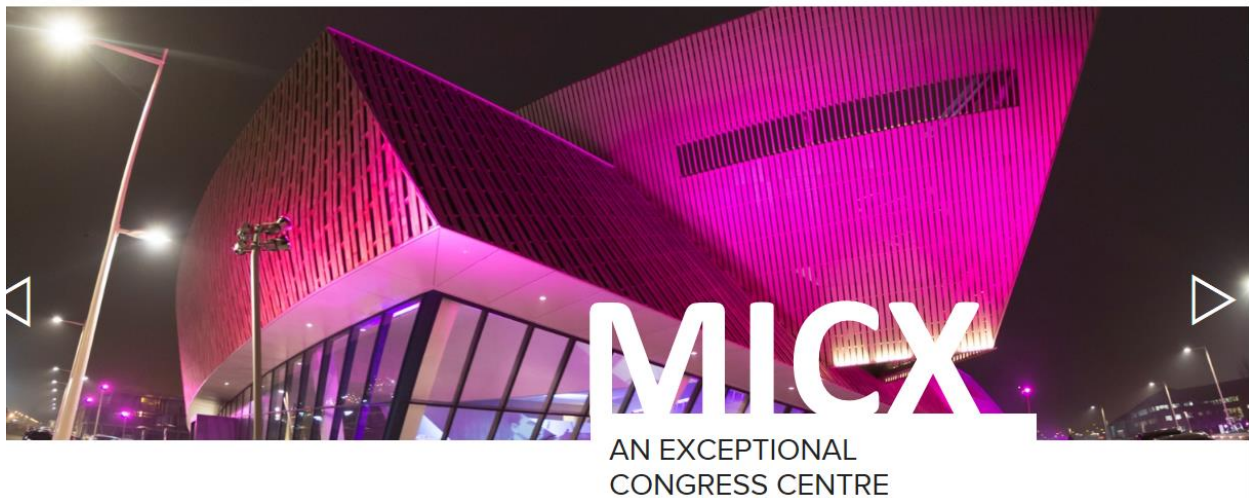
Website: <http://www.micx.be/en>

The MICX is an ideal location, which combines the usefulness of work well done with the pleasure of closeness to the city, as it is situated next to the Mons railway station, in the centre of Mons.

Close to Brussels National Airport (45 minutes), Brussels South - Charleroi (40 minutes) and Lille (50 minutes).

By train, the MICX is only 1 hour and 20 minutes away from Paris, 3 hours from Cologne, 3 hours from Amsterdam, and 2 hours and 40 minutes from London.

The congress building is a genuine masterpiece designed by Daniel Libeskind, the New Yorker architect, and is also sustainable compliant.



Transport

BY PLANE

Due to the recent events at Brussels Int. Airport, some of you might experience difficulties flying in to Brussels. Below are several alternate options for reaching Belgium/Mons:

- ✓ From [Brussels South Charleroi Airport](#), you can take a [shuttle bus](#) (~ 20 mins) to Charleroi-South Station and then a [train](#) to Mons (~ 35 minutes).
- ✓ From [Amsterdam Airport](#), you can take a [train](#) to Brussels South Station (Bruxelles Midi). From there you can then take a connecting train to Mons. (The whole journey can take between 2.5 and 3 hours, depending on the train connections).
- ✓ From [Charles de Gaulle Airport](#), you can take a TGV [train](#) to Brussels South Station (Bruxelles Midi) and then take a connecting train to Mons.

(The whole journey can take between 2.5 and 3.5 hours, depending on the train connections.)

- ✓ From [Lille Airport](#), you can take an Airport [shuttle](#) bus to the Lille Flandres Station (~ 20 mins), and from there you can grab a connecting [train](#) to Mons (~ 1 to 1.5 hours, depending on the train connections).
- ✓ From [Liège Airport](#), it is possible to take a [bus](#) to Liège-Guillemins Station (~ 20 mins), and from there a connecting [train](#) to Mons (~ 2 hours)

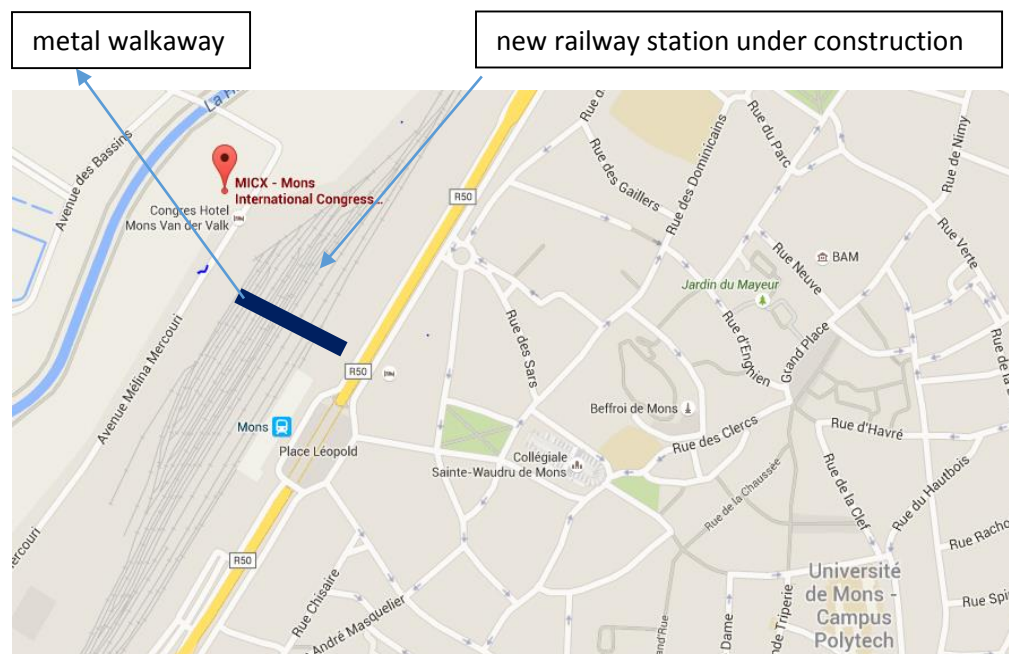
BY TRAIN

- ✓ 45 minutes From Brussels National Airport
- ✓ 40 minutes from Brussels South (Midi) Station
- ✓ 40 minutes from Brussels South Airport (Charleroi)
- ✓ 50 minutes From Lille Airport

BY CAR

- ✓ 45 minutes from Brussels (E19/A7 exit 24)

If you come by train, please note that Mons station is being renewed. While leaving the platform please turn left on the metal walkaway and follow the signs “Palais des Congrès”. The congress center is right behind the railway station and next to the Hotel Van Der Valk.



Hotels

The Joint Action has a preferential rates with below listed hotels, limited number of rooms are available with these rates:

- ✓ [Ibis Mons Centre Gare](#) 3* : 80 € single/95 € twin - breakfast included
Booking via ibismons@monshotels.be
- ✓ [Best Western Lido](#) 4* : 92 € single/107 € twin - breakfast included
Booking via info@lido.be

For getting the special room rates from these 2 hotels please use the reservation code **“JAEUHWF conference”** while making your hotel booking.

- ✓ [Congress Hotel Van der Valk](#) 4* (located next to the MICX):
This hotel has only availabilities for the 3rd & 4th May not for the 2nd.
91 € single without breakfast /113€ breakfast included
Booking via info@hotelmons.eu

For getting the special rate, please fill in form enclosed to this mail and send it back to the hotel.

Other hotels in Mons, Charleroi airport and Brussels (south station) are listed at the last [page](#) of this document.

About the city

Mons is ...

A city that matters, and is in the news

It is the capital of the Hainaut Region and was the European Capital of Culture in 2015.

A city that is well known throughout the world

It has three masterpieces classified as World Heritage sites, including the Belfry, the Spiennes Neolithic Mines and the Doudou.

A city on the cutting-edge of innovation

It has two universities, many specialist higher education schools, research centres, the “Initialis” science research park, a high-technology hub including the “Digital Innovation Valley” that is home to Google, and Microsoft, etc.

More about Mons on <http://www.visitmons.co.uk/>

Documentation

The programme of the Closure Event is available on our website <http://healthworkforce.eu/events/closure-event-plenary-assembly/>

A paper copy will be available at the event.

Varia

Please note that 5th May will be a bank holiday in Belgium and 6th May will be a bridge day.

We hope we have covered all the administrative points related to the meeting. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email: EUHWForce@health.belgium.be

Have a pleasant stay in Mons!

Yours faithfully,

WP1 team

Other hotels

Hotels in Mons:

- **The Dream Hotel** www.dream-mons.be
- **Saint-James Hotel** www.hotelstjames.be
- **Infotel Hotel** www.hotelinfotel.be
- **Hotel Le Terminus** <http://www.le-terminus.be/>

Hotels near Charleroi Airport:

- **IBIS Budget Charleroi Airport**
<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-5517-ibis-budget-charleroi-airport/index.shtml>
- **IBIS Charleroi Airport Brussels**
<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-2195-ibis-charleroi-aeroport/index.shtml>
- **Best Western Plus**
<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/BE/Gosselies-hotels/BEST-WESTERN-PLUS-Aero-44/Hotel-Overview.do?propertyCode=92914&group=false&srcPage=SelectHotel&isMapOpen=false&selectedHotels=>
- **Hotel South Charleroi Airport**
<http://www.charleroi-hotelsouth.be/html/en/infos.php>

- **Hotel Balladins Charleroi**
https://www.balladins.com/en/s01_home/s01p01_home.php?

Hotels near Brussels south station (Gare du Midi):

- **Novotel Brussels Centre Midi Station**
<http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-9336-novotel-brussels-centre-midi-station/index.shtml>
- **Pullman**
<http://www.pullmanhotels.com/gb/hotel-7431-pullman-brussels-centre-midi/index.shtml>
- **Park Inn by Radisson Brussels Midi Hotel** <http://www.parkinn.com/hotel-brussels>
- **Hotel Euro Capital Brussels** <http://ec-hotel.com/>
- **Mercure Hotel Brussels Centre Midi**
<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-7233-hotel-mercure-brussels-centre-midi/index.shtml>
- **Hotel Floris Hotel Ustel Midi** <http://www.florishotelustelmidi.be/hotel/>
- **IBIS Hotel Brussels Centre Gare du Midi**
<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-3152-ibis-brussels-centre-gare-midi/index.shtml>
- **Hotel Midi-Zuid** <http://hotel-midizuid.com/en>
- **Hotel Aviation** <https://www.aviation-hotel.com/index.php/en/>