

# socialplatform

## Annual Conference

"Social Values and Democracy:  
Renewing the guiding principles of the European Union"

Brussels, 5 & 6 December 2006

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### ■ Venue

The conference will take place at "**Flagey building**" in Brussels.

Address: Place Sainte-Croix, 1050 Brussels

How to reach the Flagey building:

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

##### 🚏 BUS AND TRAM

Flagey is easily accessible by bus and tram.

Tram: 81 - 82

Bus: 38 - 59 - 60 - 71

##### 🚆 TRAIN

Arriving from:

- Central station: Bus 71 going to 'Delta'; Bus 38 going to 'Homborch' or Bus 60 going to 'Vivier d'Oie'
- Luxembourg station: Bus 38 going to 'Homborch' or Bus 60 going to 'Vivier d'Oie'
- North station: Tram 81 going to 'Montgomery'
- Midi station: Trams 81 or 82 going to 'Montgomery'

Departing to:

- Central station: Bus 38 going to 'Bruxelles-Nord'; Bus 60 or 71 going to 'De Brouckère'
- Luxembourg station: Bus 38 going to 'Bruxelles-Nord' or Bus 60 going to 'De Brouckère'

### ■ Travel and accommodation

The Social Platform is able to cover travel and hotel costs for **two delegates** only from each of its full European member organisations. If you are an NGO member of one of the members, please indicate on the registration form to which platform member you belong.

Other participants will need to cover their own costs.

If the Platform is able to cover your expenses (confirm with the Secretariat before booking), please note that you will have to book your own Apex/Economy ticket or second-class train ticket as soon as possible following the confirmation of your participation by the Social Platform to ensure the most economic possible ticket. If available flights exceed reasonable cost, please check with the Social Platform before booking.

You will be refunded by the Platform after the event. Tickets can only be refunded on receipt of a valid boarding pass for each journey. An [expenses form](#) is available on the Platform website to claim expenses.

**Deadline for returning the Registration form: 27 November 2006**

## ■ Accommodation

The Social Platform has booked rooms at one of the two hotels below, not far from the conference venue.

### 1. Hotel Capital

Chaussée de Vleurgat 191  
1050 Brussels  
T: +32.2.646.64.20  
[www.hotelcapital.be](http://www.hotelcapital.be)

### 2. White Hotel

Avenue Louise 212  
1050 Brussels  
T: +32.2.644.29.29  
[www.thewhitehotel.be](http://www.thewhitehotel.be)

If you are entitled to a paid place, please note that we will cover single rooms for a maximum of two nights. Any extra night will be at your own expense or to be agreed in advance. Extra costs such as the usage of bar, telephone, etc will be at your own costs.

For additional nights, the special price for a single room is € 85 at the Hotel Capital and € 95 at the White Hotel, including breakfast.

How to reach conference venue from the Hotel Capital:

Bus: 38 – 60  
Walk: 15-20 minutes

How to reach conference venue from the White Hotel:

Trams: 81 – 82  
Walk: 15-20 minutes  
(see map on page 3)

### ► **How to reach the hotels from the airport:**

From the airport there are regular trains going to the centre of Brussels. There is also a shuttle bus. A taxi will cost you around € 30.

Brussels International Airport is at Zaventem, 14 km from the city centre.

1. A **bus** assures connection between the Centre and Brussels National Airport: **B 12** (express bus). One ticket costs € 3.

2. A **train** assures connections between the city and the airport. The journey lasts about 15-25 minutes. A one-way ticket costs € 2,80.

All trains stop at the North Station, Central Station and South (Midi) Station. It takes 5 minutes to travel from North to Central station and from Central to South station.

### • **Reaching the Hotel Capital Hotel:**

Option 1: If you take the STIB Airport line (shuttle bus)

Airport to Centre: get off at "Luxembourg"

And from Luxembourg take the bus 38 going to "Homborch", get off at "Vleurgat" (opposite hotel)

Option 2: If you take THE TRAIN

You can get off at "South/Midi Station", take the metro Line 2 going to "Simonis", get off at "Louise" and from there take the tram "93 or 94" going to "Marie-José" or "Herrmann-Debroux" and get off at "Vleurgat"

• **Reaching the White Hotel:**

Option 1: If you take the STIB Airport line (shuttle bus)

Airport to Centre: get off at "Luxembourg"

And from Luxembourg take the bus 54 going to "Forest Centre", get off at "Lesbroussart"

Option 2: If you take THE TRAIN

You can get off at "North Station", take the tram 81 going to "Montgomery" and get off at "Lesbroussart"

You can also get off at "South/Midi Station", take the trams 81 or 82 going to "Montgomery" and get off at "Lesbroussart". The hotel is 2 minutes walk from there.

You will find all details on this website:

[http://www.biac.be/to\\_from\\_airport/index.cfm?lang=en](http://www.biac.be/to_from_airport/index.cfm?lang=en)

■ **Interpretation**

Interpretation will be provided in English and French for the plenary sessions and only for two of the workshops.

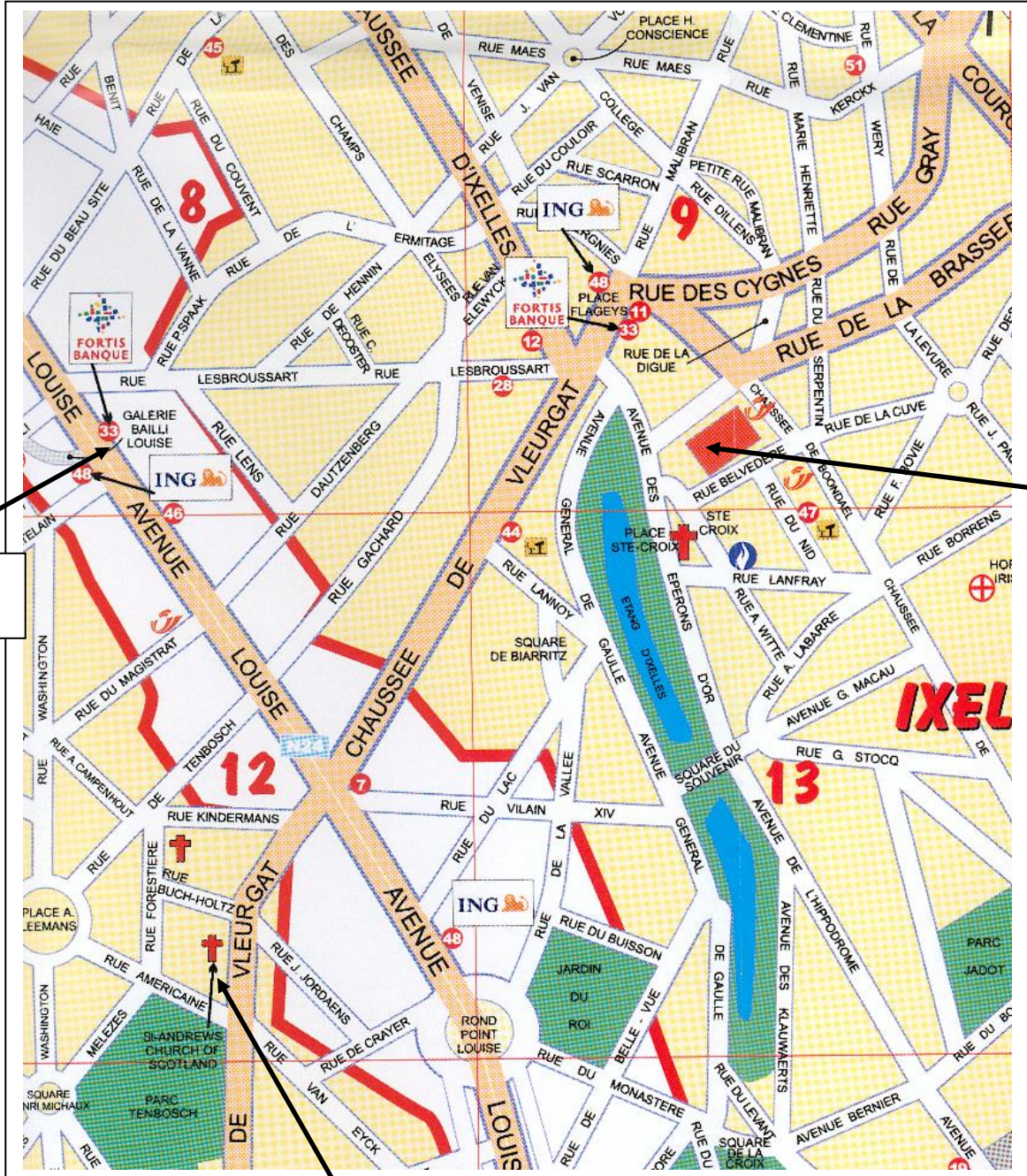
■ **Contacts**

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■ **Cancellation**

All cancellations must be made in writing to the Social Platform **before 28 November 2006**.



White Hotel

Flagey building

Hotel Capital