

# 3<sup>rd</sup> CCI Global Land Cover User Workshop

UCLouvain

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## Information Guide



*Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium*

## 1. Introduction

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> CCI Global Land Cover Workshop hosted on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 by the Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain) in Louvain-la-Neuve, at 20 km from Brussels in Belgium.

In order to make your venue to Louvain-la-Neuve as easy as possible, we would like to provide you with some logistic information.

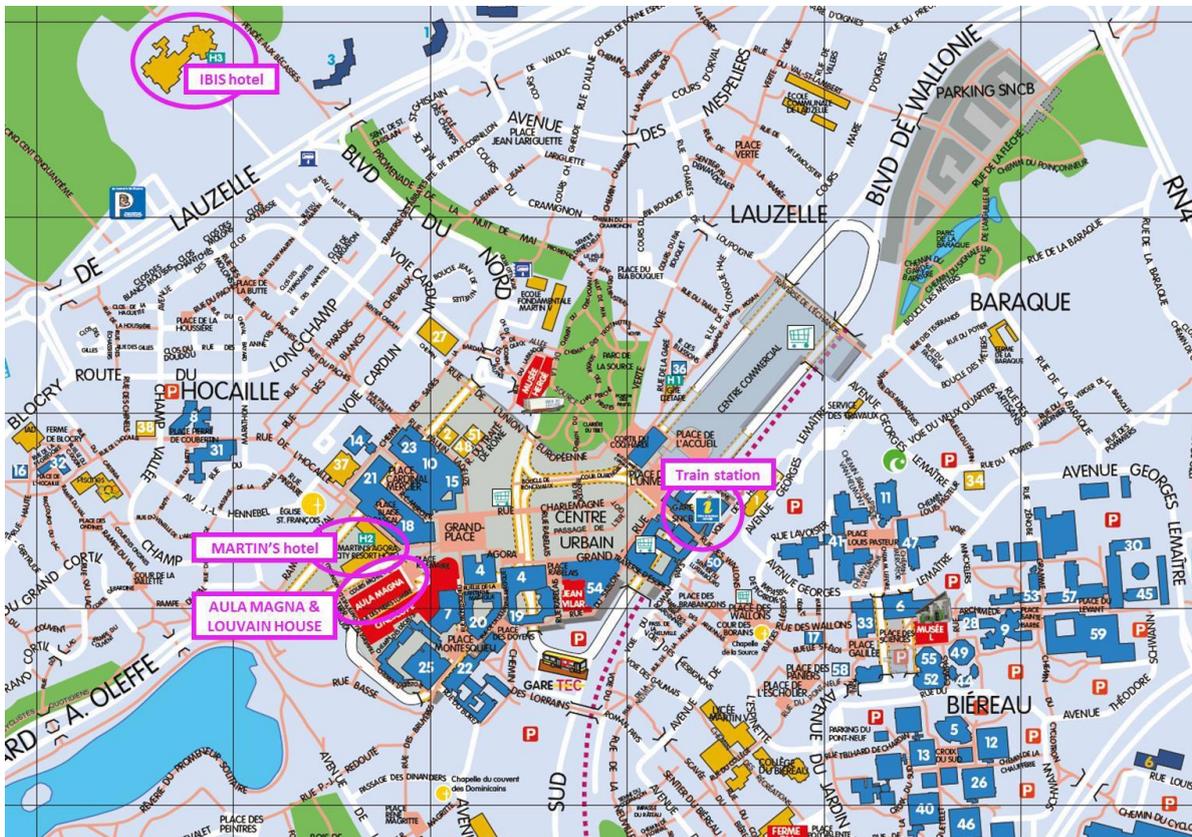
Should you need any additional logistic information, don't hesitate to ask Pascale Thiran ([Pascale.Thiran@uclouvain.be](mailto:Pascale.Thiran@uclouvain.be)). We would be glad to help you.

## 2. Event venue

The 3<sup>rd</sup> CCI Global Land Cover Workshop will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 in **Louvain-la-Neuve**, located 20 km south-east of Brussels, in Belgium. It is very important to notice that Louvain-la-Neuve is a **pedestrian town** with car traffic completely underground and all locations are in a walking distance. Many locations are not directly accessible by car but can be easily reached thanks to underground parking elevators or stairs.

All the meetings will take place at the “**Louvain House**”, located at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Aula Magna building. The Aula Magna is located at the Place Raymond Lemaire, just next to the Grand-Place, right in the center of the town. The entrance for the Louvain House is **on the lakeside** of the Aula Magna building (“**Traverse Comte Yves du Monceau**”) accessible only from the pedestrian level.

**Address of the Louvain House:** Traverse Comte Yves du Monceau, 1348 Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium





If coming by car, the **Aula Magna parking lot** is free. An access code will be provided closer to the date. The other car parks are accessible, but not free.

### 3. Accommodation and restaurants

Options selected for your consideration:

**1. MARTIN's hotel**

- Double room single use: 135 EUR/night (<https://www.martinshotels.com/fr/hotel/martins-louvain-la-neuve/rooms>)
- Single use of "charming room": 153 EUR/night (<https://www.martinshotels.com/fr/hotel/martins-all-suites/rooms>)

How to access Martin's hotel:

The address "Rue de l'Hocaille, 1" is only accessible on foot. Coming by car, record « Anneau Central Nord » in the GPS and follow the « Martin's Agora » signs. Your taxi cannot reach the front door of your hotel, as it is located on pedestrian level.

**2. IBIS hotel**

<https://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-2200-ibis-styles-louvain-la-neuve-hotel-and-events/index.shtml#section-rooms>

A number of rooms at the IBIS have been pre-booked for your convenience, on a first-come first-served basis. Breakfast is included.

- Single room: 96.15 EUR / night
- Double/twin room: 107.30 EUR / night

Please download this form and send to [H2200-SB2@accor.com](mailto:H2200-SB2@accor.com) to benefit from the pre-booked rooms: [ftp://geo10.elie.ucl.ac.be/CCI\\_3rdUserWorkshop/IBIS\\_Booking\\_form\\_UCL\\_LANDCOVER\\_2020.pdf](ftp://geo10.elie.ucl.ac.be/CCI_3rdUserWorkshop/IBIS_Booking_form_UCL_LANDCOVER_2020.pdf)

How to access IBIS hotel:

This hotel is located along a regular road ("Boulevard de Lauzelle, 61"). It can be reached from the train station by walking along a pedestrian path but there is no taxi from the train station.

All accommodation is within 1 to 2 km (from 5 to 15 minutes' walk) from the Louvain House where all the meetings will take place.

If participants don't want to have breakfast in the hotel, several bakeries exist in the city, as well as restaurants offering breakfast:

- Exki - <https://www.exki.com/en> (Place de l'Université, 10)
- Chez Paul - <http://www.paul-belgium.be/fr/> (Rue Charlemagne, 29)
- Bakeries :
  - Delifrance (Grand Rue, 13)
  - Panos (Place De L'Accueil, 10)

### Lunch

**A sit-down lunch at the Louvain house will be provided at no extra cost, to all participants of the CCI Global Land Cover User Workshop.**

Louvain-la-Neuve is a very lively town with almost half of its population being students. There are many restaurants offering lunch / dinner options for all budgets, starting from approximatively 15 EUR.

Some restaurants suggestions:

- Restaurants: the closest ones from the Louvain House are:
  - B'comme (Aula promenade - Cours Michel Woitrin, 4 - Booking: +32(0)10 77 48 05)
  - Belgicanos (Rue Charlemagne, 27 – Booking: +32 (0)10 22 45 58)
- Restaurants: 10 to 15 minutes' walk from the Louvain House are:
  - Brasserie RN (Avenue Georges Lemaitre, 5. Booking: +32 (0) 10 22 99 92)
  - Trattoria by RN (Avenue Georges Lemaitre, 5. Booking: +32 (0) 10 22 99 92)
  - Loungeatude (Scavée du Biéreau 2. Booking: +32 (0)10 45 64 62)

Many other options for restaurants and sandwiches exist in the shopping center "L'Esplanade" and in the city center (along the Grand Rue and Rue Charlemagne).

## 4. Directions to Louvain-la-Neuve

All directions are available at <https://uclouvain.be/en/discover/louvain-la-neuve-0.html>

**Attention:** Do not confuse Louvain-la-Neuve with Louvain which is another city (the French translation of the Flemish city of Leuven also located at 20 km from Brussels).

### By Air

From **Brussels Airport (Zaventem)**, beginning at 5:30 am, you can travel by train to Louvain-la-Neuve. Seven days a week, from 9:00 am to midnight, four trains per hour depart the airport for Brussels-North station, where you have to change trains to continue to Louvain-la-Neuve (not to be confused with Louvain, the French translation of Leuven).

**Brussels South Charleroi Airport** serves low-cost airlines. It is located 40 km from Louvain-la-Neuve. TEC buses take you from the airport to the Charleroi South station. Trains depart until 9:57 pm to Ottignies, from which a connecting train takes you to Louvain-la-Neuve-Université station in eight minutes.

### By Train

There is a link between the train station under the Brussels airport terminal and the Louvain-la-Neuve station. For more information, please visit the website [www.belgianrail.be](http://www.belgianrail.be)

Louvain-la-Neuve-Université station is directly linked (3 connections per hour) to the railway junction of **Ottignies**, on the **Brussels-Namur** railway line, with two trains per hour in each direction, including on weekends.

- Louvain-la-Neuve is approximately 30 minutes from Brussels; change in Ottignies for the train to 'Louvain-la-Neuve-Université'. Direct trains take longer.
- If you travel from Namur or Charleroi, change in Ottignies for the train to 'Louvain-la-Neuve-Université'.
- If you travel from Luxembourg, change in Ottignies (if you take the EC 96 Iris or EC 90 Vauban train that originates in Switzerland, change in Namur for a train to Ottignies).
- If you travel from any other country, change in Brussels-Nord. Otherwise, change in Brussels-Midi, from which depart all trains to Ottignies via Brussels-Central, Brussels-Nord, Brussels-Schuman and Brussels-Luxembourg.

Do not expect any taxi at the train station of Louvain-la-Neuve as you are at a walking distance to your hotel. However the 15-minute walk to the IBIS hotel might be long for late arrivals in the dark or with heavy suitcases. In these cases we recommend to step down from the train at Ottignies station (one station before Louvain-la-Neuve) and to look for a taxi in front of the station.

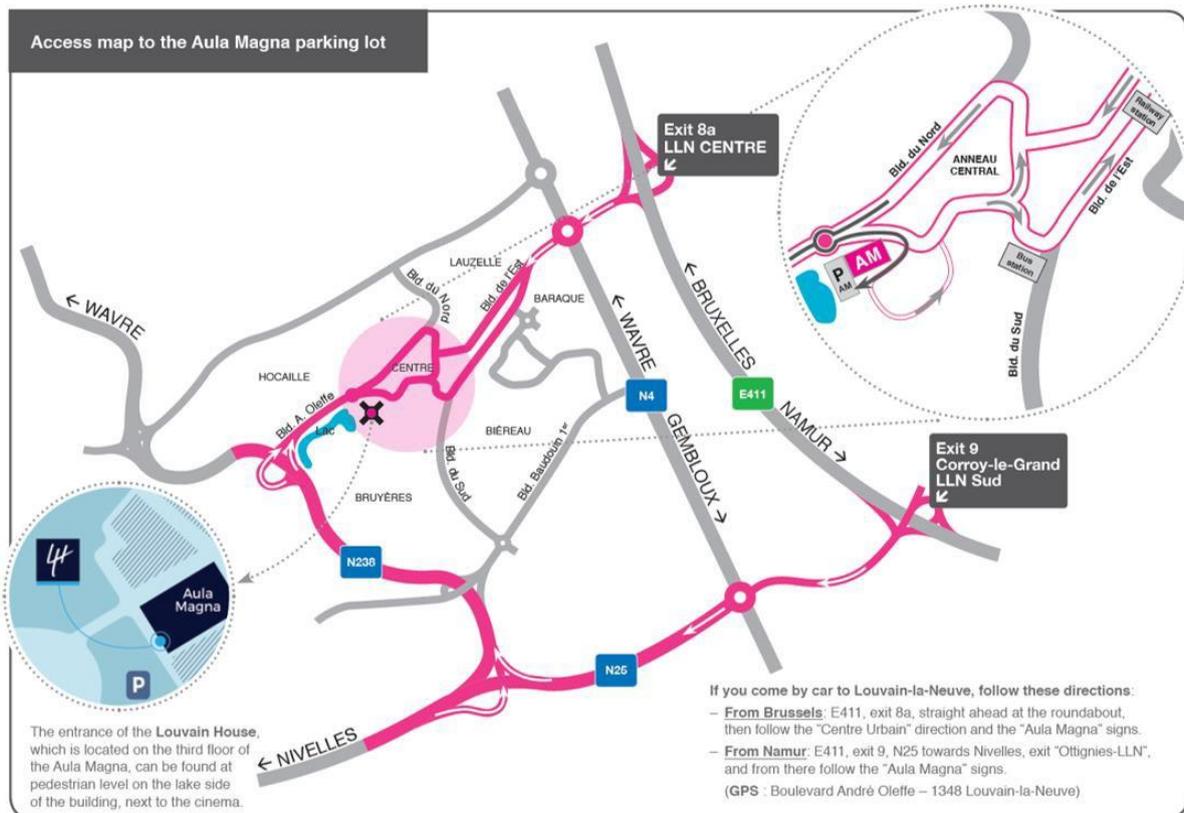
By Car

**From Brussels:** drive on the E411 highway towards Namur-Luxembourg, exit 8a, straight ahead at the roundabout, then follow the “Centre Urbain” direction and the “Aula Magna” signs.

**From Namur:** drive on the E411 highway towards Brussels, exit 9, then drive on the N25 towards Nivelles, exit “Ottignies-LLN”, and from there follow the “Aula Magna” signs.

**GPS indication:** « Boulevard André Oleffe – 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve ».

The **Aula Magna parking lot** is free. An access code will be provided closer to the date.



(click [here](#) for the full-resolution map)

More information and map are also available at <https://uclouvain.be/en/research-institutes/eli/contact.html>

## 5. Other information

- **Internet Access**

WiFi access will be granted to all participants. Individual login and password will be provided upon arrival, as well as the instructions for the connection configuration.

- **Useful phone numbers**

### Contact numbers for practical information

- +32 (0) 10 47 36 81
- +32 (0) 10 47 26 13

### Emergency numbers

- 101 to call for police in an emergency
- 112 to call for fire, medical emergency or police

Emergency calls to these numbers are free. The operators in Belgium will typically speak English, French, Dutch and sometimes German.

### Taxi companies

- Taxis Blancs: +32 (0) 475 97 71 83 (<https://www.taxiblanc.be/>)
- LLN Executive Transport: +32 (0) 10 41 58 58 (<http://www.llnexecutivetransport.be/>)
- Taxi Broeckxx: +32 (0) 471 43 84 99 (<https://taxi-ottignies-lln.be/>)

## 6. Activities in Brussels

European capital, Brussels has a lot to offer for visitors. This cosmopolitan city that loves good food lives life its way and expresses itself in a style very much its own: sometimes rebellious and mischievous, sometimes thoughtful and composed, but always very likeable. Despite its European dimension and despite all the different languages spoken on the corner of every street, Brussels is still inspired by a very "village-like" spirit. Of course, it's well known for its Grand-Place, Atomium, Manneken-Pis, its Gueuze and Kriek, its waffles and chocolates... (don't miss them!). You'll discover a Brussels that's in the spirit of the times, a capital that's relaxed and comfortable, as much in its history as in its present-day reality. Very fashionable. Very designer. Very creative. In other words, to put it in a nutshell, just relish Brussels, a fine and beautiful city to explore and discover...

Some of them are:

- The Grand-Place
- The King House (Town museum)
- The Manneken-Pis
- The Sablon
- The Cathedrale
- The Magritte Museum
- The Atomium

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For more information, you can visit the website <http://visitbrussels.be/>

