

## **CONFERENCE 'THE POST-CRISIS SLUMP'** **European Commission, October 1-2 2015**

### **PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**The conference venue (i.e. The Berlaymont), the hotel (i.e. The Silken Berlaymont) and the restaurant for Thursday night (i.e. L'Atelier) are all located close to each other in the Schuman area of Brussels and within 5 minutes walking distance of the Schuman roundabout (rond point Schuman / Schumanplein).**

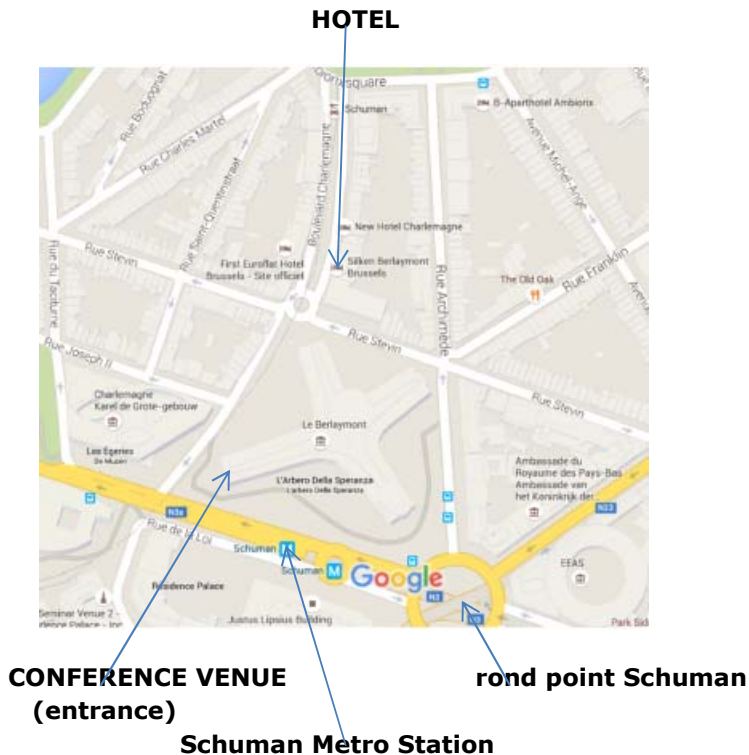
**CONFERENCE VENUE :** The conference takes place in the European Commission's Berlaymont building (Meeting Room: Walter Hallstein).

On the first day of the conference, please bring a copy of the invitation e-mail sent to you, as well as a passport or identity card, in order to meet the security requirements needed to gain entry to the Berlaymont building. Once inside the building, someone will be waiting for you with directions as to how to get to the Walter Hallstein meeting room where the conference will take place.

**ADDRESS :** 200 Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat – 1000 Brussels



The Berlaymont Building (view from 'rond point Schuman')



## HOW TO GET TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE

Please note that, unfortunately, European Commission rules do not allow to reimburse taxi fares or public transport tickets.

### 1. From Brussels-National Airport:

- Licensed **taxis** are available outside the Arrivals hall. The fare should cost around €40-€45.
- Airport line: take the No.12 **MIVB/STIB bus** (or No. 21 after 20:00 or on weekends) to "Schuman", a two-minute walk from the venue. It leaves two to four times an hour from the Bus Station, level 0, platform C. The journey should take around 30 minutes. In order to save time and money, buy your ticket (€4.50) from the GO ticket vending machines before boarding. Tickets bought from the driver are more expensive (€6.00).
- **Trains** to Brussels Central leave the station on Level -1 of the airport, six times an hour. The trip should take around 15 minutes and costs €8.50. Tickets can be bought at the train office or **NMBS/SNCB** vending machines.

### 2. From Brussels Central Station (Gare Centrale):

- Take **Metro (subway)** line 1 or 5 to the "Schuman" station (located next to the European Commission). The journey should take 5 minutes or less and a ticket costs around €2, to be bought at the office or a GO vending machine.

### **3. From Brussels South Station (Gare du Midi), Thalys and Eurostar**

· Take Metro line 2 or 6 to Arts-Loi. Change to line line 1 or 5 to Schuman.  
Tickets can be bought at the GO vending machine.

A map of the metro can be found here:

[http://www.stib-mivb.be/irj/go/km/docs/STIB-MIVB/INTERNET/attachments/Plan\\_reseau/Plan\\_M\\_Stations\\_20150629.pdf](http://www.stib-mivb.be/irj/go/km/docs/STIB-MIVB/INTERNET/attachments/Plan_reseau/Plan_M_Stations_20150629.pdf)

Web link for train airport-Central Station:

<http://www.belgianrail.be/en/stations-and-train/fast-airport-connections.aspx>

### **CONFERENCE HOTEL : SILKEN BERLAYMONT**

**Address:** 11-19, Boulevard Charlemagne  
1000 Brussels – Belgium

**Telephone:** +32 (0)2-231 09 09

**Fax:** +32 (0)2-230 33 71



#### **HOW TO GET TO THE SILKEN BERLAYMONT HOTEL FROM THE SCHUMAN ROUNDABOUT:**

Take the exit for Rue Archimède. Turn left onto Rue Stévin and then right at the first right turn. You are now in Boulevard Charlemagne and the hotel is 20 metres away, on the right.

**CONFERENCE RESTAURANT : L'ATELIER EUROPÉEN**

**ADDRESS :** 28 rue Franklin

1000 Brussels

**TELEPHONE :** +32 (0) 2 734 91 40

**FAX :** +32 (0) 2 735 35 98

**HOW TO GET TO THE RESTAURANT L'ATELIER FROM THE SCHUMAN ROUNDABOUT:** Take the exit for Rue Archimède and take the second turn on the right. You are now in Rue Franklin and the restaurant is located at number 28.



**PERSONAL SECURITY :** Brussels is generally a safe city but conference participants are nevertheless advised to follow the normal precautions which are prudent in any large city, especially if travelling on their own late at night. Caution should also be exercised in the area around the Berlaymont, where the conference takes place.

**DIETARY ISSUES :** Any participants with specific dietary requirements should contact Ms. Honorée Rovers (by e-mail [honoree.rovers@ec.europa.eu](mailto:honoree.rovers@ec.europa.eu) or by telephone **+32 2 296.52.65**).

**ADDITIONAL CONTACT DETAILS**

Although all travel and accommodation issues appear now to have been resolved, in the event of any "last minute" issues, please contact either Ms. Honorée Rovers (by e-mail [honoree.rovers@ec.europa.eu](mailto:honoree.rovers@ec.europa.eu) or by telephone **+32 2 296.52.65**) or Kieran Mc Morrow (by e-mail [kieran.mcmorrow@ec.europa.eu](mailto:kieran.mcmorrow@ec.europa.eu) or by telephone **+32 2 299.33.51**).